

FOLLOW UP REPORT TO 2019-2020 KINGS COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT ON CALIFORNIA SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACILITY AND STATE PRISON AT CORCORAN

April 7, 2023

SUMMARY

The current 2022-2023 Kings County Grand Jury (KCGJ) is following up on the 2019-2020 Grand Jury report regarding tripping hazards for staff on their way to and from their work areas at The California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility & State Prison at Corcoran (CSATF). The current KCGJ wanted to see what the status is of the recommendations that were made by the 2019-2020 KCGJ.

BACKGROUND

CSATF is one of three state prisons within Kings County. As of the date of this report, it houses approximately 4744 inmates and employs approximately 1781 custodial and civilian employees. CSATF provides a workplace that has significant foot traffic, which includes approximately 2.5 miles of walkways. The mission of CSATF is to protect the public by safely and securely supervising adult offenders, providing effective rehabilitation, treatment, and integrating offenders successfully into the community. The Institution Annual Operating Budget as of February 22, 2023, was \$434,836,316.00 and the Medical Annual Operating Budget was \$93,000,000.00.

Public Interest and Staff Safety is the driving factors into this follow up report.

METHODOLOGY

The 2022-2023 KCGJ Law and Public Safety Committee conducted an on-sight follow-up inspection on the noted tripping hazards to include walkways and identified raised asphalt locations. Photographs were taken of all the noted hazards and repairs completed.

Plant Operations Manager was interviewed and stated walkway maintenance and repair was included in the budget as suggested from the 2019-2020 KCGJ past report.

An Employee Report to Supervisor of Injury/Illness CDCR 3066 form (Form 3066) was reviewed which included a section on the form listed as (Location where the incident occurred). This section was to be completed by the injured employee. Return to Work department was interviewed on the training for employees filling out the Form 3066. KCGJ was informed all Supervisors received the training on the completion of the Form 3066 and provided training in completion of the form. Return to Work Department Staff stated the location area listed on the form which caused an injury was reviewed at a monthly safety briefing. This briefing was conducted on the following month and not after the time of injury. It should be noted upon conducting an exit interview with the new Acting

Warden, he stated a Safety Officer should be reviewing the area after the time of injury and mentioned this process would be reviewed to ensure the procedure was being followed or it would be corrected.

2020-2023 injury report was reviewed showing eight staff injuries resulting from some type of tripping or falling accident. Only one listed was due to uneven pavement which happened in front of Complex II. The report showing the area of injury was still vague and was not precise to the location or cause of the trip / fall accident.

## DISCUSSION

The 2022-2023 KCGJ conducted interviews and visual inspection of past tripping hazards to see whether the Grand Jury's recommendations were followed.

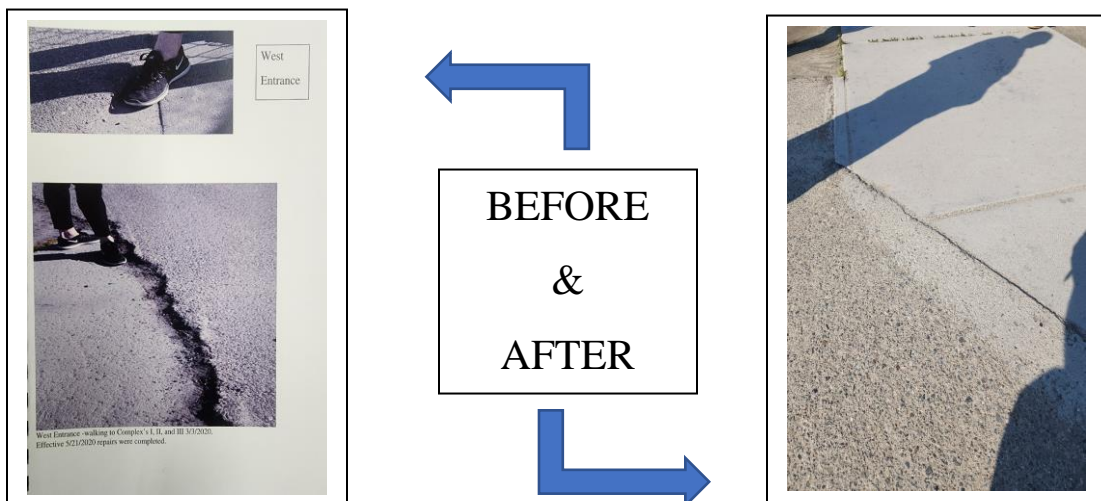
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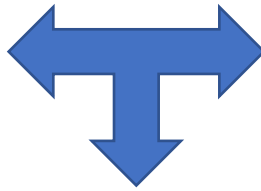
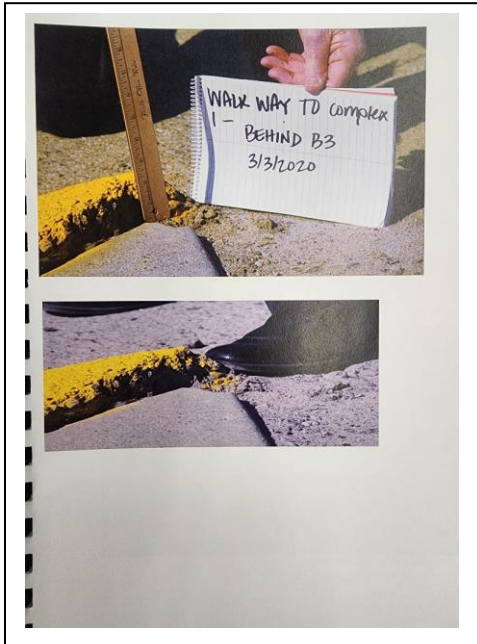
1. SATF to continue repairs and safety marking of all walkways with raised asphalt causing a tripping hazard.
2. Plant Operations department should include line items in their budget for walkway maintenance and repairs.
3. Training for the employees on how to properly fill out Form 3066 regarding the work area, including the specific location and alert the Plant Operations department per policy and procedures.

