



County of Orange
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Honorable Nancy Wieben Stock
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92702

Subject: Response to Orange County Grand Jury Report, "The State of Orange County Jails and Programs?"

Dear Judge Stock:

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas G. Mauk".

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Enclosure

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2006-2007 Grand Jury Report
The State of Orange County Jails and Programs
Response to Findings and Recommendations

Response to Recommendation R-2, R-3, and R-5

R-2 **State Prison Reform**: The OCSD and OC Board of Supervisors should continue to work with state legislators to insure that the proposed State Prison Reform Plan does not burden the OC jails. (This recommendation arises from Finding F-2.)

Response: This recommendation has been implemented.

The Board continues to work with state legislators to insure that the proposed State Prison Reform Plan does not burden the OC Jails. Additionally, the BOS continually works with the OCSD and the OC Courts to implement programs that reduce recidivism and provide alternatives to incarceration. Such programs include, but are not limited to: home confinement, the Community Work program, and drug and alcohol diversion programs. Jointly, these programs foster a reduction in overcrowding

R-3 The OCSD and OC Board of Supervisors should consider expediting contract approval for the expansion of the JMF and selecting construction companies who can quickly build-out the JMF. (This recommendation arises from Finding F-3.)

Response: This recommendation has been implemented.

OCSD is preparing to bring a contract to the Board of Supervisors for the Master Plan Design of the James A. Musick facility. Additionally, the County is closely monitoring the State funding concerns related to AB 900 and will move as quickly as possible to expand Musick in a timely manner.

R-5 The OCSD and OC Board of Supervisors should consider increasing IRS' funding for assessing high-risk re-offenders. (This recommendation arises from Finding F-5.)

Response: This recommendation has been implemented

The Orange County BOS reviews the funding of all county programs on an annual basis. The Board made funding recommendations for the Inmate Re-Entry Services for the coming year based upon County priorities and available funding. The Board will continue to review Inmate Re-Entry Services on an annual basis and provide additional resources as funding becomes available.