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## **NAPA COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY**

**2024-2025**

**May 29, 2025**

### **Statement on Annual Inspections of Napa County Detention Facilities**

## **SUMMARY**

Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 919(b), the Napa County Civil Grand Jury conducted its required annual review of the county's detention facilities. This inquiry included on-site inspections of the current downtown Napa County Jail, the almost finished new Napa County Detention Center, and the Juvenile Hall. During tours of the facilities, members of the Civil Grand Jury held detailed discussions with facility administrators and correctional officers regarding management, day-to-day operations and protocols, security details, inmate programs and rehabilitation.

The Civil Grand Jury determined not to conduct a full investigation at this time, as the new facility is not yet operational.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **New Napa County Detention Center**

In 2023, Napa County started building a new facility with 304 beds and a 28-bed medical unit to replace the current downtown Napa Jail, which was damaged in the 2014 earthquake. After experiencing weather-related construction delays, the facility is expected to open in the summer of 2025.

Functional spaces will include housing, medical clinic, intake and release, food and laundry, central control, interview and visitation, custody administration, support services, outdoor recreation, administration, and a public lobby. The design includes ample, flexible program space to support a variety of rehabilitation programs and reduce recidivism.

Since 1975, the Napa County Jail has been managed by the Department of Corrections rather than the Sheriff's Department. This arrangement made Napa County unique among California's 58 counties. The Department of Corrections manages the jail, including all aspects of inmate care, treatment, and programs related to sentencing alternatives.

The new facility, located along Napa-Vallejo Highway 221, encompasses 109,300 square feet. The \$96.6 million project was developed using a "Design-Bid-Build" process, including pre-cast concrete cells. Funding sources included California Senate Bill 864 and Senate Bill 844 via the State Lease Revenue Bond Program.

### **Current Downtown Napa County Jail**

The downtown Napa jail opened in 1976 with 60 beds and expanded to 276 beds in 1989. The facility houses pre-sentenced and sentenced inmates. The Department of Corrections is responsible for the coordination of all programs and services related to institutional care, treatment, and rehabilitation of inmates.

The future of the downtown jail site is under consideration by county officials, with options including demolition or redevelopment such as new housing or other commercial uses.

## **Juvenile Justice Center (Juvenile Hall)**

The Probation Department operates the Juvenile Justice Center as a 24-hour secure facility with a capacity of 50 individuals. The age range is 14-25 years old with stays usually between 25 and 55 days. It consistently operates well under capacity.

The youth receive support from trained counselors and engage in various structured services, such as mental health support, cognitive behavioral programming, individual counseling, education, pet therapy, art appreciation, spiritual services, and organized recreational activities.

The Juvenile Justice Center is located at 212 Walnut Avenue in Napa.



An artist rendering of the Napa County Detention Center at 2200 Napa-Vallejo Highway.



The downtown Napa Jail at 1125 Third Street in Napa.





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