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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM:  Donald H. Blevins
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SUBJECT: CAMP ROCKEY FREE-ROAMING CATS

As previously reported, on August 3, 2011, Camp Rockey was evacuated due to a flea infestation problem caused by free-roaming cats. The camp has always had free-roaming cats within proximity to the camp and on the camp grounds.

Although free-roaming cats have been associated with the accumulation of fecal cat material and the potential risk of disease, such issues had not been identified as problems at Camp Rockey until now. Within the last three months, the free-roaming cat population has increased and has resulted in the current flea infestation at the Camp.

In response to the public health and safety risk associated with both the free-roaming cats and flea infestation, Probation's Management Services Bureau is humanely capturing the cats. All captured cats will be transported to the County's Department of Animal Care and Control.

The Department will continue to work closely with Animal Care and Control and Public Health to protect the health and safety of our minors and camp staff, and to ensure that the cats are treated humanely.

Should you have any question, please contact Tanya Fields at (562) 940-2825 or Alberto Ramirez at (562) 940-3554.

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