

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
RESPONSE TO THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
GRAND JURY 2000-2001 INTERIM FINAL REPORT
"JUVENILE PROBATION"

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Finding 12: *The industrial kitchen is a resource that could serve for emergency meal preparation for staff and residents in this facility, in the nearby La Morada Sheriff's facility and in the Santa Barbara Main Jail. Emergency food supplies are available at the Food Bank of Santa Barbara County, a short distance from the Santa Barbara Juvenile Hall.*

Response to Finding: The Sheriff's Department disagrees with this finding. The Juvenile Hall kitchen is not an operational kitchen. Major appliances are not in working order. The kitchen is too small to provide the nearly 3,000 meals a day that would be required for the Main Jail. Since La Morada will no longer be housing inmates after September 2001, there is no need for a back-up kitchen for that facility.

Finding 15q: *Expanding the area from 12 to 15 picnic sites would put added oversight responsibility on the existing Forest Service staff and could create a need for additional Sheriff's Department law enforcement, which could be costly to the County."*

Response to Finding: The Sheriff's Department disagrees partially with the finding. The impact on law enforcement of adding three additional picnic sites remains to be seen. The U.S. Forest Service has the primary law enforcement jurisdiction in this area. If the addition of these picnic sites does lead to increased need for law enforcement services, then the U.S. Forest Service will need to respond by increasing their law enforcement staff, or increasing the number of Sheriff's Deputies for which they contract.

Finding 15r: *"Rocky Mountain Recreation Company employees (as any Forest Service concessionaire employees) are not sworn Peace Officers."*

Response to Finding: The Sheriff's Department agrees with the finding.

Finding 16: *In the event the First Crossing development goes forward as currently planned, the Sheriff's Department will need to augment its oversight of the enlarged picnic area.*

Response to Finding: The Sheriff's Department partially disagrees with this finding. If the development goes forward, and it results in an increase of law enforcement services, then it is incumbent upon the U.S. Forest Service to assure that this area is properly staffed to assure the safety of the public using the area.

Finding 17: *If recommendation 15c, 15d, and 15e do not result in assurances that the concerns expressed will be mitigated, additional County funds needed in the first year are estimated at from \$200,000 to \$240,000.*

Recommendation 17: *The Board of Supervisors should plan to allocate County funds to provide for*

- *Additional Sheriff's Department law enforcement on Paradise Road (estimated at \$60,000/year.)*

Response to Finding: Should there be an increased need for law enforcement services, then the U.S. Forest Service will need to increase its law enforcement presence or contract with the Sheriff's Department for additional services.