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 11 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 12 AND THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 13 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT COMPOSED OF THREE JUDGES
 14 PURSUANT TO SECTION 2284, TITLE 28 UNITED STATES CODE

15 **RALPH COLEMAN, et al.,**
 16 Plaintiffs,
 17 v.
 18 **EDMUND G. BROWN JR., et al.,**
 19 Defendants.
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THREE-JUDGE COURT

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 22 Plaintiffs,
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C01-1351 JST
THREE-JUDGE COURT
**DEFENDANTS' NOVEMBER 2017
 STATUS REPORT IN RESPONSE TO
 FEBRUARY 10, 2014 ORDER**

1 The State submits this status report on the current in-state and out-of-state adult prison
 2 populations and the measures being taken to comply with the Court's February 10, 2014 Order
 3 Granting in Part and Denying in Part Defendants' Request for Extension of December 31, 2013
 4 Deadline (February 10, 2014 Order). Exhibit A sets forth the current design bed capacity,
 5 population, and population as a percentage of design bed capacity for each state prison and for all
 6 state prisons combined. Exhibit B sets forth the status of the measures Defendants have
 7 implemented as required by the February 10, 2014 Order. (ECF 2766/5060 at ¶¶ 4-5.)

8 In 2016, CDCR activated 2,376 infill beds and corresponding administrative and health
 9 care support facilities at Mule Creek State Prison and Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility.
 10 (See Ex. B.) The parties are currently engaged in the Court-ordered meet-and-confer process to
 11 reach an agreement on how such capacity should be counted for purposes of determining
 12 compliance with the Court's population reduction order. (*Id.*) As of November 8, 2017, 115,300
 13 inmates were housed in the State's 34 adult institutions and 4,348 inmates were housed in out-of-
 14 state facilities.¹ (Ex. A.) The State's prison population is approximately 135.5% of design
 15 capacity if the 2,376 infill beds are counted at 137.5%, and approximately 136.5% of design
 16 capacity if the 2,376 infill beds are counted at 100%. (Ex. A.)

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 18 Dated: November 15, 2017

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 28 ¹ The data in Exhibit A is taken from CDCR's November 8, 2017 weekly population report,
 available on CDCR's Web site at [http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Reports_Research/
 Offender_Information_Services_Branch/Population_Reports.html](http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Reports_Research/Offender_Information_Services_Branch/Population_Reports.html).

Exhibit A

Population as of November 8, 2017

Institution	Design Capacity*	Actual Population	Population as % of design capacity*
Total housed in adult institutions ¹	85,083	115,300	135.5%
Total housed in camps		3,506	
Total housed out of state		4,348	
Individual CDCR Institutions - Men			
Avenal State Prison	2,920	3,873	132.6%
California State Prison, Calipatria	2,308	3,741	162.1%
California Correctional Center**	3,883	4,398	113.3%
California Correctional Institution	2,783	3,839	137.9%
California State Prison, Centinela	2,308	3,514	152.3%
California Health Care Facility, Stockton	2,951	2,334	79.1%
California Institution for Men	2,976	3,575	120.1%
California Men's Colony	3,838	4,105	107.0%
California Medical Facility	2,361	2,570	108.9%
California State Prison, Corcoran	3,116	3,111	99.8%
California Rehabilitation Center	2,491	2,579	103.5%
Correctional Training Facility	3,312	5,013	151.4%
Chuckawalla Valley State Prison	1,738	2,817	162.1%
Deuel Vocational Institution	1,681	2,332	138.7%
Folsom State Prison	2,066	2,461	119.1%
High Desert State Prison	2,324	3,500	150.6%
Ironwood State Prison	2,200	3,000	136.4%
Kern Valley State Prison	2,448	3,702	151.2%
California State Prison, Los Angeles	2,300	3,431	149.2%
Mule Creek State Prison	3,284	3,748	114.1%
North Kern State Prison	2,694	4,547	168.8%
Pelican Bay State Prison	2,380	2,482	104.3%
Pleasant Valley State Prison	2,308	2,820	122.2%
RJ Donovan Correctional Facility	2,992	3,955	132.2%
California State Prison, Sacramento	1,828	2,119	115.9%
California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility, Corcoran	3,424	5,747	167.8%
Sierra Conservation Center**	3,936	4,394	111.6%
California State Prison, Solano	2,610	3,748	143.6%
California State Prison, San Quentin	3,082	4,036	131.0%
Salinas Valley State Prison	2,452	3,543	144.5%
Valley State Prison	1,980	3,572	180.4%
Wasco State Prison	2,984	4,959	166.2%
Individual CDCR Institutions - Women			
Central California Women's Facility	2,004	2,971	148.3%
California Institution for Women**	1,398	1,858	132.9%
Folsom Women's Facility	403	412	102.2%

