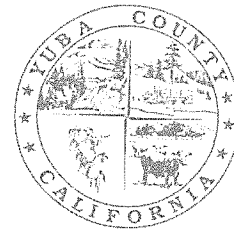


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The Honorable Steven Berrier
Yuba County Superior Court
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RE: Response to 2019/2020 Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations

Dear Judge Berrier:

This letter, provided pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933, is the Yuba County Sheriff's Department's response to the 2019/2020 Grand Jury Final Report- Findings and Recommendations concerning the investigation into the Yuba County Jail.

We would like to express our thanks and sincere gratitude to the 2019/2020 Yuba County Grand Jury for their dedication and commitment to the County of Yuba. Please accept the following response to the Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations:

FINDINGS

Finding #1: The YCJ Staff are respectful and hardworking people that take pride in their work while meeting the needs of the YCJ population as well as the state requirements for jail operation.

RESPONSE TO FINDING #1: Agree. As evidenced by Finding #1, the Sheriff's Office takes great pride in its constitutional requirements and our staff are reflective of that. The jail staff receives regular training and are thoroughly vetted prior to appointment. With support of the Board of Supervisors, we have been able to address staffing shortages and training over the course of the year, thus creating a sustainable workforce of highly qualified individuals.

Finding #2: The YCJ is under continuous review from the state and federal government as well as the Grand Jury.

RESPONSE TO FINDING #2: Agree. Over the course of this Grand Jury's empanelment the Yuba County Jail was inspected numerous times, by a number of offices and groups. Below is a summary of the inspections this year:

- 3/1/19- Senator Kamala Harris Tour
- 3/7/19- Hastings Group Tour
- 3/25/19- Grand Jury Tour
- 6/18/19-Senator Feinstein Tour
- 6/25/19-Lyons/ACLU Tour
- 7/11/19-BSCC STC Compliance Inspection

8/26/19-Rosen Bien Inspection

8/27/19-BSCC Inspection

9/05/19-Grand Jury Tour

11/13/19-Nakamoto Inspection

12/12/19-Health and Safety Inspection

1/23/20-Grand Jury Tour

1/27/20-Rosen Bien Inspection

3/10/20-PREA Audit

6/08/20-ODO Inspection

Finding #3: The YCJ is clean, orderly and operating effectively.

RESPONSE TO FINDING #3: Agree. As mentioned above, the staff at the Yuba County Jail are proactive, well supervised and take pride in their work. Cleaning crews comprised of inmate workers and jail staff ensure that the environment in the jail is kept clean, orderly and safe for all. Staff constantly monitor the conditions and inspect the cleanliness, to protect those entrusted in our care.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation #1: None

Recommendation #2: None

Recommendation #3: None

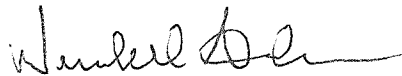
RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

Thank you for your service to our community. The recommendations of the 2019/2020 Grand Jury are testament to the hard work done by the Jail line staff, supervisors and administration. We will continue to strive to provide the best level of service possible to those in our custody. With continued training and hard work, our goal is to continue to provide a safe environment for all under our care and to work with our community, to provide avenues for education, treatment and counseling to everyone incarcerated in our facility.

CONCLUSION:

I wish to thank the 2019/2020 Grand Jury for their dedication, devotion and commitment to our community. We find value in the inspection process, insight and the recognition to the men and women working in the Yuba County Jail. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. You can reach me via telephone at 530 749-7779 or via electronic mail at wanderson@co.yuba.ca.us.

Sincerely,

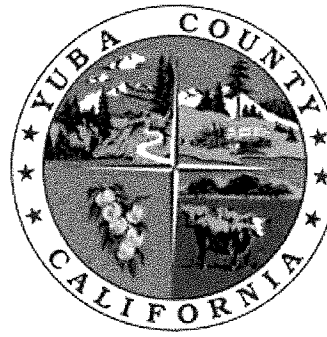


Wendell Anderson
Sheriff-Coroner

cc: Yuba County Board of Supervisors
Yuba County Counsel

The County of Yuba

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Re: **RESPONSE TO 2019-20 GRAND JURY – “Yuba County Jail Report”**

Dear Judge Berrier,

Provided pursuant to Penal Code Section 933(c) are the comments from the Board of Supervisors related to the findings and recommendations contained in the 2019-20 Grand Jury Final Report – “Yuba County Jail Report.” Consistent with Section 933(c), responses do not address departments under control of elected officials or outside agencies, except where a specific response was solicited and then our response is consistent with provisions of Penal Code Section 933.05(c).

FINDINGS

F1. The YCJ staff are respectful and hardworking people that take pride in their work while meeting the needs of the YCJ population as well as the state requirements for jail operation.

The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

F2. The YCJ is under continuous review from the state and federal government as well as the Grand Jury.

The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

F3. The YCJ is clean, orderly and operating effectively.

