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Hi Mike,

Please see the attached response.

Respectfully,

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The 2024-2025 Santa Cruz County Civil Grand Jury
Requires the

Santa Cruz County Sheriff

to Respond by August 18, 2025

to the Findings and Recommendations listed below
which were assigned to them in the report titled

Honoring Commitments to the Public

**Looking Back at 2022-2023 Civil Grand Jury
Recommendations and Actions Taken by County
Agencies**

Required Responses apply to elected officials, elected agencies or department heads, elected boards, councils, and committees. The respondent is **required** to respond and to make the response available to the public under California Penal Code [\(PC\) §933\(c\)](#). A required response will be considered **compliant** under [PC §933.05](#) if it contains an appropriate comment on **all** findings and recommendations **which were assigned to you** in this report.

Invited Responses are encouraged but are not required by the California Penal Code.

Please follow the instructions below when preparing your response.

Instructions for Respondents

Your assigned [Findings](#) and [Recommendations](#) are listed on the following pages with check boxes and an expandable space for summaries, timeframes, and explanations. Please follow these instructions, which paraphrase [PC §933.05](#):

- 1. For the Findings, mark one of the following responses with an “X” and provide the required additional information:**
 - a. **AGREE with the Finding**, or
 - b. **PARTIALLY DISAGREE with the Finding** – specify the portion of the Finding that is disputed and include an explanation of the reasons why, or
 - c. **DISAGREE with the Finding** – provide an explanation of the reasons why.
- 2. For the Recommendations, mark one of the following actions with an “X” and provide the required additional information:**
 - a. **HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED** – provide a summary of the action taken, or
 - b. **HAS NOT YET BEEN IMPLEMENTED BUT WILL BE IN THE FUTURE** – provide a timeframe or expected date for completion, or
 - c. **REQUIRES FURTHER ANALYSIS** – provide an explanation, scope, and parameters of an analysis to be completed within six months, or
 - d. **WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED** – provide an explanation of why it is not warranted or not reasonable.
- 3. Please attach a PDF version of your completed responses to an email sent to:**

The Honorable Judge: Katherine Hansen Katherine.Hansen@santacruzcourt.org
and

The Santa Cruz County Grand Jury: grandjury@scgrandjury.org.

If you have questions about this response form, please contact the Grand Jury by calling (831) 454-2099 or by sending an email to grandjury@scgrandjury.org.

Findings

F4 . The County issued a Request for Proposal for a needs assessment and received two proposals. The County states that due to cost they will not complete the Needs Assessment for the Jail.

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AGREE

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PARTIALLY DISAGREE

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DISAGREE

Response explanation (required for a response other than **Agree**):

The County issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Jail Needs Assessment and received multiple proposals in response. However, due to cost concerns, the County decided not to move forward with the assessment opting to pause and reevaluate its overall approach to jail planning and construction.

Recommendations

- R2 .** In the next budget cycle, the County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors should include the funds to complete the Needs Assessment for the jails. The goal of this assessment is to determine the most effective use of the three jails and any modifications to existing facilities needed to house the expected jail population into the future. The Needs Assessment for the Jails should be completed by October 31, 2026. (F4)

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HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED – summarize what has been done

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HAS NOT YET BEEN IMPLEMENTED BUT WILL BE IN THE FUTURE – summarize what will be done and the timeframe

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REQUIRES FURTHER ANALYSIS – explain the scope and timeframe (not to exceed six months)

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WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED – explain why

Required response explanation, summary, and timeframe:

The Sheriff's Office has regular monthly meetings scheduled with the County Executive Office to continue discussions on alternative options, including the potential development of a new medical mental health facility or modifications to the current jail facilities blueprint. These ongoing discussions are intended to help narrow the scope of the Jail Needs Assessment and minimize associated costs, with the goal of providing a more targeted and cost-effective plan for meeting the County's future jail needs.