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Superior Court of California
 County of Tuolumne

BY E. Babney
 Clerk

August 8, 2013

Honorable Judge, Donald Segerstrom
 Tuolumne County Superior Court
 60 North Washington Street
 Sonora, CA 95370

Dear Judge Segerstrom:

I have reviewed the 2012/2013 Tuolumne County Civil Grand Jury Report as it pertains to Sierra Conservation Center. I want to thank all of the jury members for their time and effort while visiting our facility and Baseline Conservation Camp, CC# 30.

I have reviewed the report findings and recommendations carefully and provide the following response:

- Finding #1: *Education classes offered at SCC are: Adult Basic Education I, II and III; Adult General Education Development (GED) and Physical Fitness testing.*
- Recommendation #1: *No recommendation*

I agree with the finding and no recommendation is necessary.

- Finding #2: *Vocational Training includes: Auto Mechanics, Auto Body and Fender, Carpentry, Masonry, Waste Water Treatment and Office Services.*
- Recommendation #2: *No recommendation*

I agree with the finding and no recommendation is necessary.

- Finding #3: *Religious and Self Help Programs are provided to inmates.*
- Recommendation #3: *No Recommendation*

I agree with the finding and no recommendation is necessary.

- Finding #4: *As currently implemented, AB109 allows counties to either house low-risk inmates in their detention facilities or place them on probation.*

- Recommendation #4: *No recommendation.*

I agree with the finding and no recommendation is necessary.

- Recommendation #5: *No recommendation.*

I agree with the finding and no recommendation is necessary.

- Finding #6: *There are clear and competing priorities for inmate classification and assignment to fire camps over the next several years that must be thoughtfully resolved.*
- Recommendation #6: *The Grand Jury recommends that the SCC Warden and management staff maintain a continuing and close awareness of the many issues raised in ongoing AB109 implementation with respect to rural firefighting.*

I agree with the finding and will continue to monitor.


- Finding #7: *AB109 has only been in effect a year and a half, and implementation processes are still evolving. In addition, there are initiatives being considered to address several issues that are unclear or ill-defined relative to AB109 implementation.*
- Recommendation #7: *The Grand Jury recommends that the SCC Warden and CDCR staff should develop an action plan necessary to monitor the AB109 implementation activities of public safety officials across impacted California counties relative to continuing inmate firefighter availability.*

I partially agree with the finding. While I and CDCR staff will continue to monitor inmate firefighter availability, I do not have, nor does CDCR, have control of or the authority to deviate from the AB109 implementations.

I appreciate the opportunity to respond to the 2012/2013 Tuolumne County Civil Grand Jury satisfying the requirements of Penal Code 933.05.

If you have any questions, please contact Correctional Lieutenant L. A. von Savoye, Administrative Assistant, at (209) 984-5291 extension 5499.

Sincerely,



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Warden