*In 2016, CDCR activated 2,376 infill beds and corresponding administrative and health care support facilities at Mule Creek State Prison and RJ Donovan Correctional Facility. The parties are currently engaged in the Court-ordered meet-and-confer process to reach an agreement on how such capacity should be counted for purposes of determining compliance with the Court's population reduction order. "Population as a % of design capacity" is calculated including the 2,376 beds as part of systemwide design capacity. If the 2,376 infill beds are counted at 100% for the compliance calculation, the prison population is approximately 136.5% of systemwide design capacity.

** The individual Design Capacity and Actual Population figures for California Correctional Center, Sierra Conservation Center and California Institute for Women include persons housed in camps. This population is excluded from the "Total housed in adult institutions" included on Exhibit A.

¹ The "Actual Population" includes inmates housed in medical and mental health inpatient beds located within Correctional Treatment Centers, General Acute Care Hospitals, Outpatient Housing Units, and Skilled Nursing Facilities at the State's 34 institutions. Many of those beds are not captured in "Design Capacity".

Source - November 8, 2017 Weekly Population Report, available at:

http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Reports_Research/Offender_Information_Services_Branch/Population_Reports.html.

Exhibit B

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Dear Mr. Mello:

Attached, please find California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's November 2017 Status Update for Three-Judge Court proceeding.

Sincerely,

for 

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Attachments



NOVEMBER 15, 2017 UPDATE TO THE THREE-JUDGE COURT

This report reflects CDCR's efforts as of November 15, 2017 to develop and implement measures to comply with the Three-Judge Court's population reduction order. Because this is an evolving process, CDCR reserves the right to modify or amend its plans as circumstances change.

In February and March 2016, CDCR activated 1,584 infill beds and corresponding administrative and health care support facilities at Mule Creek State Prison. In December 2016, CDCR activated an additional 792 infill beds and corresponding administrative and health care support facilities at Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility. The parties are currently engaged in the Court-ordered meet-and-confer process to reach an agreement on how such capacity should be counted for purposes of determining compliance with the Court's population reduction order. As of November 8, 2017, the State's prison population is approximately 135.5% of design capacity if the 2,376 infill beds are counted at 137.5% for the compliance calculation. If the 2,376 infill beds are counted at 100% for the compliance calculation, the prison population is approximately 136.5% of design capacity.

1. **Contracting for additional in-state capacity in county jails, community correctional facilities, private prison(s), and reduction of out-of-state beds:**

Defendants have reduced the population in CDCR's 34 institutions by transferring inmates to in-state facilities.

a. Private Prison (California City):

The current population of California City is approximately 2,468 inmates.

b. Community correctional facilities (CCFs) and modified community correctional facilities (MCCFs):

The State currently has contracted for 4,218 MCCF beds that are in various stages of activation and transfer.

c. County jails:

The State continues to evaluate the need for additional in-state jail bed contracts to house CDCR inmates.

d. Reduction of inmates housed out-of-state:

On February 10, 2014, the Court ordered Defendants to "explore ways to attempt to reduce the number of inmates housed in out-of-state facilities to the extent feasible." Since that time, the State has reduced the out-of-state inmate population to 4,348 and has closed the Oklahoma out-of-state facility.

2. Newly-enacted legislation/update on durability:

In response to the Court's March 4, 2016 Order, Defendants will continue to report on enacted and pending legislation, policies, and construction that will ensure that compliance with the Court-ordered population cap is durable.

