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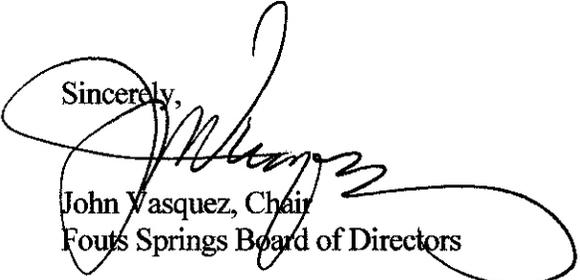
D. Scott Daniels
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Solano Superior Court
600 Union Ave.
Fairfield, CA 94533

Dear Judge Daniels:

Enclosed please find the Fouts Springs Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Board of Directors response to the 2009-2010 Grand Jury Report Entitled: Fouts Springs Youth Facility, dated February 5, 2010.

As chair, I have prepared this response to comply with the Grand Jury deadline for affected agency responses on behalf of the JPA Board of Directors. This response was reviewed and approved by the Fouts Springs JPA Board at their regular meeting held on March 31, 2010.

Sincerely,


John Vasquez, Chair
Fouts Springs Board of Directors

cc: Grand Jury
Michael Reagan
Kim Vann
Gary Evans
Debora Langford

Fouts Springs Youth Facility

Issued February 5, 2010

Fouts Springs Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors response to the Grand Jury Report:

Finding 1 – While there is sufficient land and adequate housing for 162 wards, staffing levels only provide for a maximum of 60 wards. At the time of the Grand Jury's visit, there were 43 wards participating in the Fouts program. Several California counties send wards to the facility.

Board of Directors' Response to Finding 1 – The Board of Directors agrees with this finding.

Recommendation 1 – The Probation Department should actively solicit court placements from other counties.

Board of Directors' Response to Recommendation 1 – This recommendation has been implemented as part of continuous efforts to improve marketing of the program. A new marketing DVD is being finalized and so far this year outreach efforts have resulted in two new counties signing contracts. Although the average daily population was 43.3 for the first quarter of the fiscal year, it rose to 48.92 in the second quarter, and was 52.39 in January 2010.

Finding 2 – Solano County has proposed capital improvements to the Fouts Springs land and buildings. There is no incentive to initiate these improvements until Solano County takes ownership of the land.

Board of Directors' Response to Finding 2 – The Board of Directors agrees with this finding.

Recommendation 2 – The Solano County Board of Supervisors and the Fouts Springs Board of Directors should continue their efforts to complete the potential trade of land between Solano County and the United States Department Forest Service. This would allow the facility to make much needed upgrades to the water system as well as the grounds.

Board of Directors' Response to Recommendation 2 – The recommendation has been implemented. The Solano County Board of Supervisors has the Fouts/Deafy Glade land swap as one of its highest federal legislative priorities. H.R. 1043 was introduced by Congressman Miller on February 12, 2009, and passed in the House of Representatives on September 8, 2009. A Senate companion bill, S. 1571, was introduced by Senator Feinstein on August 4, 2009, and has been referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The County's Federal lobbyist, Waterman & Associates, continues to monitor and provide support on the legislative effort.