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The Honorable David Edwin Power  
Presiding Judge, Solano County Superior Court  
600 Union Avenue  
Fairfield, California 94533

RE: Response to 2006-2007 Grand Jury Report entitled "Solano County Veterans' Buildings"

Dear Judge Power:

The General Services Department has received the 2006-2007 Jury Report entitled "Solano County Veterans' Buildings". Listed below are the Grand Jury's Findings and recommendations for each Veteran's Building along with the Department's responses.

## Benicia

**Finding #1:** Due to the low height and lack of restraints, the second story windows create a safety hazard.

**Response to Finding #1:** *General Services agrees with the finding.*

**Recommendation #1:** The County should expedite this repair.

**Response to Recommendation #1:**

*General Services agrees with the recommendation. On January 2, 2007 the window replacement work was completed rectifying the potential safety issue.*

**Finding #2:** The ceiling tiles in the upper floor are warped, cracked and stained.

**Response to Finding #2:** *General Services agrees with this finding.*

**Recommendation #2:** The County should replace the tiles.

**Response to Recommendation #2:** *General Services disagrees with this recommendation. In accordance with the Operations and Management agreement, minor maintenance and improvements are the responsibility of the Veterans groups managing the facility. Replacement of the tiles is considered minor maintenance and therefore the responsibility of the veterans.*

## Dixon

**Finding #1:** No decision regarding the restoration or replacement of this building has been made.

**Response to Finding #1:** *General Services agrees with the finding.*

**Recommendation #1:** A decision regarding the fate of this building should be made in a timely manner.

**Response to Recommendation #1:** *General Services agrees with the recommendation. The County of Solano and the City of Dixon jointly initiated a Modernization Study of the Dixon Veterans Memorial Building to identify repairs/renovation alternatives. The findings within the Modernization Study are being reviewed and the results, along with recommended action items, will be presented to the Solano County Board of Supervisors before the end of calendar year 2007.*

## Rio Vista

**Finding #1:** The main entrance is not wheelchair accessible.

**Response to Finding #1:** *General Services agrees with the finding.*

**Recommendation #1:** Coordinated efforts should be used to produce an ADA compliant ramp.

**Response to Recommendation #1:** *General Services partially agrees with the recommendation. The County's ADA Transition Plan indicates that proper signage, door modifications and hardware replacement are required to make the entry ADA compliant, not a ramp. Funding has been requested as part of the Department's FY 07/08 budget request to make necessary modifications to provide accessibility to the main entrance.*

**Finding #2:** Rio Vista Veterans' organizations should be congratulated on their initiative to upgrade and maintain their facility.

**Response to Finding #2:** *General Services agrees with the finding. General Services is committed to supporting all County owned veterans memorial buildings in accordance with the Military and Veterans Code and per the terms and conditions of the Operations and Management Agreement in place for each veterans memorial building.*

**Recommendation #2:** Keep up the good work.

**Response to Recommendation #2:** *General Services agrees with the recommendation.*

## Suisun City

**Finding #1:** The elevator does not work properly and is out of inspection compliance.

**Response to Finding #1:** *General Service disagrees with this finding. The elevator is working properly and the permit to operate is current through November 28, 2007.*

**Recommendation #1:** The elevators should be inspected, repaired and certified safe to operate.

**Response to Recommendation #1:** *General Services agrees with the recommendation. The elevators are inspected, repaired and certified safe to operate.*

**Finding #2:** The building does not have an enclosed dumpster.

**Response to Finding #2:** *General Services agrees with this finding.*

**Recommendation #2:** The County and Veteran's organization should take steps necessary to correct this compliance issue.

**Response to Recommendation #2:** *General Services agrees with the recommendation. The design and construction for placement of the dumpster is scheduled for summer 2007.*

## Vacaville

**Finding #1:** The Vacaville Veteran's organizations should be commended for their on-going efforts at maintaining and operating this community oriented asset.

**Response to Finding #1:** *General Services agrees with the finding. General Services is committed to supporting all County owned veterans memorial buildings in accordance with the Military and Veterans Code and per the terms and conditions of the Operations and Management Agreement in place for each veterans memorial building.*

**Recommendation #1:** Keep up the good work

**Response to Recommendation #1:** *General Services agrees with the recommendation.*

## Vallejo

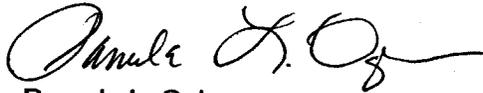
**Finding #1:** The security camera that was in front of the building is missing.

**Response to Finding #1:** *General Services agrees with the finding.*

**Recommendation #1:** The County should replace the security camera.

***Response to Recommendation #1: General Services partially agrees with the recommendation. The Veterans' Groups are responsible for maintaining and replacing their own security equipment. However, the County can reimburse the Vallejo Veterans' groups for the cost of replacing the missing camera from funds that were previously allocated per the terms of the executed Settlement Agreement between the County and the Vallejo Veterans Association.***

Sincerely,



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