August 8, 2023

Jim Hart, Sheriff
Santa Cruz Sheriff's Department
259 Water Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ - BLAINE STREET WOMENS FACILITY, TYPE II, BSCC #5320

Dear Sheriff Hart,

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) staff conducted an onsite physical plant inspection of the Blaine Street Women's Facility on Thursday, May 4, 2023.

The purpose of this inspection was to review and verify compliance with applicable Title 24, California Code of Regulations, Minimum Standards for the Blaine Street facility that was unoccupied in 2020 and will potentially be reoccupied this year.

During our review, we found no issues of noncompliance with applicable 1980 Title 24 minimum standards. The rated capacity of this facility remains at 32. The facility will be reviewed for continued compliance with applicable Title 15 and Title 24 minimum standards at each biennial inspection cycle site visit.

We appreciate your commitment to operating safe and secure detention facilities in compliance with the California Code of Regulations and encourage you to assemble an internal audit comprised of a multi-disciplinary team to assess suicide hazards and ligature points in this facility. Should you have any questions or concerns relating to this inspection, please contact me directly at (916) 322-8081 or by e-mail at kim.moule@bscc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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