

Detention Facilities Inquiries Statement

2025-2026 Amador County Grand Jury

June 23, 2026

OVERVIEW

Penal Code section 919(b) obligates the grand jury to “inquire into the condition and management of the public prisons within the county.” In 2022, the California Attorney General issued an opinion (No. 18-103) stating the term “public prisons” includes “local detention facilities,” and that a county or city jail is a typical example of such a local detention facility.

The purpose of this document is to provide information about how the 2025-2026 Amador County Grand Jury fulfilled this duty. While Penal Code section 919(b) requires this inquiry, it does not require the grand jury to conduct an investigation or to write a report about local detention facilities. In fact, a report cannot be written based solely upon an inquiry. To write a report, a full investigation is required and all the facts in the report must be verified (Penal Code § 939.9).

Local Detention Facilities Within Amador County

As required by California Penal Code section 919(b), the 2025-2026 Amador County Civil Grand Jury inquired into the conditions and management of the following public prisons within the county:

- Mule Creek State Prison—Visited on January 13, 2026, and February 3, 2026
- Amador County Jail—Visited on December 15, 2025
- Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp—Visited on November 12, 2025

CONCLUSION

The 2025-2026 Amador County Grand Jury’s legal obligation to inquire into the condition and management of each local detention facility within the county was satisfied during the above-mentioned visits.