

El Dorado County Sheriff's Response

Case 21-03 Inspection of County Jails

Sheriff's Response to the Grand Jury Findings

- F1. South Lake Tahoe Jail** has not resumed Parenting Class that was suspended due to not having an instructor during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Sheriff agrees with this finding.

However, as of July 13, 2022, parenting class has resumed at the South Lake Tahoe Jail.

- F2. Placerville Jail has** not resumed the Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) classes that were suspended due to not having an instructor during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Sheriff agrees with this finding.

The Sheriff's Office is currently in discussions with El Dorado County Probation and El Dorado County Office of Education to resume the instruction of MRT in August 2022.

- F3. The two County Jails** inspected were well-maintained and appeared to be in working order and organized.

The Sheriff agrees with this finding.

Sheriff's Response to the Grand Jury Recommendations

- R1. South Lake Tahoe Jail should enlist or** hire an instructor or implement a temporary alternative to resume the Parenting Class by December 31, 2022.

The recommendation has been implemented.

Parenting Class at the South Lake Tahoe Jail was temporarily suspended due to not having an instructor. The Sheriff's Office recognizes how vital this class is for our inmates and was able to resume it on July 13, 2022.

- R2. Placerville Jail should** enlist or hire an instructor or implement a temporary alternative to resume the Moral Reconciliation Therapy classes by December 31, 2022.

The recommendation will be implemented.



August 7, 2022

John D'Agostini, Sheriff
El Dorado County Sheriff's Office
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RE: 2020/2022 BIENNIAL INSPECTION, PENAL CODE 6031, WELFARE & INSTITUTION CODE 209 OF EI DORADO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TYPE II JAIL/COURT HOLDING

Dear Sheriff D'Agostini:

The 2020/2022 biennial inspection of the El Dorado County Sheriff Office's Jail and Court Holding Facility has been completed. A pre-inspection briefing was held on January 20, 2022. The detention facilities were inspected on May 4, 2022, 2022. The following facilities were inspected:

JAIL

COURT HOLDING

Main Detention Facility (Placerville)
South Lake Tahoe Jail Facility

El Dorado County Court Holding

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 6031, these inspections were performed to determine compliance with the Minimum Standards for Local Detention Facilities as outlined in Titles 15 and 24, California Code of Regulations. In addition, BSCC staff conducted compliance monitoring pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 209(f) for the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) for the separation requirements of juveniles from incarcerated adults.

The complete Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) inspection report is enclosed and consists of the following: this transmittal letter; a Title 15 Procedures checklist, outlining applicable minimum standards for juvenile detention facilities; a Physical Plant Evaluation, outlining applicable Title 24 minimum standards¹; and the Living Area Space Evaluation (LASE), summarizing the physical plant configuration and outlining the rated capacity.

Please refer to the Title 15 Procedures Checklist for a summary of all relevant minimum standards, indication of compliance or noncompliance, and information used to determine compliance.

¹ Facilities are assessed against Title 24 requirements in place at the time of design or significant remodel to the jail area.

LOCAL INSPECTIONS

In addition to the biennial inspection by the BSCC, inspections are also required annually by the County Health Officer and biennially by the State Fire Marshal or an authorized representative (Health and Safety Code Sections 101045 and 13146.1). Please consider our report in conjunction with the reports from the County Health Officer and the respective fire authorities for a comprehensive perspective of your facilities. Local inspection reports are forwarded to your office under separate cover; the dates of these inspections are included below.

| FACILITY NAME | FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY | MEDICAL/MENTAL HEALTH | ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH | NUTRITIONAL HEALTH |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Main Detention Facility (Placerville) | 05/13/21 | 12/20/21 | 01/26/22 | 06/21/21 |
| South Lake Tahoe Jail Facility | 10/20/21 | 01/07/22 | 12/10/21 | 06/21/21 |
| El Dorado County Court Holding | 05/13/21 | 12/20/21 | 01/26/22 | NA |

INSPECTION SCOPE

The inspection consisted of a review of the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office Policy and Procedure Manual², a site visit to review operations, physical plant, relevant documentation, and interviews with administration, facility staff, people housed at the facility, and collaborative partners.

BSCC INSPECTION

Title 15, CCR Minimum Standards

Upon final review of all documentation, there are no outstanding items of noncompliance with Title 15 at the El Dorado County Jail Facility. No corrective action is required at this time. Please refer to the Procedures Checklist for detailed information.

Title 24, CCR Physical Plant

There were no changes made to the physical plant and your rated capacity remains at 461. Please see the Physical Plant Evaluation for more information.

There are no outstanding items of noncompliance with Title 24 minimum standards

Training

According to the most recent Standards and Training for Corrections audit, The El Dorado County Sheriff's Office is in compliance with all relevant regulations and mandates and mitigating circumstances if applicable.

² BSCC reviews only those policy and procedures required by, and applicable to, Title 15, CCR. BSCC staff do not "approve" policies and procedures or assess them for constitutional or legal issues. Agencies should seek review through their legal advisor, risk manager, and other persons deemed appropriate for such evaluation.

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) Compliance Monitoring

We reviewed the El Dorado County Jail Facilities and found no violations of the JJDP. Please refer to Title 15 Procedures checklist for detailed information.

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

On May 5, 2022, BSCC staff held an Exit Briefing with your staff. During that briefing, BSCC staff provided an overview of the biennial inspection and provided technical assistance and best practices. Because there were no noncompliance issues, your agency is not required to provide a Corrective Action Plan.

This concludes the 2020/2022 biennial inspection cycle report for the El Dorado County Correctional and Court Holding facilities. We want to express our gratitude to Compliance Captain Matthew Foxworthy and his staff for gathering the information needed during this inspection cycle. I am available to assist as needed and provide technical assistance when requested. I look forward to continuing to work together. Please do not hesitate to email me at matthew.schuler@bscc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: Presiding Judge, El Dorado County Superior Court*
Grand Jury, El Dorado County* Chair, Board of
Supervisors, El Dorado County* County Administrator,
El Dorado County*

**Copies of full inspection are available upon request or are available online at www.bscc.ca.gov.*