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The philosophy of Camp Singer is to develop a sense of achievement and personal responsibility, in both the juveniles and their family units. The goal of the program is to teach survival skills to assist them in overcoming negative outside influences after they leave.

Within Camp Singer, there are vocational certificates offered. The certificates may include: Basic Tool Knowledge, General Framing, Basic Drywall and Basic Electrical. A certificate can also be obtained for the successful completion of a Drug and Alcohol counseling program. Currently, Camp Singer is attempting to secure the funding for a Safe-Cert certificate program. This certificate is a California state-mandated requirement for all food service workers. These certificates allow Camp Singer juveniles to be competitive in the job market.

Throughout the three facilities, there is an emphasis on education, with classes taught by teachers provided by the Yuba County Office of Education. There are also athletic programs, and opportunities for public speaking, academic achievement and community involvement. The juveniles are responsible for the daily upkeep of their individual sleeping areas.

Members of the Grand Jury observed that these facilities appear to be well positioned to lease bed space to other counties.

The population within these facilities varies from day to day. On the day of the Grand Jury's final tour, the population of Juvenile Hall was 22, and the population of Camp Singer was 21. On that day, the majority of the population in both facilities originated from Yuba and Sutter counties. Camp Singer has recently finalized a housing contract with Tehama County to bring the total number of out-of-county contracts to six. The following table represents a county-by-county breakdown of the population at the time of the tour.

<b>Yuba-Sutter Juvenile Hall</b>	<b>TOTAL 22</b>
Yuba County	12
Sutter County	8
Colusa County	2

<b>Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center</b>	<b>TOTAL 21</b>
Yuba County	8
Sutter County	5
Colusa County	2
Amador County	0
Calaveras County	2
Placer County	2
Tehama County	0
Tuolumne County	2

These contracts are a positive revenue stream for the facilities. Currently the facilities receive approximately one-third of their income from Yuba County, one-third from Sutter County and one-third from outside contracts.

Members of the Grand Jury noted that there was damage to the exposed insulation within the indoor recreation area of the Camp Singer building. This building also houses classrooms, laundry facilities, as well as woodworking and construction classes.

Members of the Grand Jury were told by Juvenile Hall’s interim superintendent that the surveillance system was “inadequate”. The current system has no recording capability, and there is a need for additional cameras to cover several high security/high liability areas of the property. These deficiencies have been noted in previous Grand Jury reports.

**FINDINGS**

- F1. Generally, the Yuba-Sutter Juvenile Hall facilities appear to be well maintained.
- F2. The Yuba-Sutter Juvenile Hall facilities appear to provide supportive programs for troubled youth.
- F3. The surveillance system inside the Yuba-Sutter Juvenile Hall needs to be upgraded.

- F4. Exposed and damaged insulation within Camp Singer’s indoor recreation area is a safety and energy concern.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- R1. Evaluate cost requirements needed to upgrade video surveillance equipment to ensure the continued safety and security in all areas of the Yuba-Sutter Juvenile Hall.
- R2. Secure funding for replacement and upgrade of the video surveillance system in all areas of the Yuba-Sutter Juvenile Hall.
- R3. Investigate the cost of energy loss caused by the missing/damaged insulation in Camp Singer’s indoor recreation area.
- R4. Secure funding for the repair or replacement of the insulation in Camp Singer’s indoor recreation area.

**REQUEST FOR RESPONSES**

Pursuant to Penal code section 933.05, the grand jury requests responses as follows:

From the following individuals:

- Yuba-Sutter Juvenile Hall and Camp Singer Superintendent: F3-F4, R1-R4
- Yuba-Sutter Juvenile Hall and Camp Singer Chief Probation Officer: F3-F4, R1-R4

From the following governing bodies:

- Yuba County Board of Supervisors: F3-F4, R1-R4

The governing bodies indicated above should be aware that the comment or response of the governing body must be conducted subject to the notice, agenda and open meeting requirements of the Brown Act.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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