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*August 24, 2009*

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The Superior Court  
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Dear Ms. Martinez:

This letter is being submitted in response to the San Joaquin County Grand Jury's report on their review of the Detention Centers in San Joaquin County (Deuel Vocational Institution [DVI]). Please find enclosed the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's (CDCR) response to each of your findings and recommendations.

On behalf of the CDCR, I would like to thank the representatives of the San Joaquin County Grand Jury for the opportunity to respond to your findings and recommendations following your recent review of DVI.

We would like to thank the San Joaquin County Grand Jury for its continued professionalism and personal interest in CDCR's efforts to improve its operations. Should you have any questions or concerns, please call my office at (916) 323-6001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew L. Cate".

MATTHEW L. CATE  
Secretary

Enclosure

Ms. Trisa L. Martinez

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RESPONSE TO  
The San Joaquin County Grand Jury**

**REVIEW OF DETENTION CENTERS IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY AT  
DEUEL VOCATIONAL INSTITUTION  
June 15, 2009**

Item	Finding	Agree/Disagree	Date To Be Completed
F1	<p>The overcrowding problem that was addressed in the 2007/2008 San Joaquin County report continues. The continued use of the gymnasium as a large, open dormitory and the use of former day rooms for inmate housing is evidence of the problem. The issue of overcrowding within the prison system is currently under review by the Federal Court as part of the Plata and Coleman litigation against the CDCR.</p>	<p><b>The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) agrees with your finding.</b> Due to continued overcrowding in all State prisons, the deactivation of all DVI nontraditional beds has not yet been possible. The Department has initiated several strategies in an attempt to alleviate overcrowding within CDCR. These plans have included the housing of California inmates at out-of-state facilities and the development of evidence based programs to help reduce recidivism. The CDCR hopes these programs will ultimately lead to a reduction of the inmate population, the deactivation of these nontraditional beds, and the program space they currently occupy returned to its intended purposes.</p>	On-going

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F2	<p>Maintenance issues, including peeling paint on the ceiling of the kitchen, were cited in the 2007/2008 San Joaquin County Grand Jury report. The kitchen has been painted. Although the problem with the ceiling paint was remedied, the overall condition of the kitchen deserves further comment. Thousands of meals are prepared daily. It is difficult to maintain a sanitary and efficient kitchen operation while dealing with an aging and worn out kitchen facility.</p>	<p><b>CDCR agrees with this finding. Refer to Recommendation 1.</b></p>	
F3	<p>The recent implementation of the State Offender Management Systems (SOMS) centralized Inmate Trust Accounts. Inmates no longer have to wait for their trust accounts to be transferred when the inmate moves from the sending institution to the receiving institution. The implementation of the SOMS should significantly reduce the many questions to staff and inmate appeals regarding inmate trust accounts.</p>	<p><b>CDCR agrees with this finding.</b> Please note: in response to findings on page 2 of the report, item 3, the application mentioned is incorrect. The correct IT application implemented to centralize Inmate Trust Accounts is the Trust Restitution Accounting Canteen System (TRACS) and not the Strategic Offender Management System (SOMS).</p>	



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F5	Although DVI has improved its procedure for reviewing files and interviewing inmates, it is impossible to ensure that available staff will be personally acquainted with inmates to the extent that every inmate's identity will be known to the releasing staff. Electronic fingerprint scan hardware and software is available for scanning state and/or local databases to positively identify inmates prior to release.	<b>CDCR agrees with this finding.</b> Explanation in Recommendation Number 2.	

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Item	Recommendation	Action Taken/Proposed Plan	Date To Be Completed
R1	DVI develop a capital outlay budget proposal to remodel/rebuild the main kitchen.	<b>CDCR agrees with Finding #2 and with Recommendation #1</b> regarding the deficiencies identified in Finding #2. As such, CDCR developed a capital outlay budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2009/10 that was approved in the 2009/10 Governor's Budget, which was adopted July 28, 2009. CDCR identified funding remaining in the 1988 Prison Construction Fund General Obligation Bond to pay the capital costs associated with this project. CDCR plans to submit the project for Public Works Board (PWB) approval at its October hearing. This project is currently undergoing an updated review by the State Fire Marshall (SFM) to ensure the plans are adequate and can be approved to proceed. Upon SFM review, and upon approval by the PWB, CDCR's Inmate Ward Labor program plans to complete the project within six months of approval and funding.	On-going
R2	DVI obtain necessary hardware and software to do positive identification of inmates via fingerprint scan or other positive biometric identifiers when releasing inmates.	<b>CDCR agrees with this recommendation</b> , however CDCR's current technology does not have the capability to retrieve realtime identification from the Department of Justice (DOJ). CDCR is looking into new technologies that may give CDCR the ability to receive realtime identification from the DOJ. If that technology is available and information can be received from the DOJ in a timely fashion, CDCR will need to seek funding and approval for the solution.	On-going