PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Superior Court – Building 321 3221 Cameron Park Dr. Cameron Park

Reason for the Report

The Grand Jury selected the Superior Court - Cameron Park as a general review for 2002/2003.

Scope of the Investigation

The members of the Grand Jury:

- Made unannounced visits to the Superior Court Cameron Park on December 12, 2002 and March 24, 2003;
- Toured the facilities and grounds with the Clerk and the Bailiff;
- Was briefed on the various judicial operations of the facility;
- Inspected the building and grounds;
- Spoke informally with various staff members;
- Reviewed previous Grand Jury reports and found no findings or recommendations for year's 1999/2000, 2000/2001 and 2001/2002.

Background

The building was constructed in 1982. The building served as a criminal court until January 2003 when it was converted for use as a civil court. This change was made to consolidate the criminal courts at the main courthouse in Placerville.

The landscaping appears modern and adequately maintained. The overall condition of the building is acceptable, however, there are some outstanding maintenance issues that need to be addressed as listed in the findings.

Findings

- F1. The prisoners' entrance door is rusting.
- F2. The prisoners' entrance wooden door frame is deteriorating.
- F3. The downspouts at rear of the building are not connected to the drainage field pipes.

- F4. The rain gutters are full of leaves and pine needles.
- F5. The HVAC vents/registers are dirty.
- F6. The courtroom ceiling tiles are water stained.
- F7. The courtroom and office area walls have cracks.
- F8. The drinking fountain fascia plate is improperly attached.

Recommendations

- R1. The prisoners' entrance door should be repaired and painted.
- R2. The prisoners' entrance door frame should be repaired.
- R3. The downspouts at rear of the building should be reconnected to the drainage field pipes.
- R4. The rain gutters should be cleaned.
- R5. The HVAC vents/registers should be periodically cleaned.
- R6. The source of the water staining the ceiling tiles of the courtroom should be investigated and repairs should be made.
- R7. The cracks in the courtroom and office area walls should be repaired.
- R8. The drinking fountain fascia plate should be properly reattached.

Responses Required for Findings

F1 through F8 El Dorado County Department of General Services
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