

DIVISION OF ADULT INSTITUTIONS

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

Superior Court of California
County of Tuolumne

By: Clerk

Dear Judge Segerstrom:

I have reviewed the 2013/2014 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: *Non-English language speaking staff is available.*
- Recommendation #1: *No recommendation.*

I agree with the finding and no recommendation is necessary.

- Finding #2: *SOMS provides real-time accurate data on each inmate. All custody staff has access to system data at all times.*
- Recommendation #2: *Continue to train staff and implement SOMS system updates.*

The recommendation has been implemented, and as new SOMS sections are implemented, impacted staff is receiving training relative to their job duties.

- Finding #3: *Security level is consistent with the Department Operations Manual and the California Code of Regulations.*
- Recommendation #3: *No Recommendation.*

I agree with the finding and no recommendation is necessary.

- Finding #4: *Religious facilities are consistent with the Department Operations Manual and the California Code of Regulations.*
- Recommendation #4: *No recommendation.*

I agree with the finding and no recommendation is necessary.

- Finding #5: *The SAP program will be reinstated in 2014.*
- Recommendation #5: *Continue with implementation of the SAP program as funds become available.*

The recommendation has been implemented, and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation has entered into a contract with Health Right 360 to provide services for the Substance Abuse Treatment Program, now known as (SAT).

- Finding #6: *The doctors and nurses are CDCR employees.*
- Recommendation #6: *No recommendation.*

I agree with the finding and no recommendation is necessary.

- Finding #7: *Independent study is available, including night classes for inmates that have other duties or assignments during regular class time.*
- Recommendation #7: *Continue to offer independent study for inmates with conflicting work assignments.*

The recommendation has been implemented, and classes continue to be available for inmates not able to attend classes during the day.

- Finding #8: *The goal of the educational staff is to have 200 inmates earn their GED each year.*
- Recommendation #8: *Continue to encourage the GED program.*

The recommendation has been implemented, and SCC adult education classes are mandatory for any inmate who has not obtained either a high school diploma or a GED.

- Finding #9: *Vocational skill training is current with today's industrial standards and prepares graduates to meet current industry needs. Qualified staff provides training to assist inmates in transitioning back to society.*
- Recommendation #9: *No recommendation.*

I agree with the finding and no recommendation is necessary

- Finding #10: *The inmates are issued bedding, linens and mattresses in compliance with Article 14 of the Title 15 Regulations.*
- Recommendation #10: *Continue to comply with Article 14 of the Title 15 Regulations.*

The recommendation has been implemented, and SCC will continue to be in compliance with Article 14 of the Title 15 as it relates to bedding, linens and mattress issuance.

I appreciate the opportunity to respond to the 2013/2014 Tuolumne County Civil Grand Jury Report satisfying the requirements of Penal Code 933.05.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Lackner".

HEIDI M. LACKNER
Warden