

## NEGATIVE DECLARATION

**Project:** Health Care Facility Improvement Project for the Richard J. Donovan (RJD) Correctional Facility, San Diego, California (SCH No. 2013041065)

**Lead Agency:** California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

**Project Description:** The proposed project includes renovations and additions to existing health care facilities, the construction of small new facilities, and associated infrastructure improvements, all within the developed area of RJD. Specifically, the project includes construction of a new primary care and mental health clinic, a new pharmacy, and a new health care administration building totaling approximately 20,000 square feet of new building space. The project also includes interior renovations (approximately 13,000 square feet) and additions (approximately 9,000 square feet) for medication rooms, a primary care clinic, and central health services. All construction would be consistent in character, design, and height with other existing buildings and would not exceed one story. No high-mast lighting would be installed as part of the project. The project does not include any new beds and would not increase inmate capacity. One additional employee would be hired, primarily for maintenance. The project would not result in expansion of the existing secure perimeter. The project would include minor upgrades to the existing electrical system to serve the new and expanded buildings.

The RJD project would remedy deficiencies in its health care delivery through renovation of existing health care facilities and construction of new health care facilities. These improvements would provide the necessary facility infrastructure to support a timely and effective medical care delivery system at RJD.

**Environmental Findings:** An Initial Study was prepared to assess the significance of the project's potential impacts on the environment. Based on the Initial Study, and due to environmental protection features that CDCR has committed to before release of the proposed ND and IS for public review, in light of the whole record, CDCR finds that the project will not have substantial adverse effects on the environment and no mitigation is necessary. This conclusion is supported by the following findings:

- The proposed project would have no impact to agricultural and forest resources, land use and planning, or recreation.
- The proposed project would have less-than-significant impacts on aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, transportation/traffic, and utilities and service systems.

Questions or comments regarding this ND and IS may be addressed to:

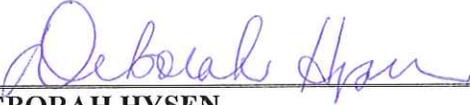
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After comments are received from the public and reviewing agencies, CDCR may (1) adopt the ND and approve the proposed project, (2) undertake additional environmental studies, or (3) disapprove the project. If the project is approved, CDCR may proceed with implementation of the project.

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Pursuant to Section 21082.1 of the California Environmental Quality Act, CDCR has independently reviewed and analyzed the IS and ND for the proposed project and finds that the IS and ND reflect the independent judgment of CDCR.

I hereby approve this project:



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Date

Deputy Director

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