The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

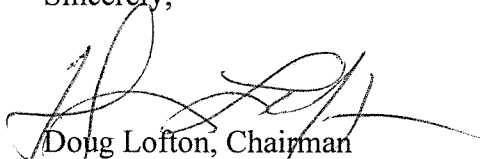
RECOMMENDATIONS

SUPERVISORS

Andy Vasquez – District 1 • Mike Leahy – District 2 • Doug Lofton – District 3 • Gary Bradford – District 4 • Randy Fletcher – District 5

No recommendations required a response from the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,



Doug Lofton, Chairman
Yuba County Board of Supervisors

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Re: **RESPONSE TO 2019-20 GRAND JURY – “Social Media Blocking”**

Dear Judge Berrier,

Provided pursuant to Penal Code Section 933(c) are the comments from the Board of Supervisors related to the findings and recommendations contained in the 2019-20 Grand Jury Final Report – “Social Media Blocking.” Consistent with Section 933(c), responses do not address departments under control of elected officials or outside agencies, except where a specific response was solicited and then our response is consistent with provisions of Penal Code Section 933.05(c).

FINDINGS

F1. Social media blocking is a topic that is gaining notoriety and being increasingly scrutinized and litigated.

No response required

F2. There are no Yuba County policies or procedures regarding social media use by public officials and other County employees regarding social media use and social media blocking.

The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding

F3. Yuba County does not presently offer any in-house training for its public officials regarding social media blocking.

The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding

SUPERVISORS

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RECOMMENDATIONS

R1. None

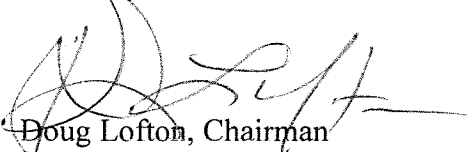
R2. By September 30, 2020, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors should direct the County Administrator and County Counsel to promptly draft policies or procedures for County officials and other County employees regarding social media use and social media blocking.

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. Consistent with the Grand Jury report, policies of social media use and social media blocking face a web of legal issues, requiring extensive legal analysis to determine the parameters in which policies can or should be developed. As a public agency it is the desire of the Board of Supervisors to conduct appropriate legal analysis and develop draft policies as soon as possible and hopefully prior to the end of the next fiscal year.

R3. By September 30, 2020, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors should direct Yuba County Counsel to promptly commence one or more training sessions for County officials regarding social media use and social media blocking.

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. Prior to developing a training curriculum specific to Yuba County it is imperative that policies for employees and county officials are clear. Consistent with the Grand Jury report, policies of social media use and social media blocking face a web of legal issues, requiring extensive legal analysis to determine the parameters in which policies can or should be developed. As a public agency it is the desire of the Board of Supervisors to conduct appropriate legal analysis and develop draft policies as soon as possible and hopefully prior to the end of the next fiscal year and subsequently provide training.

Sincerely,



Doug Lofton, Chairman
Yuba County Board of Supervisors

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August 13, 2020

Honorable Stephen W. Berrier
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Re: 2019/2020 Yuba County Grand Jury
Response from Marysville City Manager

Dear Judge Berrier:

The 2019/2020 Yuba County Grand Jury ("Grand Jury") has included within its Report a section on the Historic Marysville City Cemetery. They have invited a response from the City Manager for the City of Marysville as to Findings 1, 2, 3 and 4 and Recommendations 1 and 2. The undersigned has just been appointed as Interim City Manager for a limited term of three months. Duties commenced August 12, 2020.

The undersigned has no background information whatsoever concerning the subject of the Grand Jury's Report. Given the above circumstances, it is not possible for the Interim City Manager to provide a meaningful, well-reasoned response. For the above reasons the only reasonable response is "unable to respond".

That being said, members of the Cemetery Commission and others at the City are working to assist the City Council in its response which will be submitted on or before the statutory deadline.

Very truly yours,

Eugene M. Palazzo
Interim City Manager
City of Marysville

cc: Grand Jury



City of Marysville

Ricky Samayoa
Mayor

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September 1, 2020

Honorable Judge Stephen W. Berrier
Supervising Judge of Grand Jury
Yuba County Superior Court
215 Fifth Street
Marysville, CA 95901

Re: City of Marysville Response to the Yuba County Grand Jury 2019/2020 Final Report

Dear Members of the Grand Jury:

I am writing to thank you on behalf of the City of Marysville City Council for taking the time to conduct a review of the Historic Marysville City Cemetery. The City welcomes the Grand Jury's review and thanks the Grand Jurors for their professionalism while completing their review. Following are responses to what was reflected.

FINDINGS

F1. The Marysville City Cemetery has been damaged from high water and vandalism.

Response: Agree

F2. The Marysville City Cemetery would benefit from additional publicity and funding to support the laudable goals of the FPYCH to find, repair and replace lost, missing, and broken headstones.

Response: Agree

F3. There is a dearth (or lack) of online information available to the public about Marysville City Cemetery budgeting and expenses, financial needs, and volunteer opportunities.

