

# **2025-2026 NAPA COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY STATEMENT ON CORRECTIONS FACILITIES**

## **METHODOLOGY**

Pursuant to Penal Code §919(b), the Napa County Civil Grand Jury is required to conduct an annual review of the condition and management of public prisons within the county. In 2022, the California Attorney General clarified that “public prisons” include local detention facilities such as county and city jails (Opinion No. 18-103).

Napa County operates two detention facilities:

- Napa County Jail: A newly constructed adult facility managed by the Napa County Department of Corrections, rather than by the Sheriff as in all other California counties.
- Juvenile Justice Center: A youth facility operated by the Napa County Probation Department.

While an inquiry is mandated, Penal Code §939.9 stipulates that a formal report requires a full investigation with verified findings. As no such findings were identified, the Civil Grand Jury opted not to conduct a full investigation.

## **FACILITY OVERVIEWS**

### Napa County Jail

On September 17, 2025, the full Civil Grand Jury toured the new 304-bed facility, which opened on August 20, 2025, replacing the previous downtown jail damaged in the 2014 earthquake. Located at 2210 Napa-Vallejo Highway, the jail features a design that promotes normalization through natural light, acoustic control, and calming visuals. Other features include:

- A 28-bed medical and mental health unit
- Multiple 32-bed housing pods
- Intake/release zones, clinic, food and laundry services
- Visitation areas and administrative offices

On March 2, 2026, the Civil Grand Jury Detention Centers Committee interviewed the Interim Director of Corrections which included the following topics:

- Population and Capacity
- Staffing and Overtime
- In-Custody Deaths and Critical Incidents
- Medical and Mental Health Services
- Use of Force and Internal Accountability
- Grievance System
- Conditions of Confinement
- Fiscal Oversight
- Transparency and Public Accountability

The Committee noted the smooth and seamless movement of inmates and operational transition from the old downtown jail facility to the new Napa County Jail.

### Juvenile Justice Center

On November 12, 2025, the Civil Grand Jury Detention Centers Committee members toured the facility, which has a 50-youth capacity. At the time of the visit, there were 17 juveniles in the traditional juvenile hall (short-term) unit and 3 juveniles in the Skyline (extended-stay) unit.

Programs include:

- Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT): Collaborative treatment planning

- Behavioral Management System (BMS): Promotes accountability and provides mental health support
- Garden Program: Under development, focused on teamwork and horticultural skills
- Thinking For a Change (T4C): Focuses on changing criminogenic thinking among youth

Committee members noted the facility's rehabilitative approach over punitive practices.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Napa County Civil Grand Jury met its statutory obligation by conducting site visits and engaging with facility leadership