## FINDINGS

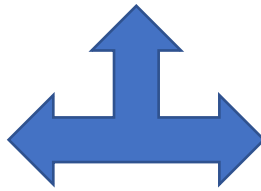
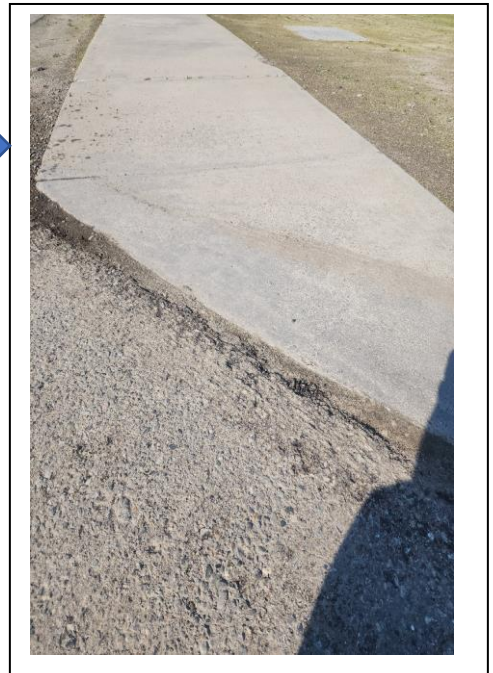
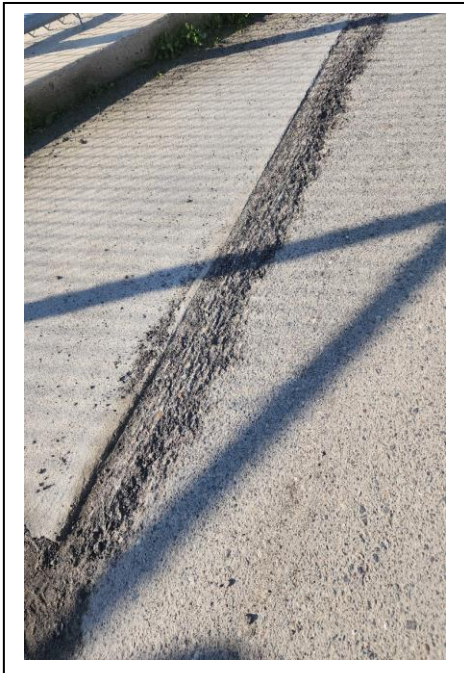
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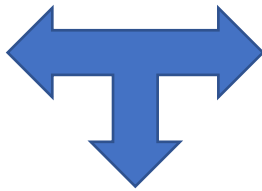
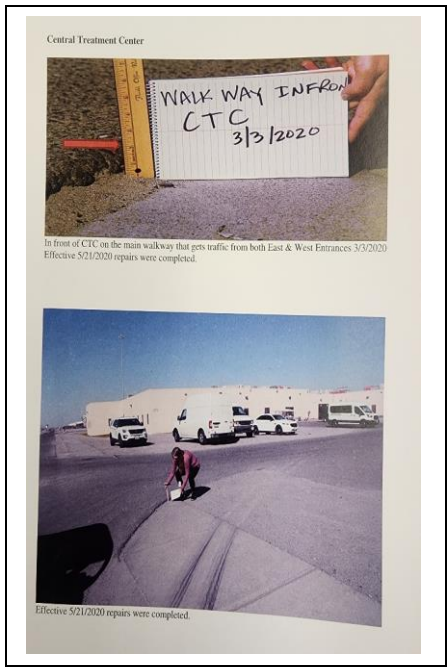
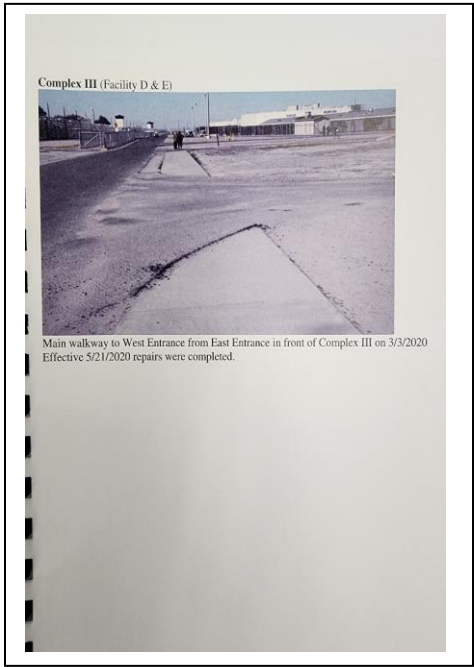
All identified tripping hazards were repaired by grinding down raised asphalt in some areas and placing down new concrete where needed.



