



# Office of the Sheriff-Coroner Public Administrator

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The Honorable F. Dana Walton  
Presiding Judge  
Mariposa County Superior Court  
P.O. Box 28  
Mariposa, CA 95338

Re: Response to Mariposa County 2019-2020 Grand Jury Final Report

Dear Judge Walton:

I am in receipt of the 2019-2020 Mariposa County Grand Jury Final Report. Pursuant to Penal Code Section 933(c), this shall serve as a response to the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations regarding the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office Adult Detention Facility.

Regarding the Grand Jury's finding F-1, the Sheriff's Office contracts with JCF Hospital for inmate medical services. The Sheriff's Office maintains a level of care that meets all Title 15 requirements. The Sheriff's Office continually assesses the medical care required and provided to ensure that all demands are met per law.

Regarding the Grand Jury's finding F-2, yes I agree. The requirements and expectations placed on our Custodial Deputies are tremendous.

Regarding the Grand Jury's finding F-3, the Jail's HVAC system was updated fairly recently and functionality was improved. We did face challenges during the Detwiler Fire where smoke was challenging, however, we continued to monitor conditions in regard to facility temperature which were/are well within Title 15 requirements.

Regarding the Grand Jury's finding F-4, the Sheriff's Office supports this finding. The Jail infrastructure is continually assessed. The Sheriff's Office works with County Public Works and private contractors to assess, repair and replace systems when required.

Regarding the Grand Jury's recommendation R-1, the Sheriff's Office will continue to assess our current medical program and continue to research additional programs that might enhance

services. Additional County funding to support appropriate programs may be needed. The Sheriff's Office and the County recognize this as a funding priority.

Regarding the Grand Jury's recommendation R-2, recognizing the staffing requirements and complexities of the Custodial Deputies duties, the Sheriff's Office has obtained one (1) additional Custodial Deputy, with grant funding, to help support staffing needs. This was approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 1, 2019. The Sheriff's Office is continuing to assess if an additional Custodial Deputy will be needed and can be financially supported.

Regarding the Grand Jury's recommendation R-3, the Sheriff's Office will continue to research alternatives to the current HVAC system.

Regarding the Grand Jury's recommendation R-4, the Sheriff's Office will continue to assess and prioritize infrastructure repair and replacement. The County has been supportive in funding necessary upgrades and repairs.

I would like to take this opportunity to publically recognize the many fine members of the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office for their continued dedication and professional work.

I also wish to thank the members of the 2019-2020 Grand Jury for their willingness to serve and I appreciate their sincere interest, comments and support.

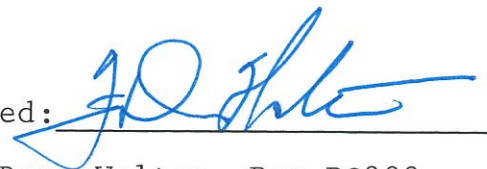
Respectfully submitted,



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CC: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

Reviewed:



Honorable F. Dana Walton, Per PC933