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The Honorable Diane Price
Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California, County of Napa
825 Brown Street
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Clerk of the Napa Superior Court
By: C. Bannan
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Dear Judge Price:

As required by Penal Code Section 933(c), enclosed is the response to the 2010-2011 Final Reports on Pesticide Use in Napa County, Department of Corrections/Jail, Napa County, Auditor-Controller and Napa County Juvenile Hall.

Grand Jury activity takes place over the course of a number of months. As such, their findings and recommendations often address issues which 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 in preparing their report.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Bill Dodd in cursive.

Bill Dodd, Chairman
Napa County Board of Supervisors

Enclosure

cc: Foreman, 2011-2012 Grand Jury

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**NAPA COUNTY
RESPONSE TO THE GRAND JURY REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011**

NAPA COUNTY JUVENILE HALL

FINDING 1: Juveniles in NCJH do not have access to water sources other than the drinking fountains.

Response, Chief Probation Officer: The Chief Probation Officer disagrees in part with this finding. When youth are locked in their rooms, the only water available is from the drinking fountain. However, youth can request a cup of water to have in their room. When youth are out of their rooms and in the day room or outside there is water available in a pitcher or large container.

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

FINDING 2: Drinking fountain water in the NCJH has a metallic taste.

Response, Public Works Director: The Public Works Director agrees with this finding.

Response, Chief Probation Officer: The Chief Probation Officer agrees with this finding.

Response, Board of Supervisors: The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

FINDING 3: Juveniles in the NCJH avoid drinking the water due to the metallic taste.

Response, Chief Probation Officer: The Chief Probation Officer disagrees in part with this finding. While a few youth have complained about the taste of the drinking fountain water, some youth still drink it and all youth drink the water from the containers on the unit and outside.

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

FINDING 4: Water in the NCJH facility currently meets the CDPH's secondary drinking standard for copper.

Response, Public Works Director: The Public Works Director agrees with this finding.

Response, Board of Supervisors: The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

RECOMMENDATION 1: Within six months of this report the NCPWD and the NCJH staff develop a plan to eliminate the metallic taste in the water at NCJH.

Response, Public Works Director: The recommendation requires further analysis. The Public Works and Probation Departments have begun investigation into the Grand Jury report's findings and concern that the drinking fountain water in the Napa County Juvenile Hall has a metallic taste. A plan to address this issue will be developed and implemented as determined to be necessary within the six months recommended by the Grand Jury. As indicated in Finding No. 4, the water from the drinking fountains meets the secondary drinking water standards as required by the State Department of Health Services. The departments will pursue solutions to make the water more aesthetically pleasing to the juveniles residing in Juvenile Hall.

Response, Board of Supervisors: The recommendation requires further analysis. The Board of Supervisors concurs with the response and explanation of the Public Works Director.

RECOMMENDATION 2: No later than February 2012 the NCPWD implement the above plan that will eliminate the metallic taste in the water in NCJH.

Response, Public Works Director: The recommendation requires further analysis. As mentioned in the response to Recommendation 1, the Public Works and Probation Departments have begun investigation into the Grand Jury report's findings and concern that the drinking fountain water in the Napa County Juvenile Hall has a metallic taste. A plan to address this issue will be developed and implemented as determined to be necessary within the six months recommended by the Grand Jury.

Response, Board of Supervisors: The recommendation requires further analysis. The Board of Supervisors concurs with the response and explanation of the Public Works Director.

RECOMMENDATION 3: The NCJH provide palatable water within NCJH until the plan to eliminate the metallic taste has been implemented.

Response, Chief Probation Officer: The recommendation has been implemented. There are water containers in each unit and outside for the minors to drink. While they are not allowed to have a pitcher in their room, they may ask for a cup of water while in their rooms if they do not want to drink from their drinking fountain.

Response, Board of Supervisors: The recommendation has been implemented. The Board of Supervisors concurs with the response and explanation of the Chief Probation Officer.

RECOMMENDATION 4: Once palatable water is available from the water fountains in NCHH, that NCPWD conduct regular waste taste tests.

Response, Public Works Director: The recommendation will not be implemented by the Public Works Department. It is not a standard practice for the Public Works Department to conduct water taste tests in any of the County buildings. Public Works tests water quality and safety as required by law. The Public Works Department staff will rely on Probation Department staff to monitor the aesthetic qualities of the drinking water in the Napa County Juvenile Hall and report any concerns or issues to the Public Works

Department for appropriate handling if they arise. Any complaints received by juveniles regarding their concerns about the taste of the drinking water will be responded to appropriately.

Response, Board of Supervisors: The recommendation will not be implemented by the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors concurs with the response and explanation of the Public Works Director.