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Reference: Follow-Up Response by Sheriff-Coroner Robert T. Doyle to the Implementation Review Committee in Regards to the 2013-2014 Civil Grand Jury Report Entitled, "Recycling by the Marin County Government; Walking the Talk"

At your request, I offer a follow-up response to the 2013 – 2014 Civil Grand Jury Report entitled "Recycling by the Marin County Government; Walking the Talk". Below you will find my response from April 4, 2014, and my follow-up response to our pilot program as you requested.

Recommendations April 4, 2014:

Recommendation 7: The Marin County Jail work with Marin Sanitary to develop a system to compost post-consumer food waste from the Jail.

Recommendation 7 has been implemented. Administrative staff at the Marin County Jail has met with staff from the Marin Sanitary Service on three separate occasions and have implemented a trial project to recycle food waste in one of the pods. Initially, the challenges and concerns centered on the logistics of collection and sorting the waste. Plans are to secure more collection receptacles and to implement this throughout the Jail by July 1, 2014.

Response to Pilot Project:

Follow-Up to Recommendation 7: The Marin County Jail collaborated with Marin Sanitary Service to develop a system to compost post-consumer food waste from the Jail.

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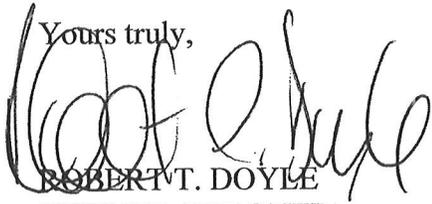
Staff diligently attempted to successfully implement this pilot project in partnership with Marin Sanitary Service. We quickly discovered that our original concerns regarding the receptacles available for this program were true and the receptacles available were not adequate. Staff could not safely collect any food waste with the original receptacles provided. Staff met with representatives of the Marin Sanitary Service again and invited their staff to the Marin County Jail. They then provided them with a "hands on" presentation displaying the challenges they were currently facing in collecting food waste. After meeting with Marin Sanitary Service, they were unable to provide any reasonable solutions to our concerns. However, they sent us the only receptacle they had available to collect food waste. This container was very similar to the one we originally planned to use. It was soon discovered that it was not a feasible means to collect food waste in a custodial setting.

The container that was provided by Marin Sanitary Service was an open topped container that could not be secured or sealed to prevent leaking or spillage if the container was knocked over or thrown by an inmate. These issues are major concern for the safety, security and sanitation of the Marin County Jail.

Staff also considered the logistics of storing food waste at the Jail prior to pick up and have not found a practical or economical way to handle this waste.

Even though we have not successfully implemented this program at this time, we continue to explore potential resources to successfully implement and develop a system to compost consumer food waste from the Jail. As stated before, we are committed to making recycling a priority for the Marin County Jail in future years.

Yours truly,



ROBERT T. DOYLE
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