On October 11, 2017, the State enacted Assembly Bills 1448 and 1308, and Senate Bills 180 and 394. Assembly Bill 1448, with limited exceptions, codifies the elderly parole process for inmates 60 years or older who have served at least 25 years of continuous incarceration.¹ Assembly Bill 1308 expands the youth offender parole process for inmates whose crimes were committed before the age 23 to include inmates whose crimes were committed at the age of 25 or younger. Senate Bill 180 repeals sentence enhancements for certain prior controlled substances convictions. Senate Bill 394 creates a parole process for inmates sentenced to life without the possibility of parole who committed their controlling offense before the age of 18.

The State continues to implement Senate Bill 260 (2013) and Senate Bill 261 (2015), which allows inmates whose crimes were committed before the age of 23 to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings (the Board) to demonstrate their suitability for release after serving at least fifteen years of their sentence. From January 1, 2014 through October 31, 2017, the Board held 3,701 youth offender hearings, resulting in 969 grants, 2,255 denials, 477 stipulations to unsuitability, and there are currently no split votes that require referral to the full Board for further consideration. An additional 2,040 hearings were scheduled during this time period, but were waived, postponed, continued, or cancelled.

On October 3, 2015, the State also enacted Senate Bill 230, which provides that life inmates who are granted parole will be eligible for release, subject to applicable review periods, upon reaching their minimum eligible parole date. Life inmates will no longer be granted parole with future parole dates.²

Proposition 36, passed by the voters in November 2012, revised the State's three-strikes law to permit resentencing for qualifying third-strike inmates whose third strike was not serious or violent. As of October 31, 2017, approximately 2,294 third-strike inmates have been released.

On November 4, 2014, the voters passed Proposition 47, which requires misdemeanor rather than felony sentencing for certain property and drug crimes and permits inmates previously sentenced for these reclassified crimes to petition for resentencing. As of October 31, 2017, approximately 4,698 inmates have been released under Proposition 47.

On December 16, 2016, the California Secretary of State certified that The Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016 (the "Act") was passed by the voters.³ The Act will serve

¹ Persons sentenced under the Three Strikes law; to life without the possibility of parole or death; or convicted of first degree murder of a peace officer are not eligible.

² As a result, the State has eliminated the parole process for inmates granted parole with future parole dates section of the report.

³ Statement of Vote November 8, 2016 General Election (<http://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/sov/2016-general/sov/2016-complete-sov.pdf>)

as a durable remedy and gives the State authority to implement many of the court-ordered reforms through regulations. The Act reforms California's juvenile and adult criminal justice systems by: (1) establishing a parole consideration process for convicted nonviolent felons upon completion of the full term for their primary offense; (2) expanding current and creating new credit earning programs that authorize CDCR to award credits earned for good behavior and approved rehabilitative or educational achievements, and (3) requiring hearings in juvenile court for all juvenile offenders before they may be transferred to adult court. Initial estimates are that, as a result of the Act, the average daily adult inmate population will be reduced by approximately 2,000 inmates in Fiscal Year 2017-2018, growing to an inmate reduction of approximately 9,500 by Fiscal Year 2020-2021. It is projected that these anticipated reductions will enable the return of all 4,900 inmates from out-of-state facilities by 2020.

On March 24, 2017, CDCR submitted emergency regulations implementing the parole and credit changes set forth in the Act to the Office of Administrative Law. The Office of Administrative Law approved the regulations on April 13, 2017. On May 1, 2017, Defendants implemented Good Conduct Credits that are awarded to eligible inmates who comply with all prison rules and perform duties as assigned on a regular basis. These regulations codify the court-ordered credit earning increases for non-violent second strike offenders and minimum custody inmates, as well as increase credit earning opportunities all other inmates except the condemned and those serving life without parole. As a result of these changes, Defendants have modified the credit earning section of this report. Full details about the expanded credits can be found on CDCR's website at <http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/proposition57/>. Defendants implemented the Act's remaining credit processes—Milestone Completion, Rehabilitative Achievement, and Educational Merit credits—on August 1, 2017.

Defendants implemented the Act's nonviolent offender parole process on July 1, 2017. An update on the status of the measure is below.

Additionally, CDCR has added 2,376 beds with corresponding administrative and health care support facilities at Mule Creek State Prison and Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility. CDCR continues to expand community reentry bed usage and is exploring options for increasing reentry bed use, including modifying statutory requirements to enable CDCR to place inmates in reentry facilities up to six months before their release dates, two months earlier than is currently permitted.

