

**DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
PINE GROVE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP**

13630 Aqueduct Volcano Road
P.O. Box 1040
Pine Grove, CA 95665



September 21, 2022

The Honorable Renee C. Day, Presiding Judge
Amador County Superior Court
500 Argonaut Lane
Jackson, California 95642

Amador County Civil Grand Jury
PO Box 249
Jackson, California 95642

RE: 2020-2021 Amador County Grand Jury Report

The Amador County Grand Jury inspected Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp (PGYCC) on March 2, 2022. 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 PGYCC staff as well as other youth and myself. In their report, they made five findings and three recommendations.

FINDINGS:

- F1: The facility is generally well maintained.
- I agree with the finding.
- F2: The kitchen floor needs to be repaired. The new flooring was removed due to water damage.
- I agree with the finding.
- F3: The ventilation unit in the ceiling in the dining area is rusty and corroded.
- I agree with the finding.
- F4: The chairs in the day room are stained and outdated.
- I agree with the finding.
- F5: We observed the new paint and other small repairs that have been done since the 2019-2020 Grand Jury Report
- I agree with the finding.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- R1: The kitchen floor should be repaired as soon as possible due to possible health issues (F2)
- I agree with the finding. The flooring had a warranty issue. PGYCC staff is currently working with the company for flooring replacement and installation.
- R2: The ventilation unit in the ceiling in the dining area should be repaired or replaced as soon as possible (F3)
- I agree with the finding. The ventilation unit was repaired in the Summer of 2022.
- R3: Chairs should be repaired or replaced. (F4)
- I agree with the finding. PGYCC staff is currently looking into options for either chair repair or replacement.

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

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Gomes".

Michael Gomes
Superintendent
Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp