

**Sonoma County Probation Camp  
Inspection Report  
May 27, 2022**

**Submitted by Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC)  
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**Introduction.**

This facility is not currently occupied by youth. It is being used to house the same Sonoma County Regional Parks sign-making (graphic art) unit, in addition office space and much of the outbuilding space is occupied by the personnel and equipment of the Supervised Adult Crew of the Sonoma County Probation Department.

It is unclear at this time whether there will be any residents living there in the near future. Due to California SB 823, the DOJ is under re-organization which results in sending secure youth back to their County of Origin for the remainder of their term. As described by Chief Probation Officer David Koch at the JJC Meeting April 5, 2021, he has requested the “development of a rehabilitative plan for each youth incarcerated. For each youth to successfully evolve into law-abiding citizens and come out from the secure track equipped to be adults in the community.” He also said that “secure track is if a youth is committed to a secure track for 2 years, then Camp could be a place of transition” and “we usually work with them for about two years then send them to DJJ, this way there is not a lag time to get them into county services.”

Due to the uncertainty of when such a program may be implemented at Sonoma County Probation Camp, it was recommended that the facility remain in a regular inspection schedule. This inspection date was also utilized as a training exercise for new Commissioners and to provide them with a tour of the facility.

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**Inspection date: 5/27/2022**

Interview conducted with Superintendent/Director Melissa Segura

Last inspection date: 5/21/2021

Last Date of Occupancy: 12/31/2020.

Only W&I 602s were housed.

Facility capacity: 24 youth

**Youth Housing.** The dormitories were not occupied. Beds frames (24) were out and mattresses are available in storage. Dorm space is being used for storage. Posters with aspirational messages in English and Spanish and the likenesses of staff are now in display on walls in the living area.

**Bathrooms** were all clean and random tests showed fixtures all were functioning. No mold or mildew present. Floors were clean. Vents are present.

**Sleeping area** with outside exposure has venetian blinds on windows, installed for privacy at night. No windows are broken or cracked.

**Laundry and bathroom chemicals** are stored in separate room off laundry which is not accessible to residents. Washer and dryer present and appear in good condition.

**Security.** No report at this time.

There is a **TV room** which has also been used as the virtual learning classroom and for disseminating programming information. It is clean and in good condition.

**Hallways** are cleared. **Doors** are unlocked during the day except the one providing ingress/egress to the separated staff area. It has a security lock on both sides. Doors are locked at 7 p.m. Doors can only be locked from the inside.

**Education/Classroom.** The classroom on site is currently being used by Sonoma County Regional Parks as a place to design and make signs for use at parks. Probation Camp is hoping to eventually enter a partnership to allow residents to learn the skills being applied in this process.

The **vocational shop** which has equipment for teaching welding, metalwork and woodworking, fork-lift operation is clean and well organized. Safety precautions are in place. There are separated protected individual working areas where welding can be done.

The **grounds** include a garden outside. The grounds are tended to by a gardener who comes for a few hours per week.

There is a **quiet area** for study. It is in good shape. It doubles as a separate private interview room. Staff offices are separate. As stated above, private access is secured

The **kitchen** is not in use but is kept up during the closure. It is clean. There is plenty of freezer space available both inside the kitchen and outside in a locker. They are kept cold. All chemicals for the kitchen cleaning etc. are kept in a locked closet. The fully-equipped kitchen is not being used at this time. The appliances are checked regularly and kept fully operable.

Temperature in facility was appropriate. **Heating and air conditioning** are available.

There is a small medical exam room with examining table and locker for keeping meds for dispensing. A nurse would come out once a week to see anyone needing assistance. A doctor is available on call for appointments.

There is a mental health room furnished with couches for use by a family therapist to see individual or families by appointment.

All premises were clean.

There are outbuildings which house a chef's office for the catering program, wood shop, metal shop and a welding shop for instructional programming for residents and for now for production of various products such as wooden picnic tables, pallets, and signposts for use by County Parks as well as in sales to public consumers.

One of the supervisors of the work areas was present. He and his partner are responsible for maintaining the equipment and the safety protocols. All areas were clean and well lit. There were six fire extinguishers which are readily available. There was an eye wash station available. There were helmets and eye protection goggles available for any users of equipment.

There are signs of wear in the insulation lining the ceiling of the welding workshop. This is one of a few things on a "to do" list which will be undertaken once it is determined that there is a determination of how the Camp will be utilized.