

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
Public Notice Announcement

Release of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Level II Infill Correctional Facilities Project

In accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has released for public review a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Level II Infill Correctional Facilities Project. The proposed project would provide a total of 2,376 new low-security inmate beds. These beds would be provided through the construction of a combination of two or three facilities. The proposed project is authorized by Senate Bill (SB) 1022, Statutes of 2012. SB 1022 directs CDCR to locate these facilities on available land within seven intermediate care prisons. Within the properties associated with these seven prisons, there are five potential development sites that can accommodate a 792-bed facility or, in some cases, a 1,584-bed facility.

In compliance with the provisions of SB 1022, CDCR has proposed construction of a 792-bed facility within the grounds of Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility (RJD) in southern San Diego County and a 1,584-bed facility within the grounds of Mule Creek State Prison (MCSP) in Lone, California. The DEIR also analyzes the potential construction of the SB 1022 level II beds at the other three alternative sites including the California Institution for Men (CIM) in Chino, California; a site situated between California State Prison, Solano (SOL) and the California Medical Facility (CMF) in Vacaville, California; and a site situated between Folsom State Prison (FSP) and California State Prison, Sacramento (SAC) in Folsom, California.

Four of the five sites identified in SB 1022 have been evaluated at an equal, project-level analysis in the DEIR. The fifth site associated with CIM has been evaluated as an alternative within the DEIR, but not at an equal-level as the proposed project. The potential use of CIM for a new level II facility would require additional detailed engineering to affirm if modifications to the existing water treatment system (including adequacy of supply, storage and distribution) and the wastewater treatment system would be necessary. The time needed to conduct such studies would require a longer schedule than can be feasibly accommodated within the established prison activation date provided in SB 1022. If CDCR were to consider selection of CIM for development a level II infill correctional facility, additional analysis of potential environmental impacts would be required.

In addition to the proposed construction of new level II beds at existing CDCR prisons, Section 16 of SB 1022 directs CDCR to cease operations of the California Rehabilitation Center in Norco (CRC) by December 31, 2016. No modifications to any of the structures within the grounds of CRC are authorized by this legislation or are anticipated by the lead agency once the closure of this facility is completed.

Environmental Effects

The DEIR identifies significant environmental effects from the project as required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Significant and unavoidable impacts associated with the proposed project (a 792-bed facility at RJD and a 1,584-bed facility at MCSP) were identified for air quality and transportation; and, there would be a cumulatively significant impact on greenhouse gas emissions.

Public Review Period

The DEIR is available for a 45-day public review period until **August 8, 2013**. The DEIR is available online at <http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/FPCM/Environmental.html>. Written comments regarding the scope and content of information in the DEIR, or any other questions regarding the DEIR should be submitted no

later than **August 8, 2013**. Comments may be sent to: CDCR, Office of Facility Planning, Construction and Management, 9838 Old Placerville Road, Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95827; or submitted via email: [CDCR\\_infill@ascentenvironmental.com](mailto:CDCR_infill@ascentenvironmental.com).

Copies of the DEIR are available for public review during regular business hours at the CDCR offices at 9838 Old Placerville Road, Suite B in Sacramento, CA 95817 and at the following locations:

- Cal Aero Preserve Academy Branch Library (15850 Main Street, Chino, CA 91708)
- Chino Branch Library (13180 Central Avenue, Chino, CA 91710)
- Folsom Public Library (411 Stafford Street, Folsom, CA 95630)
- Lone Branch Library (25 East Main Street, Lone, CA 95640)
- James S. Thalman Chino Hills Branch Library (14020 City Center Drive, Chino Hills, CA 91709)
- Otay Ranch Branch Library (2015 Birch Road #409, Chula Vista, CA 91915)
- San Ysidro Library (101 W. San Ysidro Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92173)
- Vacaville Public Library – Cultural Center (1020 Ulatis Drive, Vacaville, CA 95688)
- Vacaville Public Library – Town Square (1 Town Square Place, Vacaville, CA 95688)

CDCR will also be conducting a series of public hearings during public review of the DEIR. In response to the geographic span of the proposed project, public hearings have been scheduled at the following locations and times:

- ▲ In the Folsom area, two meetings will be held on July 17, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630.
- ▲ In the Lone area, two meetings will be held on July 29, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Evalynn Bishop Hall, 600 South Church Street, Lone, CA 95640.
- ▲ In the Norco area, two meetings will be held on July 23, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the City of Norco City Council Chambers, 2870 Clark Avenue, Norco, CA 92860.
- ▲ In the San Diego area, two meetings will be held on July 22, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the City of Chula Vista City Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910.
- ▲ In the Vacaville area, two meetings will be held on August 1, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the City of Vacaville City Council Chambers, 650 Merchant Street, Vacaville, CA 95688.

