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BOARD LETTER & MINUTE ORDER

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

AGENDA # 7.m

DEPARTMENT:

BOS-015873: COUNTY ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT/RISK
MANAGEMENT & LEGAL SERVICES DIVISION

DEPARTMENT CONTACT:

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CONSENT

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BOS-015873

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION(S):

N/A

BOARD ACTING AS:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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BOARD'S ACTION:

APPROVED

MOVED BY: Supervisor Rogers

SECONDED BY: Supervisor Wamhoff, Chair Pro Tem

AYES(5) Supervisor Wamhoff, Chair Pro Tem, Supervisor Rogers, Supervisor
Poythress, Supervisor Gonzalez, and Supervisor Macaulay, Chair

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Consideration of approval of the response to the 2025-2026 Grand Jury Report
entitled "Madera County Jail".

BACKGROUND SUMMARY / FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Grand Jury Report Madera County Jail 2526-01
2. BOS GJ Response Madera County Jail 2526-01



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June 16, 2026

The Honorable Michael Jurkovich
Supervising Judge of the Grand Jury
Madera County Superior Court
200 S. G Street
Madera, CA 93637

Subject: Response to the 2025-26 Grand Jury Report entitled "Madera County Jail"

Honorable Judge Jurkovich:

Pursuant to the California Penal Code 933.05, the Madera County Board of Supervisors submits this response to the findings and recommendations in the 2025-26 Madera County Grand Jury report entitled "**Madera County Jail.**"

Finding 1:

The Madera County Grand Jury (MCGJ) finds that the Madera County Jail (jail) is being operated efficiently and productively.

Response

Respondent agrees with the finding per California Penal Code 933.05 (a) (1).

Finding 2:

The MCGJ finds that the jail is building two additional units to the facility to house Incarcerated Persons (Ips) with behavioral concerns.

Response

Respondent agrees with the finding per California Penal Code 933.05 (a) (1).

Recommendation 1:

The MCGJ recommends that the Sheriff continue with the current policies.

Response

Respondent agrees with the recommendation. Under separate cover, the Sheriff has responded to this recommendation and stated:

We are pleased to hear that the MCGJ finds that the jail is being operated efficiently and productively. While the Sheriff's Office does celebrate our success at the jail, we are continually looking toward the future. In September of 2026 we will be implementing the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CALAIM) program. CALAIM is a program to improve health outcomes and quality of life for Californians with complex needs such as homelessness and behavioral health challenges. This program will provide our incarcerated population with access to care and treatment for a variety of complex



medical and mental health conditions. In addition, it will also serve to connect them to continuing services upon their release from custody.

Recommendation 2:

The MCGJ recommends that the Sheriff continue with the renovation and building plans.

Response

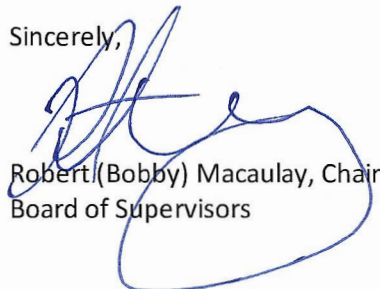
Respondent agrees with the recommendation. Under separate cover, the Sheriff has responded to this recommendation and stated:

The Sheriff's Office, our local criminal justice partners and social service stakeholders eagerly await the completion of our SB1022 mental health expansion. Once our expansion project is complete, we will have the capability to offer a more comprehensive suite of services to our incarcerated population who have specific, and often complex mental health needs. This includes development of a jail-based competency program which should significantly reduce the time misdemeanor mental health defendants spend in custody. The treatment received will also better prepare these defendants for release into the community.

I would like to thank the Grand Jury for their time and thorough evaluation of the Madera County Jail. We are committed to continuing our efforts to improve the facility and ensure the safety and well-being of both inmates and staff. Our current construction project has presented a significant operational challenge for the Madera County Jail. However, our current staff of correctional officers and support personnel have taken those challenges in stride, solving every challenge with calm, professionalism and creative innovation. They consistently serve the best interests of not only the County, but our incarcerated population. We are excited to implement CALAIM over the next year as well as completing our expansion project in the next 18-24 months.

The Board of Supervisors acknowledges the Grand Jury's review and time involved in this matter and appreciates the opportunity to respond to the findings and recommendations.

Sincerely,



Robert (Bobby) Macaulay, Chair
Board of Supervisors