

SOLANO COUNTY JAIL EXPANSION AND CALIFORNIA RE-ENTRY FACILITY IN SOLANO COUNTY

2009-2010 Solano County Grand Jury Informational Report

In October, 2009, the Solano County Grand Jury was informed of a jail expansion plan offered by the State of California. The plan was tied to the construction of a re-entry facility for 500 state prison inmates. The inmates would spend the last eighteen months of their sentence at the re-entry site where educational and on-the-job training classes would be held.

In November, 2009, the State gave the final approval of the funds for the re-entry prison and an expansion to the Claybank jail facility. The proposed re-entry prison site is located on property currently owned by the Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District (FSSD).

The State, in addition to funding the re-entry prison, will provide \$69,000,000 to partially fund the additional 362 beds for the Claybank Jail. Solano County will need to provide \$22,000,000 to complete the project. Solano County will lease the Claybank Jail expansion from the State. At the conclusion of the lease period the County will own the Claybank Jail expansion.

Among the many benefits of these two projects will be:

- Inmates in the re-entry program will be better equipped to adjust to civilian life
- Lower recidivism rate
- The State financing of the additional 362 beds at the Claybank Jail is expected to take care of the growth in the jail population for the next ten years
- These projects will provide additional jobs in Solano County

COMMENTS

The 2009-2010 Grand Jury commends the Solano County Sheriff's Office, the Solano County Board of Supervisors, the Fairfield City Council and the Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District for applying for this State Grant.

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