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The Honorable Stephen T. Kroyer
Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California, County of Napa
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Napa, CA 94559

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Clerk of the Napa Superior Court
By: C. Brennan
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Dear Judge Kroyer:

As required by Penal Code Section 933(c), enclosed is the response to the 2009-2010 Final Reports on the Napa County Criminal Justice Facilities Juvenile Justice Center/Juvenile Hall, Napa County Criminal Justice Facilities Department of Corrections/County Jail, Napa Special Investigations Bureau 24 Hour Drug Hotline: (707) 224-DRUG and Water Our Precious, Critical Resource.

Grand Jury activity takes place over the course of a number of months. As such, their findings and recommendations often address issues which county departments have already identified as problems and to which solutions are in the process of being developed.

The Board acknowledges the members of the 2009-2010 Grand Jury for the time they have devoted in preparing their report.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Diane Dillon in cursive.

Diane Dillon, Chair
Napa County Board of Supervisors

Enclosure

cc: Foreman, 2010-2011 Grand Jury

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**NAPA COUNTY
RESPONSE TO THE GRAND JURY REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2009-10**

**NAPA COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE FACILITIES
Juvenile Justice Center/Juvenile Hall**

Note: The Grand Jury requested responses from the "Napa County Juvenile Hall Director." This specific title does not exist and it was unclear whether the Grand Jury wanted the Chief Probation Officer or the Juvenile Hall Superintendent to respond to the requested recommendations. Unless otherwise noted, the following responses were prepared jointly by both the Chief Probation Officer and the Juvenile Hall Superintendent under the requested working title of "Napa County Juvenile Hall Director."

FINDING 1: Napa County does not currently track juvenile recidivism with the exception of those minors participating in programs funded by the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act.

Response, Napa County Chief Probation Officer: The Chief Probation Officer disagrees in part with this finding. While it is accurate that the County's juvenile recidivism rate is not currently documented or published publicly with the exception of those minors participating in the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act, recidivism data such as rearrest, new conviction and probation violation data is in the County's Criminal Juvenile Information Management System (JIMS). The challenge has been extracting the data. The Chief Probation Officer will work with the Information Technology Services Division to see if the data can be extracted and reported.

FINDING 2: NVUSD is not required to provide current course work, for minors incarcerated in Juvenile Hall in a timely manner.

Response, Napa County Chief Probation Officer: The Napa County Juvenile Hall Director agrees with this finding. While there is no legal requirement for NVUSD schools to provide course work for minors in Juvenile Hall, the teacher working in Juvenile Hall does an exceptional job of contacting teachers in the NVUSD schools to obtain coursework and attempt to keep minors on track.

RECOMMENDATION 1: The County develop and implement a standardized program to track recidivism for all juvenile offenders.

Response, Napa County Juvenile Hall Director: The recommendation requires further analysis. As mentioned in the response to Finding No. 1, the Juvenile Information Management System (JIMS) has recidivism data, the challenge is developing a way to extract and report the data. The JIMS system is in need of replacement and the Chief Probation Officer is working with the Information Technology Services (ITS) Department on a timeline and funding plan to replace the system. It is unclear at this time whether recidivism data can easily be extracted and reported from the current system. The current focus in the criminal justice system has been the replacement of the much larger Adult Criminal Justice Information Management System (CJIMS). While the County agrees that reporting juvenile recidivism is important, the Chief Probation Officer will continue to work with ITS to determine whether this project can be completed concurrently with the CJIMS upgrade or will need to wait until the CJIMS project is

completed and the JIMS system is replaced. The Chief Probation Officer expects the analysis to be complete by December 2010.

Response, Board of Supervisors: The Board of Supervisors concurs with the response of the Napa County Juvenile Hall Director.

RECOMMENDATION 2: NVUSD, in conjunction with NCJH personnel, establish and implement a re-entry program for youth returning from Juvenile Hall.

Response, Napa County Juvenile Hall Director: The recommendation will not be implemented by the Napa County Juvenile Hall Director because it is unwarranted. The County believes that this recommendation should be addressed by the school district and Juvenile Hall and Juvenile Probation staff will cooperate with the school district should changes be made. However, it is the opinion of the Chief Probation Officer that re-entry activities are already occurring. The teacher in the Juvenile Hall school is in contact with each youth's teacher from the school they attended prior to incarceration. Therefore, there is contact between the schools. Many youth continue to attend their regular school while incarcerated so there is a shorter period of time youth are out of their regular classroom. For youth who remain in the Juvenile Hall school, upon release, the Probation Officer assigned to the youth sees them at their school site and is the contact between the Probation Department and the schools.