

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
Facility Planning, Construction and Management  
Facilities Management Division  
Environmental Planning Section

**Public Notice Announcement**

**Release of the Draft Environmental Impact Report  
for the proposed Northern California Reentry Facility and  
DeWitt Nelson Youth Correctional Facility Conversion  
San Joaquin County, California  
SCH #2008022133**

**What's Being Planned:** The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has released for public review the DEIR for the proposed Northern California Reentry Facility (NCRF) and DeWitt Nelson Youth Correctional Facility Conversion (DeWitt Nelson). The NCRF/DeWitt Nelson EIR will address both proposals equally at a project level of environmental analysis.

**NCRF**

The proposed NCRF project involves the renovation and reuse of the former women's correctional facility. The project would consist of a 500-bed secure reentry facility for adult male inmates that are scheduled for parole to San Joaquin County, Amador County, and Calaveras County. The proposed conversion would involve construction of a new 16,500 square foot medical building, as well as renovation of existing buildings for facility program support services, dining and receiving, family visiting, academic and vocational education, and miscellaneous support services. Perimeter security would be enhanced to include a lethal electrified fence and three armed perimeter guard towers. Other improvements include the construction, repair, or replacement of the boundary line fencing, roads, parking, outer perimeter landscaping, inmate recreation yard improvements, site grading, site lighting, storm drainage improvements, and extension of utilities to each building.

**DEWITT NELSON**

The proposed DeWitt Nelson project involves the conversion and reuse of the existing DeWitt Nelson facility to a semi-autonomous adult facility that would serve mental health and medical health care needs for approximately 1,133 adult male inmates. The project would include housing, programming, healthcare facilities, inmate visiting and some support facilities. In addition, a proposed firing range would be located south of the DeWitt Nelson boundary near the existing detention basin just north of the landfill. Additional stormwater storage facilities may be developed near the existing detention basin. Access to the DeWitt Nelson site would be at the entrance on Austin Road to be developed for the California Health Care Facility (CHCF), a fully authorized project adjacent to the DeWitt Nelson site. Depending on the final construction plans all or a portion of the existing buildings may be renovated, modified, or removed and replaced. The adjoining CHCF project is expected to provide primary administration and support services for the proposed DeWitt Nelson facility.

**CALIFORNIA HEALTH CARE FACILITY (CHCF)**

On October 2009, the CHCF became a fully authorized project by the State Public Works Board under the provisions of AB 900. On August 2, 2010, the City of Stockton, County of San Joaquin, Stockton Chamber of Commerce, CDCR, and California Prison Healthcare Receivership Corporation (CPR) signed an agreement settling litigation brought jointly by the City, County, and Chamber against the EIR for the CHCF project. Initial construction activities are expected to begin on the CHCF site in fall 2010. Certain elements of the "CHCF Settlement Agreement" will affect aspects of the NCRF and DeWitt Nelson projects including, but not limited to, the planned extension of water service that would benefit all three projects, local traffic improvements to Arch and Austin Roads, potential annexation of the project properties to the City of Stockton, and the implementation of the CHCF Local Hire Outreach Plan and Citizens Advisory Committee provisions. The settlement provisions are included within the baseline for analysis for the two projects.

**Project Location:** The project site is less than two miles east of State Route 99 (SR 99) in unincorporated central San Joaquin County, immediately southeast of the Stockton city limits. It is approximately six miles northeast of Tracy, and 15 miles south of Lodi. SR 99 provides regional access to the site.

The NCRF project site is located on 134 acres of state-owned property adjacent to the northeast corner of the Northern California Youth Correctional Center (NCYCC). The NCRF site is immediately north of the 1,734-bed CHCF project (approved October 2009) that will be constructed on the grounds of the NCYCC at the former Karl Holton facility. Arch Road provides direct access to the site.

The DeWitt Nelson project site is located on 70 acres directly south of the CHCF project site and is currently accessed from Newcastle Road. The DeWitt Nelson project site and the CHCF project site would have a contiguous boundary.

**Probable Environmental Effects:** The EIR identifies significant environmental effects from the project related to the following topics or resource areas: Agricultural Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Paleontological Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Transportation, and Visual Resources. The DEIR also identifies significant cumulative impacts related to Agricultural Resources, Air Quality, Greenhouse Gases, and Noise (construction-related). The DEIR identifies significant unavoidable impacts would remain for Agricultural Resources (loss of Important Farmland), Air Quality, Transportation, and Greenhouse Gases.

The site is not contained on any of the lists of sites (Cortese List) enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

**Where You Come In:** As lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CDCR is releasing the DEIR for public review and comments. The DEIR examines the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project, the existing environment that could be affected by the project, potential impacts from the project, and measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts to the natural environment. Two public hearings on the DEIR will be held at the following time and location:

**DATE: Wednesday, November 3, 2010**

**TIME: 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM**

**PLACE: San Joaquin Council of Governments building, 555 E. Weber Avenue, Stockton, CA 95202.**

**Where to Review the Environmental Document and Provide Comments:** The DEIR is available for a 45-day public review period from **October 11, 2010 to November 29, 2010**. A copy of the document is available on-line at:

[http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Reports\\_Research/Environmental/index.html](http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Reports_Research/Environmental/index.html)

In addition to public testimony, formal comments regarding the DEIR may be submitted in writing at the public hearing, via mail, fax, or e-mail any time during the public review period. Written comments regarding the scope and content of information in the DEIR, or any questions regarding the DEIR should be submitted no later than **November 29, 2010**. Comments may be sent to:

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Responses to comments received during the public review period will be included in the Final EIR.

Copies of the DEIR are also available for public review at the following locations:

Clerk-Recorder, Amador County  
810 Court Street  
Jackson, CA 95642

Clerk-Recorder, Calaveras County  
891 Mountain Ranch Road  
San Andreas, CA 95249

City Clerk, Stockton City Hall  
425 N. El Dorado Street  
Stockton, CA 95202

San Joaquin County Clerk  
Pacific State Bank Building  
6 South El Dorado Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Stockton, CA 95202

San Joaquin County Library  
605 N. El Dorado Street  
Stockton, CA 95202

Individuals who require special accommodations (American Sign Language Interpreter, special seating, documents in alternative formats, etc) are asked to contact Roxanne Henriquez, at (916) 255-3010 at least 10 days prior to the public hearings to help ensure availability. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at 711.

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