



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

Tyson J. Pogue, Sheriff - Coroner



May 20, 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 Grand Jury Report #2526-01

In accordance with California Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, this correspondence serves as the Madera County Sheriff's response to the Madera County Grand Jury (MCGJ) report #2526-01.

I have carefully reviewed your inspection report and appreciate the thorough inspection and evaluation conducted by the Madera County Grand Jury on December 18, 2025. We acknowledge the findings and recommendations outlined in the report and offer the following responses:

F1. The Madera County Grand Jury (MCGJ) finds that the Madera County Jail (Jail is being operated efficiently and productively.

R1. The MCGJ recommends that the Sheriff continue with the current policies.

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.

F2. The Jail building two additional units to the facility to house incarcerated persons (IP's) with behavioral health concerns.

R2. The MCGJ recommends that the Sheriff's Office continue with renovation and building plans.

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.

We appreciate your dedicated service to the community and look forward to working together to address the findings and recommendations in your report.

Sincerely,



Tyson J. Pogue, Sheriff-Coroner

