



April 22, 2026

Kelly Vernon, Chief Probation Officer  
Tulare County Probation Department  
3241 West Noble Avenue  
Visalia, CA 93277

**RE: RECEIPT AND APPROVAL OF CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN PURSUANT TO WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 209 (d)**

Dear Chief Vernon,

A Targeted Inspection of the Tulare County Probation Department Juvenile Facilities was conducted from April 8 through April 10, 2026. Your agency was provided with an Initial Inspection Report (IIR) on April 13, 2026, for noncompliance with Title 15, with a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) due June 12, 2026.

We received your CAP on April 22, 2026, addressing the identified issue. According to the CAP, the department took immediate steps to correct the area of noncompliance and has now completed all corrective actions. The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) staff will schedule a reinspection to verify that the corrective actions were completed before the statutory maximum resolution date of July 21, 2026.

Please note that while I have reviewed and approved of your agency's CAP, final approval will be determined by the BSCC Board during its June 25, 2026, meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Field Representative Eric Raley at [Eric.Raley@bscc.ca.gov](mailto:Eric.Raley@bscc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

STEVEN WICKLANDER  
Deputy Director  
Facilities Standards and Operations Division

Cc: Eric Raley, Field Representative, BSCC  
Presiding Judge, Tulare County Juvenile Court\*  
Chair, Juvenile Justice Commission, Tulare County\*  
Chair, Board of Supervisors, Tulare County\*  
County Administrator, Tulare County\*



April 21, 2026

Eric Raley, Field Representative – Facilities Standards and Operations  
Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC)  
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Sacramento, CA 95833

Subject: BSCC Corrective Action Plan Title 15 §1354.5 Room Confinement

Mr. Raley,

Between April 8, 2026, and April 10, 2026, you inspected the Tulare County Probation Department's Juvenile Detention Facility which includes the Juvenile Hall, Camps, and the Secure Youth Treatment Facility. I have reviewed the BSCC Initial Inspection Reports and the needed corrections.

The inspection reports for the facility identified the following area of non-compliance:

### **1. Title 15 Section 1354 Room Confinement**

The following information outlines the specific issues relative to the non-compliance findings and the department's corrective action plan to bring the facilities into compliance with BSCC guidelines and standards.

#### **SECTION 1354 Room Confinement**

##### **NON-COMPLIANCE**

During the inspection, multiple dates during the inspection period were identified whereupon some of the youth on a unit remained in their locked rooms while other youth on the unit were out of their rooms; then those youth in their rooms rotated out to the unit while those youth who had been out on the unit were locked in their rooms.

This was attributed in documentation and interviews to the use of "Split Programming" which was being used to keep youth separate due to tension between various youth on the unit. Additional

documentation reviewed used phrases such as “behavior split”, “on a two-way behavior split”, and “on split schedule”. This also resulted in multiple occasions of youth in the unit eating their meals in their locked rooms, rather than eating meals out on the unit, keeping groups of youth separate from other groups of youth.

This constitutes room confinement; however, no documentation was provided indicating the youth in their rooms were on room confinement or that the criteria necessary to meet regulatory requirements for room confinement, such as less restrictive attempts or administrative approval, had been met.

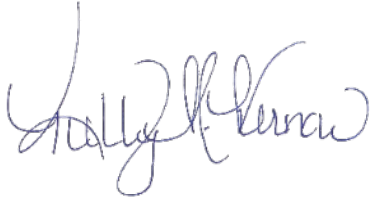
### **CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN – JUVENILE HALL, CAMPS, AND SECURE YOUTH TREATMENT FACILITY (SYTF)**

The Tulare County Juvenile Detention Facility respectfully submits this Corrective Action Plan in response to the finding of noncompliance with Title 15, Section 1354.5 regarding room confinement procedures. To address this matter, the Juvenile Detention Facility took following steps:

- On April 10, 2026, all Institution Supervisors were directed to read and acknowledged Title 15, Section 1354.5, Room Confinement. All signed acknowledgments were collected by April 15, 2026.
- Facility Supervising Probation Officers provided in-person training regarding room confinement to the Institution Supervisors, on April 15, 2026.
- All Probation Correctional Officers and Deputy Probation Officers received a written briefing covering Title 15 1354, Separation and 1354.5, Room Confinement. All signed acknowledgements are due on April 24, 2026.
- On April 10, 2026, the Supervising Probation Officer assigned to the Juvenile Detention Facilities Operations was tasked with oversight and compliance in the use of room confinement and split programming, as authorized by Institution Supervisors. Daily audits will be conducted to ensure ongoing adherence.
- The department immediately took these steps to correct our areas of non-compliance.

The Juvenile Detention Facility is committed to complying with Title 15, Section 1354 and our team has been ensuring full compliance since April 10, 2026.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kelly Vernon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kelly" and last name "Vernon" clearly distinguishable.

Kelly Vernon, Chief Probation Officer