As of July 1, 2016, the State is expanding reentry services programming to each of the Department's institutions.⁴ This new statewide reentry model will eliminate the need to transfer inmates to designated hub-institutions and allow any inmate with an assessed need for reentry services to access programming at their current institution. CDCR is currently in the process of contracting for services at all institutions.

3. The Act's credit earning increases:

As reported above, the Act's Good Conduct Credits have codified the Court-ordered credit increases for nonviolent, non-sex registrant second-offenders and minimum custody inmates, as well as well as increased credit earning opportunities all other

⁴ As a result of the expansion of statewide reentry services, the State has eliminated the reentry hub section of this report.

inmates except the condemned and those serving life without parole. As a result of this measure, 1,877 inmates released in October had earned good conduct credit towards their advanced release date. These inmates earned an estimated average of 95.6 days of additional credit.⁵

The State will provide updates on the status of the Act's Milestone Completion, Rehabilitative Achievement, and Educational Merit credits as data becomes available.

4. Parole determination process whereby nonviolent second-strikers will be eligible for parole consideration by the Board once having served 50% of their sentence:

As authorized by the Court's June 20, 2017 Order, Defendants stopped referring inmates to the Board for this parole process on June 30, 2017. From January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017, 12,677 nonviolent second-strike inmates were referred to the Board for review for parole. From January 1, 2015 through October 31, 2017, the Board approved 4,413 inmates for release and denied release to 5,229 inmates. Some cases are pending review until the inmate is within 60 days of his or her 50 percent time-served date. 569 inmates pending review under this measure have transitioned to the new nonviolent offender parole process because they were eligible for an earlier review under the new process.

5. The Act's nonviolent offender parole process:

CDCR began referring inmates to the Board for this process on July 1, 2017. From July 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017, 4,190 referrals were made to the Board (including 569 inmates who had previously been referred to the Board under the nonviolent second-striker parole consideration process, but were eligible for an earlier review under the nonviolent offender parole process). As of October 31, 2017, 2,706 referrals have been reviewed on the merits, with 495 inmates approved for release and 2,211 denied. Many referrals are pending review, including the 30-day period for written input from inmates, victims, and prosecutors and the Board's jurisdictional review process.

6. Parole process for medically incapacitated inmates:

The State continues to work closely with the Receiver's Office to implement this measure. The Receiver's Office is continuing to review inmates and is sending completed recommendations to CDCR. Recommendations received from the Receiver's office are reviewed by DAI and referred to the Board for a hearing. As of November 9, 2017, the Board has held 115 medical parole hearings under the revised procedures. An additional 28 were scheduled, but were postponed, continued, or cancelled.

7. Parole process for inmates 60 years of age or older having served at least 25 years:

The Board continues to schedule eligible inmates for hearings who were not already in the Board's hearing cycle, including inmates sentenced to determinate terms. From February 11, 2014 through October 31, 2017, the Board held 2,340 hearings for inmates eligible for elderly parole, resulting in 604 grants, 1,548 denials, 188 stipulations to unsuitability, and there currently are no split votes that require further review by the full Board. An additional 1,084 hearings were scheduled during this time period but were waived, postponed, continued, or cancelled.

⁵ This number does not include inmates released from fire camps.

As discussed above, the State enacted Assembly Bill 1448 on October 11, 2017, authorizing an elderly parole program for inmates age 60 or older who have served at least 25 years of incarceration. The State will continue to implement the Court-ordered elderly parole process until this matter is terminated or the February 10, 2014 Order is modified.

8. Reentry programs:

Contracts for the San Diego, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Kern County, and Butte County reentry programs are in place. The State continues to review and refer eligible inmates for placement consideration. As of November 8, 2017, 592 inmates are housed in reentry facilities.

9. Expanded alternative custody program:

The State's expanded alternative custody program for females, Custody to Community Transitional Reentry Program (CCTRP), provides female inmates with a range of rehabilitative services that assist with alcohol and drug recovery, employment, education, housing, family reunification, and social support. Female inmates in the CCTRP are housed at facilities located in San Diego, Santa Fe Springs (LA), Bakersfield, and Stockton. As of November 8, 2017, 318 female inmates are participating in the CCTRP.