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*AS 4/26*Honorable Stephen A. Silman
Presiding Judge
Superior Court, County of Monterey
P.O. Box 414
Salinas, CA 93902

Honorable Stephen A. Silman:

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, the Correctional Training Facility (CTF) has provided the following responses to the 2006 Grand Jury Report:

Findings:

F-14.1:

CTF continues as an overcrowded prison facility, as it has for several years.

Response: The respondent agrees with the finding.

F-14.2:

The management and operations of the facility are satisfactory. Leadership at CTF appears very qualified and motivated.

Response: The respondent agrees with the finding.

F-14.3:

Overall, CTF is a well-run facility with staff cognizant of the mission and committed to achieving it.

Response: The respondent agrees with the finding.

F-14.4:

CTF is performing its mission of rehabilitation with the various academic, vocational, and counseling opportunities available.

Response: The respondent agrees with the finding.

F-14.5:

Programs coordinated by both the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and CTF are targeted at reducing the problems of high staff turnover and affordable housing affecting staffing at the prison.

Response: The respondent agrees with the finding.**Recommendations:**

R-14.1:

CTF and CDCR should continue efforts to reduce overcrowding.

Response: The respondent agrees with the recommendation:

On December 21, 2006, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger unveiled a comprehensive prison reform package proposing to strengthen public safety by building and modernizing prison facilities.

R-14.2:

CTF should accelerate its program to provide affordable housing for staff, and consider approaching CDCR for a differential housing allowance.

Response: The respondent agrees with the recommendation:

The Prison Industries Authority (PIA) a department within CDCR sent our employees a survey to inquire how interested they were in having on grounds housing. The survey results did not indicate much interest due to the information provided in the survey. CTF has requested institutional (CTF & SVSP) participation in another survey initiated by PIA which would provide our employees more information as to how much the rent for the on grounds housing units would actually be.

CTF has address the possibilities of a recruitment and retention (housing stipend) specific to this geographic location that is provided to all classifications employed by CDCR in this area.

R-14.3:

The CTF should accelerate its program to attract new Correctional Officers from the local area.

Response: The respondent agrees with the recommendation:

CTF has implemented an aggressive recruitment process which has a dedicated team of professionally motivated peace officers. This recruitment team actively recruits local residents of Monterey and surrounding counties at events throughout the Monterey County area on a regular basis. Additionally, CTF is pursuing authorization to establish a local Basic Correctional Officers Academy for local residents that have been recruited by the Recruitment Teams for CTF and SVSP.

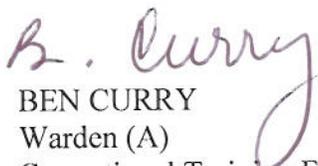
R-14.4:

CTF should review the recommendations of Section 13 (Salinas Valley State Prison-Soledad) of this report concerning salaries, assignment policies, and cost-of-living allowances in order to coordinate activities in these areas with SVSP.

Response: The respondent agrees with the recommendation:

The Warden's at both the Correctional Training Facility and Salinas Valley State Prison are equally concerned about the issues concerning salaries, assignment policies, and cost-of-living allowances. Through the Warden's respective chain of commands these issues have and continue to be raised. CTF and SVSP are committed to working together to accomplish these mutually beneficial goals.

Thank you for your review of these responses and for the Grand Jury's time spent at the Correctional Training Facility. The Grand Jury was professional, knowledgeable, and represented the diversity of our community's interests and values. Should you have any questions please call me at 678-5950.



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