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September 10, 2024

To: Honorable Judge Timothy Fall
Superior Court of California, County of Yolo
1000 Main Street
Woodland, CA 95695

To: Yolo County Grand Jury
P.O. Box 2142
Woodland, CA 95776

RE: 2023-2024 Yolo County Grand Jury Report: The Yolo County Detention Facilities – A STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

Honorable Judge Fall,

The following is the response to the findings and recommendations in the 2023-2024 Yolo County Grand Jury Report titled, “Yolo County Detention Facilities – A STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE” from the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. The response from the Sheriff’s Office was sent under separate cover on July 11, 2024 and is attached.

F-1: The Correctional Division of the Yolo County Sheriff’s Office is understaffed. Until staffing levels can be improved the Walter J. Leinberger Detention Center cannot be opened and operated.

Response: The respondent agrees with the finding. The Sheriff’s Office has taken proactive steps, including hiring incentives and a professional advertising campaign, to reduce vacancies in the Correctional Officer I/II classifications.

Sheriff’s Office response under separate cover:

The Sheriff’s Office concurs with this finding.

F-2: With adequate staffing, the culinary class proposed for the Monroe Detention Facility kitchen will be an excellent addition to other programs offered at the facility.

Response: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Sheriff's Office response under separate cover:

The Sheriff's Office concurs with this finding.

F-3: A new vendor is needed to provide seamless and robust Record Management System/Jail Management System capabilities, resulting in paperwork reduction and an increase in staff and officer availability.

Response: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Sheriff's Office response under separate cover:

The Sheriff's Office concurs with this finding.

F-4: The Yolo County Sheriff's Office continues to seek an online RFID system that would work best in their facility. This technology would significantly boost the Yolo County Sheriff's Office's ability to further meet the needs of incarcerated individuals while maintaining accountability.

Response: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Sheriff's Office response under separate cover:

The Sheriff's Office concurs with this finding.

R-1: The Yolo County Sheriff's Office should continue to strive to find new ways to hire new staff so that the Walter J. Leinberger Detention Center can be opened.

Response: The respondent agrees with this recommendation.

Sheriff's Office response under separate cover:

The Sheriff's Office concurs with this recommendation and shall continue to work closely with the Yolo County CAO's Office and the Yolo County Human Resources Department with this endeavor.

R-2: The Yolo County Sheriff's Office should continue to fill vacant positions to offer the culinary training as an added program to assist incarcerated persons to develop marketable skills that can be used upon release.

Response: The respondent agrees with this recommendation.

Sheriff's Office response under separate cover:

The Sheriff's Office concurs with this recommendation.

R-3: The Yolo County Sheriff's Office should continue to find a contractor to procure Record Management System/Jail Management System programs within the 2024-2025 budget year.

Response: The respondent partially agrees with this recommendation, as the procurement process will likely extend past the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Sheriff's Office response under separate cover:

The Sheriff's Office partially concurs with this recommendation. The procurement process will necessarily extend past the 2024-2025 budget year. The Sheriff's Office has enlisted the assistance of a consultant and understands the timeline to be approximately thirty months before the project can be expected to be completed.

R-4: The Yolo County Sheriff's Office should continue the search for an RFID system that is compatible with the facilities and, if found, submit a request to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors by April 1, 2025, to invest in this technology.

Response: The respondent partially agrees with this recommendation for the reasons described in the Sheriff's Office response.

Sheriff's Office response under separate cover:

The Sheriff's Office partially concurs with this recommendation. A successful RFID system is dependent on a jail management system. The Sheriff's Office will perform a cost/benefit analysis of implementing a RFID system before a new jail management system is in place.