



County of Orange
California

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Ann Avery Andres, Foreperson
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700 Civic Center Drive West
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Subject: Response to Orange County Grand Jury Report, "A Snapshot
of Juvenile Facilities in Orange County"

Dear Ms. Andres:

Per your request, and in accordance with Penal Code 933, enclosed please find the County of Orange response to the subject report as approved by the Board of Supervisors. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Stanberry at (714) 834-3727 in the County Executive Office who will either assist you or direct you to the appropriate individual.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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2007-08 Grand Jury Report
“A Snapshot of Juvenile Facilities in Orange County”
Response to Findings and Recommendations

Response to Findings

F-1 **Los Piños:** Los Piños Conservation Camp is in the fourth year of a ten-year plan to refurbish and upgrade the facility with some projects completed, some projects in progress, and other projects in the planning stages.

Response: Agrees with finding.

F-2 **Restrooms:** Some of the older rooms at Juvenile Hall do not have toilets.

Response: Agrees with finding.

Response to Recommendations

R-1 **Los Piños:** Complete the ten-year plan to refurbish and upgrade the facilities at Los Piños Conservation Camp.

Response: This recommendation has been implemented.

Probation meets every sixty days with CEO Budget and OC Public Works to coordinate and review progress towards the Los Piños Conservation Camp ten-year plan. The goal is to complete the ten-year plan to refurbish and upgrade the facility as funding is available.

R-2 **Restroom Upgrade:** Authorize a study of the facilities at Juvenile Hall to determine if portions of the older living quarters without toilets should be remodeled or replaced.

Response: This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable.

Probation understands the need to replace the older living units and build rooms with toilets. This has been identified in our ten-year plan and will be pursued as funding becomes available. It is not possible to remodel the current individual living rooms to add toilets. Toilets are available in the shared living unit restrooms. Minors who are ill or have special needs requiring a toilet room are placed in those rooms.

Juvenile Hall has a rated capacity for 434 minors. These minors are housed in 357 rooms. Currently, there are 197 rooms with toilets, or 55%. This number will increase as construction/renovation funds become available and the older living units are replaced.