



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
DAVID O. LIVINGSTON
SHERIFF - CORONER

June 26, 2012

The Honorable Diana Becton
Presiding Judge, Superior Court, State of California
County of Contra Costa Courthouse
725 Court Street
Martinez, CA 94553-0091

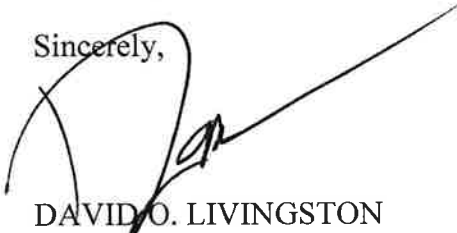
Dear Judge Becton:

Penal Code Section 933.0 requires the Office of the Sheriff to comment on Findings and Recommendations of the Grand Jury Reports; attached hereto you will find our response to Grand Jury Report Number 1210.

The Office of the Sheriff is committed to providing the highest quality of law enforcement available. I welcome the comments and support this independent study of government business by the Grand Jury.

Should there be any remaining issues not addressed by my response, please feel free to contact me personally.

Sincerely,



DAVID O. LIVINGSTON
Sheriff-Coroner

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Attachment

cc: Lloyd Bell, Foreperson, Contra Costa Civil Grand Jury
David Twa, County Administrator

Following is the Office of the Sheriff's response to Grand Jury Report No.1210 dated May 31, 2012, "Voluntary Inmate Labor- A lost Opportunity, Cooperation and Common Sense."

FINDINGS

Finding No. 1

Funding Shortfalls are contributing to the deterioration of the detention facilities.

Response: Agree

Finding No. 2

Voluntary inmate labor could be used for minor maintenance and repair activities.

Response: Agree

Finding No. 3

Current practice validates expanding the use of voluntary inmate labor for routine duties.

Response: Agree

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation No. 1;

The County should meet with the union representing General Services employees regarding expanding the use of voluntary inmate labor to perform minor maintenance and repairs at the detention facilities. ✓

Response:

The recommendation requires further analysis. The Office of the Sheriff would like to implement this recommendation in a very short time frame; however, County Human Resources and the County Administrator are responsible for such meetings. The Office of the Sheriff did meet with the Director of Human Resources and a Deputy County Administrator on Jun18, 2012 regarding this recommendation. We anticipate the County will initiate meetings with union representatives. We also support the Public Protection Committee of the County Board of Supervisors or the Internal Operations Committee of the Board of Supervisors giving a thorough and public analysis of this recommendation. The Office of the Sheriff will participate in any such meetings and supports the expansion of voluntary inmate labor use throughout the County.