

2021/2022 CONTINUITY REPORT

INSPECTION REPORT FOR SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND DETENTION FACILITIES

INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE

The State of California requires county grand juries to inspect all jails and prisons within their county on a yearly basis. This report combines the results of inspecting city, county and state facilities where individuals can be detained.

The 2019-2020 San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury (Grand Jury) inspected the Coroner's Facility, Crime Laboratory, County Jail, Juvenile Hall, Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF), County Dispatch Facility, city and county holding facilities, and the California Men's Colony State Prison (CMC). The review of the County Dispatch Facility, the Juvenile Hall and the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) is contained in separate detailed reports.

The Grand Jury concluded their investigation with five findings and four recommendations in their report. Their responses are charted below:

Findings	Findings Agreed with	Findings Partially Agreed with	Findings Not Agreed with
California Men's Colony	N/A	N/A	N/A
County Jail	3,4		
Coroner's Facility		6	

Recommendations	Implemented	Partially Implemented	Not Implemented	Further Analysis Required
Sheriff's Department			3,4	
Board of Supervisors			3,4	

Link to Inspection Report for San Luis Obispo County Law Enforcement and Detention Facilities:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1n4Aya5h4sdaLXJUNfuPVVeo-Jr5wXkPX>

Link to Sheriff's Department and Board of Supervisors responses:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1W3y5QwhmmlUiH8yljZDdhCr8wwZ19jC->

A summary of responses to the Grand Jury findings follows:

CALIFORNIA MEN'S COLONY

F1. There is an ongoing problem with introduction of contraband into the facility via the West Facility fence near the exercise yard.

Response: No response was required or received from the California Men's colony.

F2. The WWII era buildings that are used to house the fire crews in the West Facility are in poor repair.

Response: No response was required or received from the California Men's colony.

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F3. The Sheriff's Department has done an exceptional job of improving the overall quality of care for inmates.

Response: The Sheriff's Department agreed with this finding.

F4. The use of Wellpath, being overseen by the County Chief Medical Officer, to provide the medical, dental and mental health care for the inmates, has improved the recognition of potential problems before they become major issues.

Response: The Sheriff's Department agreed with this finding.

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F6. It is the observation of the Grand Jury that the space is inadequate and insufficient and needs to be addressed.

Response: The Sheriff's Department disagrees partially with this finding. The department believes that the current facility is adequate but not ideal and could use expansion.

A summary of responses to the Grand Jury recommendations follows:

CALIFORNIA MEN'S COLONY

R1. The State should consider additional security measures to monitor blind spots in the security fence in the West Facility.

Response: No response was required or received from the California Men's colony.

R2. The State should plan for the rehabilitation or replacement of the WWII era buildings in the West facility.

Response: No response was required or received from the California Men's colony.

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R3. Plans for additional space should be developed to expand the working area.

Response: The Sheriff's Department advises that this recommendation will not be implemented at this time. The Sheriff's Department has developed a plan and would like to add additional space once space and funding become available.

The Board of Supervisors concurs with the Sheriff's Department response.

R4. Coroner's records should be digitized to save space.

Response: The Sheriff's Department advises that this recommendation will not be implemented at this time. The Sheriff's Department further advises that maintaining the original coroner's case file is important as documents, photographs, or other evidentiary items may be needed in the future to settle legal questions about a decedent's identity or other circumstances of their death.

The Board of Supervisors concurs with the Sheriff's Department response.

REQUIRED RESPONSES

This is an informational report. No responses are required.

Presiding Judge	Grand Jury
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