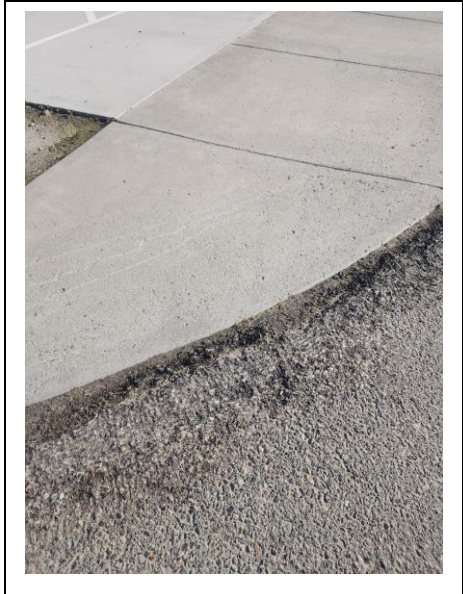
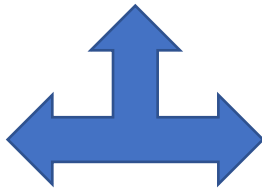
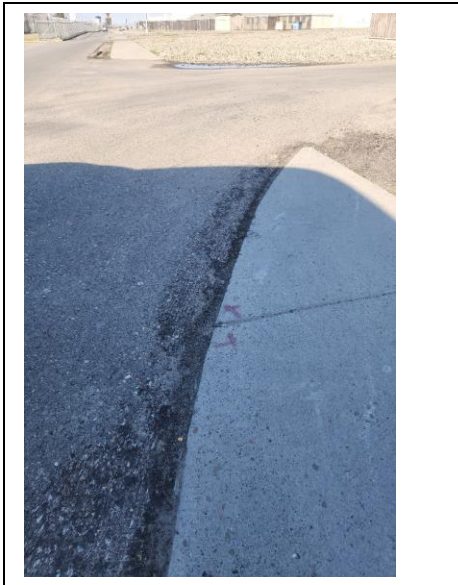


