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The Honorable Steven T. Kroyer
Presiding Judge
County of Napa, Superior Court
825 Brown Street
Napa, CA 94559

SUBJECT: Response to the Grand Jury 2009-2010 Final Reports on: Napa County Criminal Justice Facilities: Juvenile Justice Center/Juvenile Hall; Napa Special Investigations Bureau and Napa County Criminal Justice Facilities: Napa County Department of Corrections/County Jail.

Dear Judge Kroyer:

The Board of Supervisors has reviewed the findings in the Grand Jury 2009-2010 Final Reports on: Napa County Criminal Justice Facilities: Juvenile Justice Center/Juvenile Hall; Napa Special Investigations Bureau and Napa County Criminal Justice Facilities: Napa County Department of Corrections/County Jail. As requested, and pursuant to Penal Code section 933(c), enclosed are responses to specified findings and revised responses to certain recommendations.

Grand Jury activity takes place over the course of a number of months. As such, their findings and recommendations often address issues that county departments have already identified as problems and to which solutions are in the process of being developed.

The Board acknowledges the members of the 2010-2011 Grand Jury for the time they have devoted.

Sincerely,

Bill Dodd, Chairman
Napa County Board of Supervisors

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Napa County
Responses to the 2009-2010 Grand Jury Report
On Napa County Criminal Justice Facilities
Juvenile Justice Center/Juvenile Hall

Finding 1: Napa County does not currently track juvenile recidivism with the exception of those minors participating in programs funded by the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act.

Response, Board of Supervisors: The Board of Supervisors disagrees in part with this finding and incorporates by reference the August 10, 2010 response and explanation of the Chief Probation Officer.

Recommendation 1: The County develop and implement a standardized program to track recidivism for juvenile offenders.

Original Response, Chief Probation Officer: The recommendation requires further analysis. As mentioned in the response to Finding No. 1, the Juvenile Information Management System (JIMS) has recidivism data, the challenge is developing a way to extract and report data. The JIMS system is in need of replacement and the Chief Probation Officer is working with Information Technology Services (ITS) Department on a timeline to replace the system. It is unclear at this time whether recidivism data can easily be extracted and reported from the current system. The current focus in the criminal justice system has been the replacement of the much larger Adult Criminal Justice Information Management System (CJIMS). While the county agrees that reporting juvenile recidivism is important, the Chief Probation Officer will continue to work with ITS to determine whether this project can be completely concurrently with the CJIMS upgrade or will need to wait until the CJIMS project is complete and the JIMS system is replaced. The Chief Probation Officer expects the analysis to be complete by December 2010.

Update: The analysis is now complete and it has been determined that the systems cannot be replaced concurrently. The CJIMS project is moving forward. The JIMS replacement will not occur until the CJIMS project is complete. Juvenile Probation will continue to collect the recidivism data that is currently required for state funding projects but other data has been too difficult to extract from the current system.