

August 28, 2001

Honorable Judge Rodney S. Melville  
Presiding Judge, Santa Barbara County  
Superior Court  
1100 Anacapa Street  
Santa Barbara CA 93121

Judge Melville:

**Grand Jury Report - JUVENILE PROBATION FACILITIES AND FOREST  
SERVICE ISSUES April 30, 2001**

Attached is the required comment to the above referenced Grand Jury report.

Sincerely,

Ronald S. Cortez  
General Services Director

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Attachment

C: Michael Brown, County Administrator  
William L. Cathey, Grand Jury Foreperson



**Finding 8:** The building needs to be updated in a variety of ways that probably would cost less than replacement of the entire facility.

Agree

The General Services Department concurs with the response from the Probation Department. The Probation Department has applied for a grant (Local Juvenile Detection Facility Construction Grant) in February of 2001 to upgrade this facility, though it has not yet been granted. The grant proposal costs are detailed in a Construction Budget Estimate for Renovation Needs Assessment for this facility prepared by consultants in January 2001. The report indicates that replacement would around \$20,000,000 while renovation can be accomplished for \$4,375,500.

**Recommendation 8a:** Assess the fuel supply to the emergency generator.

Has been implemented.

The fuel that supplies the emergency generator is natural gas provided via commercial gas lines. All County emergency generators and accompanying fuel supplies were assessed in late 1999 as part of the Y2K (Yr 2000) project to assure performance for an extended emergency.

**Recommendation 8b:** Assess the emergency generator's capacity to supply adequate emergency power.

Has been implemented.

All County emergency generators and accompanying fuel supplies were assessed in late 1999 as part of the Y2K (Yr 2000) project to assure performance for an extended emergency. Probation's grant proposal mentioned in Finding 8 includes an element for emergency generator replacement.

**Recommendation 8c:** The electronic security system should be upgraded.

The recommendation has not yet been implemented due to lack of funds.

The General Services Department concurs with the response from the Probation Department. Probation's grant proposal mentioned in Finding 8 includes an element for improvements to security systems. An unfunded element of the County's 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan also details an improvement to the security systems.



**Recommendation 8d:** Toilets and washbasins should be installed in nine rooms in Unit 2 and seven rooms in Unit 3.

The recommendation has not yet been implemented due to lack of funds.

The General Services Department concurs with the response from the Probation Department. Probation's grant proposal mentioned in Finding 8 includes an element for upgrades and improvements to plumbing and sewer line.

**Recommendation 8e:** In concert with the bathroom construction, the water supply and sewer lines to the mains on the north side of Highway 101 should be replaced with new lines to the mains on nearby Hollister Avenue.

The recommendation has not yet been implemented due to lack of funds.

The General Services Department concurs with the response from the Probation Department. Probation's grant proposal mentioned in Finding 8 includes an element for improvements to the plumbing and to reroute/replace the sewer and water lines.

**Recommendation 8f:** Construct an additional classroom now to enable this facility to handle current needs and prepare for anticipated growth.

The recommendation has not yet been implemented due to lack of funds.

The General Services Department concurs with the response from the Probation Department. Probation's grant proposal mentioned in Finding 8 includes an element for an additional classroom.

**Finding 9:** The same entrance from the parking lot into the facility is used by visitors and personnel, as well as for the intake and release of juveniles.

The recommendation has not yet been implemented due to lack of funds.

The General Services Department concurs with the response from the Probation Department. Probation's grant proposal mentioned in Finding 8 includes an element for reception/intake area construction and remodel.

**Recommendation 12:** An analysis should be made to determine the feasibility of setting up this kitchen for use in emergencies and as a vocational venue.

The recommendation requires further analysis.

The General Services Department concurs with the response from the Probation Department.



**Finding 13:** The November 1996 NEPA/CEQA report noted a loss of water from the supply loop serving the five housing units at the Los Prietos Boys' Camp site.

Agree.

This "excess water use" was noted in the report.

**Recommendation 13:** The Camps should continue programs to economize on their use of water, a precious resource in this fire-prone area. Water leaks should be promptly identified and repaired.

The recommendation has been implemented.

The General Services Department concurs with the response from the Probation Department. Any reported leaks or maintenance requirements are promptly responded to by General Services.

**Finding 14:** In the report it was noted that, of the 11,000 gallons average pumped per day for use by the camps and the houses, the five Probation staff houses were metered at 7,000 gallons per day, suggesting a serious leak in the system.

Agree.

This level of usage was noted in the above-referenced NEPA/CEQA report

**Recommendation 14:** The Camps should immediately carry out their proposed plan to re-sleeve the existing water lines.

The recommendation requires further analysis.

The General Services Department concurs with the response from the Probation Department. The Probation Department is working with the General Services Department to review the condition of the water line in order to determine if it requires complete replacement via re-trenching, re-sleeving the line through the existing line or if the line is in such condition that it requires no further action. General Services has contracted with an engineer to perform this analysis and the report should be available within two weeks. At that time, an action plan will be developed based on the findings.