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The Presiding Judge
Amador County Superior Court
500 Argonaut Way
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RE: 2018-2019 Amador County Civil Grand Jury Report

The Amador County Grand Jury inspected Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp (PGYCC) on February 14, 2019. Pursuant to Penal Code 933.05, I am required to respond to this Grand Jury Report. During the inspection they took an extensive tour of the facility and interviewed me, as well as other PGYCC staff and youth.

In their report they made eight findings and three recommendations:

FINDINGS


- F1. The dormitories and the day room need paint.
- I agree with the finding.
- F2. The northern door in dormitory bay two had a rag stuffed at the threshold.
- I agree with the finding.
- F3. The wards can discuss their problems with the staff at any time.
- I agree with the finding.
- F4. PGYCC is unique in that it gives the wards an opportunity to benefit the community through productive work.
- I agree with the finding.
- F5. The wards earn genuine respect being seen as firefighters rather than youth offenders.
- I agree with the finding.
- F6. PGYCC is the only facility of its type in California.
- I agree with the finding.
- F7. The staff at PGYCC is dedicated to fulfilling their mission.
- I agree with the finding.
- F8. No data was provided on: recidivism rates, continuing education, or gainful employment for released wards.
- I agree with the finding.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- R1. Schedule maintenance to paint the dormitories and day room by October 1, 2019. [F1]
- The recommendation has been implemented. Scheduled maintenance completed in June 2019.
- R2. Replace or add insulation to the northern door in bay two to eliminate drafts by October 1, 2019. [F2]
- The recommendation has not been implemented. Maintenance was notified and will correct this recommendation by October 1, 2019.
- R3. Provide data on recidivism rates, continuing education and gainful employment for released wards on the PGYCC website. [F8]
- The recommendation requires further analysis. Grand Jury's recommendation has been forwarded to the Department's IT support. However, since the loss of the Department's parole department we no longer have the ability to track recidivism. This concern has also been identified by our Department and they are actively seeking a solution.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 209-296-7581.

Sincerely,


Jim Liptrap
Superintendent