



# COUNTY OF YOLO

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RE: 2014-15 Yolo County Grand Jury Report – Monroe Detention and Leinberger Memorial Centers: Adapting Throughout Political and Physical Change

Honorable Judge Richardson:

The following is the response to recommendation in the 2014-2015 Yolo County Grand Jury Report titled, “Monroe Detention and Leinberger Memorial Centers: Adapting Throughout Political and Physical Change” from the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, County Administrator, and Chief Probation Officer. On behalf of the Monroe Detention Center Commander, the Yolo County Sheriff responded under separate cover on July 10, 2015. For purposes of readability, we have included the Grand Jury’s recommendations in **bold**.

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**R1 By January 1, 2016, the Board of Supervisors, as the governing entity of the Detention Center, shall tour the facility to view the areas to be renovated and observe the workload of the staff. As funds become available, strong consideration shall be made to increase the current staff to strengthen the safety of staff and inmates.**

Yolo County Board of Supervisors: This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. The Board Facilities Subcommittee regularly tours the Monroe Detention Center to remain abreast of the facility needs. Remaining Board members have also toured the facility as schedules allow. Board review and discussion has occurred, and subsequent analysis performed which indicates the staffing levels are appropriate. However, there is high turnover and thus vacancies which do not allow for full staffing. Human Resources is working with the Sheriff’s Detention staff to identify recruitment and retention strategies

- R2 By June 1, 2016, the Detention Commander, in conjunction with the Chief Probation Officer, shall develop and implement a plan to track the effectiveness of discharge planning and in-house programs as they apply to inmates who successfully complete probation.**

Yolo County Board of Supervisors and Chief Probation Officer: The recommendation will be implemented. Probation is on track with a new case management system to be completed by the end of 2015. The case management system will track probationers' participation in out-of-custody programs and the rate of success. This tracking is intended to allow the County to determine the effectiveness of the discharge planning process as it relates to out-of-custody programs. Upon request, Probation will provide probationer information to the Sheriff's Office for their effectiveness review of in-custody programs.

Yolo County Sheriff responded under separate cover as follows: The Sheriff's Office obtained grand funding during FY 2014-2015 to hire a Social Worker whose duties are to evaluate all programs provided to inmates within the Yolo County Jail system. The Detention Commander and the Social Worker will work with Probation to implement a tracking system by June 1, 2016, for those inmates that leave custody and successfully complete their probation.

- R3 The County Administrator, in conjunction with the Detention Commander, shall meet prior to the start of renovations to ensure that all areas originally planned to be in-house program space shall remain as such.**

Yolo County Board of Supervisors and County Administrator: This recommendation will not be implemented because it not warranted. A construction team is already in place which consists of Sheriff Detention staff as well as County Administration. Together the team is clear on their mission and vision to continue to include the designed in-custody program space in the Detention Center renovation and expansion.

Yolo County Sheriff responded under separate cover as follows: The Sheriff has assigned several members of the AB900 Expansion/Renovation team. These staff members are from the Sheriff's Administration Division and Detention Division. They meet regularly with staff from the County Administrator's Office as this project nears development. Program space within the facility is of high priority and every effort will be made to not reduce this space.

- R4 By January 1, 2016, the Detention Commander shall identify any deficiencies in the surveillance systems and, in conjunction with the Board of Supervisors, take the necessary steps to remedy the deficiencies.**

Yolo County Board of Supervisors: This recommendation has been underway for several months. Sheriff Administration and Detention staff have implemented numerous changes as identified by the Sheriff in his separate response. Additionally, Sheriff Administration staff worked with the County Administrator to include replacement costs in the 2015-16 recommended budget which was developed this past spring and approved by the Board on June 16, 2015.

Yolo County Sheriff responded under separate cover as follows: The Sheriff has directed the Detention Commander to correct any deficiencies in the surveillance system and other security systems within the jail. A Task Force of Correctional Officers, Correctional Sergeants and a Correctional Lieutenant was formed and have identified cameras to be replaced and those to be enhanced. This year, 18 cameras have been replaced and the installation of a Pan-Tilt-Zoom (PTZ) will be completed by 8/1/15. A complete upgrade of the system is being designed to include the additional areas affected by the upcoming remodel and expansion.