



DEL NORTE COUNTY GRAND JURY

Response to Grand Jury Report Format

Report Title: base-O boys ranch

Report Date: 8/29/13

Response By: Linda Saifal

Title: Acting Chief Probation Officer

Findings

- Recommendations numbered _____ have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions)
- Recommendations numbered RS, RL have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.
(Attach an explanation as to each recommendation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the Grand Jury report.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation as to each recommendation that will not be implemented.)

Date: 8/29/13 Signed: Linda Saifal

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Report Title: Juvenile Hall

Report Date: 8/29/13

Response By: Lili Sargol

Title: Acting Chief Probation Officer

Findings

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- Recommendations numbered R7, R8 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation as to each recommendation that will not be implemented.)

Date: 8/29/13 Signed: Lili Sargol

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29 August 2013

Del Norte County Grand Jury

Re: Bar-O Boys Ranch and Juvenile Hall Response

Dear Sir/Madam Foreperson,

First, I would like to thank the members of the 2012-2013 Grand Jury for their service. The work of the Grand Jury is important to the overall functioning of the county and its institutions. Oversight of penal institutions is critical to the safety and security of both staff and detainees. Your work is greatly appreciated.

Bar O

In response to R5, repair or replacement of the barracks: this is an issue we have been addressing for several years. When the county budget was strained a few years ago and the Ranch was running at a deficit, there was serious discussion about closing the facility. Instead, Del Norte County allowed the ranch to stay open, as so many other counties were closing their ranches, it seemed Bar O was positioned to take those boys from those counties. A population increase would repay Del Norte County as well as provide a residential program for our own troubled wards.

Last year, Bar O repaid over half of the outstanding debt to Del Norte county. However, there is still a significant outstanding balance and it is appropriate that those funds are repaid before any new construction can be considered. That being said, the probation department has been exploring the possibility of securing state funds to rebuild the barracks. Moreover, the full repayment of that debt is anticipated no later than next fiscal year and rebuilding the barracks is a priority.

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It should be noted that the Ranch has been inspected by the Board of State and Community Corrections in 2013 and in 2011. In addition to those state inspections, the Ranch undergoes annual inspections from the county to address both environmental and fire. In all cases, the Ranch facility has been deemed safe and structurally sound.

In response to R6, we received a draft proposal for the necessary repair and replacement of the existing septic system on July 9, 2013. County purchasing protocol requires us to get three bids; we have just received the third bid and will place the order immediately.

Juvenile Hall

Several years ago, as mentioned above, Del Norte County suffered an economic downturn with the rest of the country. As a result, several unfilled positions at the hall were cut and the full time staffing was reduced to accommodate 10 wards. However, extra staff were recruited and hired so that if the juvenile population exceeded 10, extra help could and would be brought in to comply with Title 15 ratio requirements. To generate additional income, a contract was made with Curry County to house their wards for up to approximately 360 bed nights per year, to be charged as used.

In response to R7, our juvenile population has been very low. Over the past several months, our average daily population has been significantly lower than the maximum of 10 wards. It is not anticipated that additional staff are required, as there has been no upswing in juvenile detentions.

In response to R8, the commercial washing machine that has been housed at the Hall has been repaired and the temporary washer and dryer that were brought in are there for special and infrequent use.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



Linda Sanford
Acting Chief Probation Officer
Del Norte County Probation