

Grand Jury Report

RESPONSE FORM

Grand Jury Report Title : Doing Community Service

Report Dated : May 12, 2010

Response Form Submitted By:

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Response MUST be submitted, per Penal Code §933.05, no later than:

July 14, 2010

I have reviewed the report and submit my responses to the FINDINGS portion of the report as follows:

- I (we) agree with the Findings numbered:
_____ 21 _____
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings numbered below, and have **attached, as required**, a statement specifying any portion of the Finding that are disputed with an explanation of the reasons therefore.

I have reviewed the report and submit my responses to the RECOMMENDATIONS portion of the report as follows:

- The following Recommendation(s) have have been implemented and **attached, as required**, is a summary describing the implemented actions:

- The following Recommendation(s) have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, **attached, as required** is a time frame for implementation:

The following Recommendation(s) require further analysis, and **attached as required**, is an explanation and the scope and parameters of the planned analysis, and a time frame for the matter to be prepared, discussed and approved by the officer and/or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed: (This time frame shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of publication of the Grand Jury Report)

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The following Recommendations will NOT be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are not deemed reasonable, **attached, as required** is an explanation therefore:

I have completed the above responses, and have attached, as required the following number of pages to this response form:

Number of Pages attached: _____

I understand that responses to Grand Jury Reports are public records. They will be posted on the Grand Jury website: www.co.mendocino.ca.us/grandjury. The clerk of the responding agency is required to maintain a copy of the response.

I understand that I must submit this signed response form and any attachments as follows:

First Step: E-mail (word documents or scanned pdf file format) to:

- The Grand Jury Foreperson at: grandjury@co.mendocino.ca.us
- The Presiding Judge: grandjury@mendocino.courts.ca.gov
- The County's Executive Office: ceo@co.mendocino.ca.us

Second Step: Mail all originals to:

Mendocino County Grand Jury
P.O. Box 939
Ukiah, CA 95482

Printed Name: Thomas D. Allman

Title: Sheriff - Coroner

Signed: 

Date: 8/2/10

32. Water and sewer systems require a licensed treatment operator.
33. Water is provided by a well and surface water from Chamberlain Creek.
34. The camp has recently replaced the leach field used for their liquid waste.
35. CCCC has poor soil for gardening. Recently, they brought in some soil and now have a small garden.

Recommendations

The Grand Jury Recommends that:

1. CAL FIRE and CCC continue to operate the camp in the same efficient manner, and perform services within the community. (All Findings)
2. The State seeks locations to establish more conservation camps, rather than building more maximum security prisons. (Finding 3)
3. The crews be utilized as often as possible, by any City, County department, agency, school district, or tax-supported entity in the County. (Finding 21)

Sheriff's Office Response: More effort should be given towards training the crews to assist in large Search and Rescue Operations.

Discussion

Inmates leave the facility with new skills, confidence, and their savings. Education, work skills, and lessons in community service prepare the inmates to be responsible citizens and consequently this reduces the recidivism rate. Correctional Officers encourage inmates to take advantage of the excellent programs promoting education and community service.

Recently, a member of the California State Legislature suggested that all the Conservation Camps should be closed in the interest of reducing the State budget deficit. The monetary cost for each inmate at the camps is just over \$14,000/year, far less than the \$46,000/year cost per inmate at maximum security prisons. Even if the costs were the same, camp inmates make a valuable contribution to society, for which there is no price.

Required Responses