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To: Honorable D. Scott Daniels
Presiding Judge

From: Supervisor John M. Vasquez
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Re: Grand Jury Report received August 11, 2010 – Solano County Jail Facilities

Judge Daniels:

The following, under Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, is the Solano County Board of Supervisors' response to the findings and recommendations contained in the 2009-2010 Grand Jury Report, received August 11, 2010, following the Grand Jury's annual inspection of Solano County's Justice Center Detention Facility and Claybank Detention Facility.

Finding 1

Claybank Central Control needs to be upgraded for security and safety of employees and inmates.

Response to Finding 1

Sheriff – The Sheriff agrees with the finding of the Grand Jury.

Board of Supervisors – The Board of Supervisors concurs with the response of the Sheriff to the Grand Jury's finding.

Recommendation 1

Monies should be budgeted to cover the cost of these vitally needed improvements.

Response to Recommendation 1

Sheriff - The Sheriff agrees with the recommendations of the Grand Jury. The Sheriff's FY10/11 budget includes \$2.6 million budgeted and approved by the Board of Supervisors to fund the Claybank security upgrades project. The project contract will be signed the week of August 16, and completion of the project is anticipated by December 2011.

Board of Supervisors – The Board of Supervisors concurs with the response of the Sheriff to the Grand Jury's recommendation. The Board also wishes to note that approval of the Claybank security upgrades project contract was delayed from August 16 to today and was subsequently approved. The anticipated project completion date remains the same.

Finding 2

The Claybank Facility is currently inadequate to house the current and projected inmate population.

Response to Finding 2

Sheriff – The Sheriff agrees with the finding of the Grand Jury.

Board of Supervisors – The Board of Supervisors concurs with the response of the Sheriff to the Grand Jury's finding.

Recommendation 2

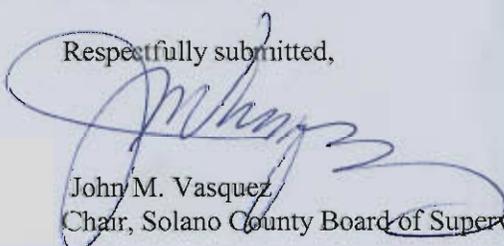
Solano County should explore every possible source for financing expansion of the Claybank Facility.

Response to Recommendation 2

Sheriff – The Sheriff agrees with the recommendation of the Grand Jury. The County of Solano applied for and was awarded a grant from the State of California in the amount of \$61.5 million to offset the cost of constructing a planned 360 bed local jail expansion project at the Claybank location. The remaining \$22 million of construction expense will utilize county public facilities fees available in the Capitol Projects Budget. Pursuant to AB 900, the expansion of the Sheriff's Claybank facility is tied directly to the successful construction of a 500 bed state owned and operated re-entry facility planned for Fairfield. It should be noted that the state has not yet generated the funds needed to support the construction of the 500 bed state prison re-entry facility or the local bed jail expansion project. It is anticipated that the necessary funds will be generated through the sale of public works bonds. If successful with the sale of public works bonds, the State of California anticipates that project funds will become available by November-December 2010.

Board of Supervisors – The Board of Supervisors concurs with the response of the Sheriff to the Grand Jury's recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,


John M. Vasquez
Chair, Solano County Board of Supervisors