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Honorable Donna L. Stashyn
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
County of Solano
600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533

Re: Sheriff-Coroner's Response to 2019-2020 Solano County Grand Jury Report – Delta Conservation Camp Recruitment Challenges

Judge Stashyn:

Under Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, I am responding to the following recommendations contained in the 2019-2020 Grand Jury Report that pertain to matters under my control as the Solano County Sheriff-Coroner:

Finding 1 – *The recruiting system relies on having numerous candidates in only one facility from which to select.*

Response to Finding 1 – I agree with this finding.

Recommendation 1 – *CDCR and Cal Fire expand their recruitment system to find more potential trainees from other correctional facilities.*

Response to Recommendation 1 – While I agree with the recommendation, it will not be implemented by the Sheriff's Office because the Sheriff's Office has no control over the policies or procedures set by Cal Fire and CDCR.

Finding 2 – *The requirement for fluency in English has negatively impacted the program.*

Response to Finding 2 – I agree with this finding.

Recommendation 2 – *The county jail systems provide English language education opportunities for inmates to increase communication skills thereby increasing the number of viable candidates for the program.*

Response to Recommendation 2 – The recommendation requires further analysis to determine the financial impact on the Sheriff's Office budget to provide such services in order to provide more eligible candidates for the program. Ultimately, implementation of any changes at the County level are subject to the policies or procedures set by Cal Fire and CDCR.

Respectfully,

Thomas A. Ferrara
Sheriff-Coroner

cc: Solano County Grand Jury
County Administrator's Office

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