

FINAL DRAFT

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

Response to

El Dorado County 2016-2017 Grand Jury

For Final Reports:

GJ 2016-001 El Dorado County South Lake Tahoe Jail Inspection

GJ 2016-013 El Dorado County Placerville Jail Inspection

This report contains the Board of Supervisors' response to the Findings and Recommendations of the 2016-2017 El Dorado County Grand Jury. This response has been prepared pursuant to and in conformance with Penal Code Section 933.05, which is included here for reference.

933.05.

(a) For purposes of subdivision (b) of Section 933, as to each grand jury finding, the responding person or entity shall indicate one of the following:

- (1) The respondent agrees with the finding.*
- (2) The respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the finding, in which case the response shall specify the portion of the finding that is disputed and shall include an explanation of the reasons therefor.*

(b) For purposes of subdivision (b) of Section 933, as to each grand jury recommendation, the responding person or entity shall report one of the following actions:

- (1) The recommendation has been implemented, with a summary regarding the implemented action.*
- (2) The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, with a timeframe for implementation.*
- (3) The recommendation requires further analysis, with an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or head of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.*
- (4) The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, with an explanation therefor.*

(c) However, if a finding or recommendation of the grand jury addresses budgetary or personnel matters of a county agency or department headed by an elected officer, both the agency or department head and the board of supervisors shall respond if requested by the grand jury, but the response of the board of supervisors shall address only those budgetary or personnel matters over which it has some decision making authority. The response of the elected agency or department head shall address all aspects of the findings or recommendations affecting his or her agency or department.

El Dorado County South Lake Tahoe Jail
Grand Jury Case 16-001
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(Board of Supervisors Response due as indicated on report - August 15, 2017)

Background

The 2016-2017 Grand Jury conducted its annual inspection of the South Lake Tahoe Jail on September 30, 2016. The inspection included both a physical inspection of the facilities as well as interviews with facility staff and inmates.

The Grand Jury requested responses from the El Dorado County Sheriff and the Board of Supervisors. The El Dorado County Sheriff is an independently elected official, and as such has submitted a separate response directly to the Superior Court, in accordance with Penal Code §933. Pursuant to Penal Code 933.05(c), for departments headed by an elected official, the Board of Supervisors shall respond if requested by the Grand Jury, but the response of the Board of Supervisors shall address only those budgetary or personnel matters over which it has some decision making authority. The Board of Supervisors supports the response by the Sheriff, and provides the following responses to those findings and recommendations of the Grand Jury that address budgetary or personnel matters, in accordance with Penal Code §933 and §933.05.

The response from the El Dorado County Sheriff is attached as Exhibit A to this report.

Finding

F4. Administrative staff appeared unaware of repairs needed in the holding area increasing the chance of further damage requiring more expensive repairs.

Response: The Board of Supervisors supports the response from the Sheriff.

Maintenance logs at the facility reflect the maintenance concerns requiring immediate attention identified by officers. The CAO Facilities Division has maintenance plans for systems and structural needs. The Division has been conducting ongoing major mechanical upgrades to replace the aging systems. Maintenance crews are at the jails daily conducting repairs and inspections.

Additionally, as reported in the Sheriff's response, additional information on the facility needs has been documented in a Jail Needs Assessment (2016). The Sheriff's Office is currently working with Facilities to address the identified needs by developing a prioritized design plan for phased construction/repairs and/or in preparation for applying for future state construction funding.

Recommendation

R5. Assign a point of contact to perform a walk through at regular intervals to ensure needed repairs are added to the maintenance log.

Response: The Board of Supervisors supports the response from the Sheriff.

Per policy and procedure, all staff are to conduct daily facility inspections and document any areas of concern on Maintenance logs. Facilities maintenance staff check the Jail Maintenance Log daily.

El Dorado County Placerville Jail
Grand Jury Case 16-013
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Background

The 2016-2017 Grand Jury conducted its annual inspection of the El Dorado County Jail located in Placerville on October 5, 2016. The inspection included both a physical inspection of the facility as well as interviews with facility staff and inmates. The Grand Jury issued the following Findings and Recommendations.

The Grand Jury requested responses from the El Dorado County Sheriff and the Board of Supervisors. The El Dorado County Sheriff is an independently elected official, and as such has submitted a separate response directly to the Superior Court, in accordance with Penal Code §933. Pursuant to Penal Code 933.05(c), for departments headed by an elected official, the Board of Supervisors shall respond if requested by the Grand Jury, but the response of the Board of Supervisors shall address only those budgetary or personnel matters over which it has some decision making authority. The Board of Supervisors supports the response by the Sheriff, and provides the following responses to those findings and recommendations of the Grand Jury that address budgetary or personnel matters, in accordance with Penal Code §933 and §933.05.

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Finding

F4. Tobacco controls are not effective and result in inmates setting off fire alarms when they illegally smoke.

Response: The Board of Supervisors supports the response from the Sheriff.

The Facilities Division of the Chief Administrative Office is working to upgrade and modernize the fire alarm system. Facilities plans to replace the system with a dual sensor system. This upgrade has been an ongoing project conducted through the Facilities Division in conjunction with the State Fire Marshall. The estimated time of completion is six months.

Recommendation

R1. Installation of a full body metal detector in the main entrance of the Placerville Jail. Hand wand detectors should also be made available for screening of visitors.

Response: The Board of Supervisors supports the response from the Sheriff.

The Board of Supervisors regularly supports the Sheriff's request for funding for those facility and equipment improvements that are deemed necessary and warranted.

The County was recently awarded \$25 million in State financing through Senate Bill 844, Adult Local Criminal Justice Facility Construction Financing Program. The County will evaluate the award and proposed improvements along with estimated construction and operating costs, based on information and a recommendation to be presented by the Sheriff's Office.

R2. Develop a plan to expand the number of safety cells and present it to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Response: The Board of Supervisors supports the response from the Sheriff.

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