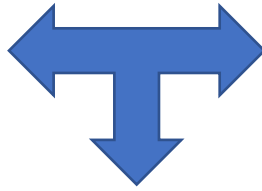
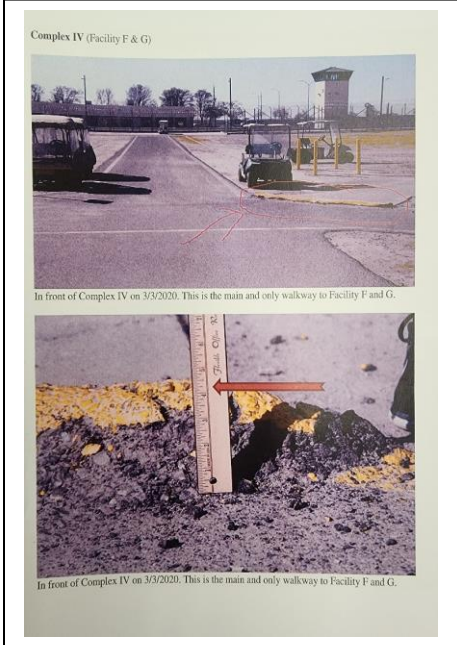
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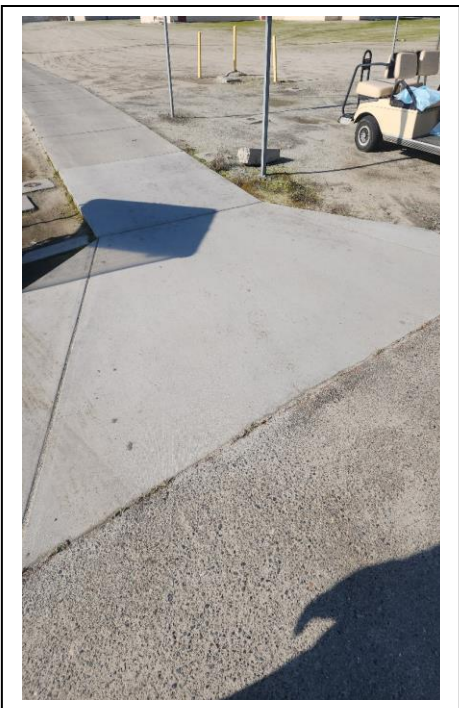
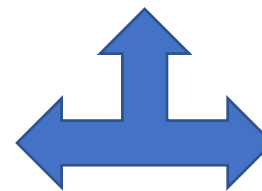
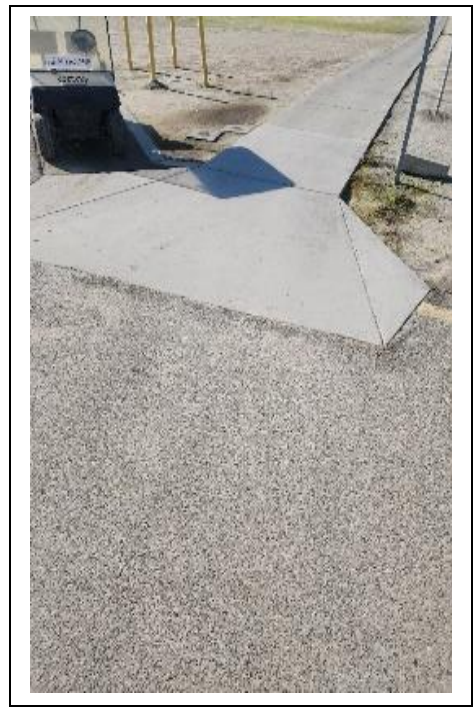


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## Finding #2

Plant Operations have included walkway maintenance and repairs to their budget as stated by the Plant Operations Manager.

## Finding #3

Plant Operations were notified of the area causing a tripping or falling accident, but the specific location was not listed, and notification was not done in a timely manner. The Form 3066 although listed and completed was still vague and not precise to the specific location causing the tripping or falling.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### Recommendation #1

Continue repairs to all walkways and raised asphalt locations when identified as a walking hazard.

### Recommendation #2

Continue to include walkway repairs to Plant Operations yearly budget.

### Recommendation #3

Have injured employee provide specific location of tripping or falling accident on Form 3066 for Safety Officer to locate and identify in order to notify Plant Operations of the hazard for marking and timely repairs.

## REQUIRED RESPONSES

California Penal Code § 933 (c), provides in part: “No later than 90 days after the Grand Jury Submits a final report on the operations of any public agency subject to its reviewing authority, the governing body of the public agency shall comment to the presiding judge of the superior court on the findings and recommendations pertaining to matters under the control of the governing body, and every elected county officer or agency head for which the Grand Jury had responsibility pursuant to Section 914.1 shall comment within 60 days to the presiding judge of the superior court...”

California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility and State Prison, Warden

## INVITED RESPONSE

California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility and State Prison, Public Information Officer

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