



MADERA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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2025-2026 Madera County Grand Jury

Response to Madera County Youth Correctional Center Report Findings pursuant to Penal Code Sections 933 & 933.05.

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F2. MCGJ finds that plans to incorporate welding tradesmen courses have not been implemented, and only a fraction of the detention facilities' yard space was being utilized for agricultural or other vocational functions. The MCGJ also finds the woodworking shop was not in ongoing trade use.

The Madera County Probation Department appreciates the Grand Jury and your site visits and recommendations. The Madera County Youth Correctional Center (YCC) prior Madera County Juvenile Detention Facility has been working with Madera County Facilities department to provide the proper ventilations systems and contracts needed for the workshop prior to youth in our custody and care using the structure. The county is in the early stages of purchasing the exhaust system for the workshop. Our youth have continued to receive welding and woodworking tradesman courses on and off site offered by the Madera County Superintendent of Schools.

Additionally, there are plans to expand the garden at the YCC, however we have to consider the landscape to be in compliance with fire codes and safety regulations. In case of an emergency at the YCC, medical responders including fire need adequate space in the back of YCC for a fire truck to access behind the building and around the facility grounds.

If further information is needed please contact me at (559) 675-7899

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