Response: Agree

F4. There are no online mechanisms for the public to donate funds toward maintenance and upkeep of the Marysville City Cemetery, and such a means of encouraging and receiving contributions might raise sorely needed funds for the cemetery.

Response: Agree

RECOMMENDATIONS

R1. No later than October 1, 2020 the City of Marysville should increase the availability of information about the Marysville City Cemetery to the public through additional online presence and social media regarding, among other things, current budgeting, expenses, financial needs, and volunteer opportunities.



City of Marysville

Ricky Samayoa

Mayor

Response: Agree. The City is currently updating its web site. It will not be completed by October 1, 2020 but should be completed by the end of November 2020. The City will establish a web presence for the Historic Marysville City Cemetery on the Marysville web page. Staff will work with the Cemetery Commission to develop information to establish on the web site. The information will include budgeting, expenses, financial needs and volunteer opportunities.

Currently there are informational signs throughout the cemetery. FPYCH stocks the kiosk at the entrance to the cemetery with self-guided walking tour pamphlets. Posted on the kiosk is cemetery information, events and volunteer workdays. This information is also posted on FPYCH Facebook pages. There is also a Historic Marysville City Cemetery Facebook page.

R2. No later than October 1, 2020 the City of Marysville, both directly and through the FPYCH, should provide one or more online donation mechanisms for the public to donate funds for the benefit of the Marysville City Cemetery through the City's website, the FPYCH Facebook page, PayPal, GoFundMe, Facebook, and/or Instagram.

Response: Agree. The City is currently updating its web site. It will not be completed by October 1, 2020 but should be completed by the end of November 2020. The City will establish a web presence for the Historic Marysville City Cemetery on the Marysville web page. Once this is completed the City will provide information on donation mechanisms for the Historic Marysville City Cemetery. City Staff will work with the Cemetery Commission on the best way for the public to donate funds to the Historic Marysville City Cemetery. When setting up a process it is important to establish guidelines for the accounting for the receipt of money and the accounting for the expenditure of funds.

If you have any questions, please contact Interim City Manager Gene Palazzo at 530-749-3901 or gpalazzo@marysville.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Ricky Samayoa, Mayor

CC: Jon P. Tonsing, Foreperson, Yuba County Grand Jury
City Council
Gene Palazzo, Interim City Manager
Victoria Tudor, Chair, Marysville City Cemetery Commission

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SUBJECT: Linda County Water District
Response to Yuba County 2019-2020 Grand Jury Report

Judge Berrier:

The Linda County Water District (LCWD) has received and reviewed the 2019-2020 Yuba County Grand Jury Report. The LCWD has reviewed the report and prepared this response as prescribed by subdivision © of Penal Code section 933.

Responses Related to Findings

F1. The approved increase of funds was necessary to maintain/update infrastructure.

The LCWD agrees with this finding.

F2. Despite consumer complaints regarding the taste, water meets State of California standards for health and safety.

The LCWD agrees with this finding.

Responses Related to Recommendations

R1. The LCWD Board & Staff should begin, by August 1, 2020, to aggressively seek future grants and utilize the approved yearly incremental rate increases to improve the LCWD infrastructure.

The LCWD has implemented the practice of seeking available grants for required infrastructure improvements related to the water utility service as well as the LCWD wastewater utility service. Current grants, and recently funded grants related to the funding of improvements to the LCWD infrastructure include the following:

- *Prop 84 Water Infrastructure Grant - \$500k funding for the replacement of ageing control valves within the water distribution system.*
- *Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant – \$1.0M funding for Well No. 17 Improvements Project.*
- *State Revolving Fund – Financing for Well No. 17 Project, \$10M in low interest loan of which \$5.0M may be eligible for principal forgiveness (grant).*
- *Integrated Regional Water Management Grant, Prop 1 funds – \$1.0M for various energy efficiency and surge flow related infrastructure at the District's Wastewater Treatment Facilities.*


R2. Over the course of the next six months, the LCWD Board & Staff should make diligent efforts to increase public awareness through website updates, mailings, and advertising, that the water meets State standards and that funds from the State of California cannot be used to alter water taste.


The LCWD is in the process of implementing this recommendation. In June 2020 an informational water quality report (called a consumer confidence report) was mailed to each individual customer and/or property owner receiving service from the LCWD potable water system. This water quality mailer demonstrated that the LCWD water system goes through extensive sampling and that the sampling has shown that the LCWD potable water meets all State standards regarding safety for consumption.

The LCWD has a website with information for its customers; this year the informational section has been dominated by reports related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the process for paying water bills remotely in order to follow social distancing guidelines. The District intends to place informational material for our customers related the inability of the District to use public funds to alter taste, as taste does not have a State standard for delivery, and the LCWD already meets all State standards for public water systems.

The LCWD appreciates the attention and careful review of the Yuba County Grand Jury as our District seeks to perform its essential functions of providing potable water and sanitary sewer services to the residents of Linda and Marysville within Yuba County.

Sincerely,


 Gordon Stevens
 President – Board of Directors
 LINDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT


 Brian G. Davis, PE
 General Manager
 LINDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT