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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**

21 **MARCIANO PLATA, et al.,**  
22 Plaintiffs,  
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C01-1351 JST

**THREE-JUDGE COURT**

**DEFENDANTS' SEPTEMBER 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 September 13, 2017,  
 13 115,390 inmates were housed in the State's 34 adult institutions and 4,378 inmates were housed  
 14 in out-of-state facilities.<sup>1</sup> (Ex. A.) The State's prison population is approximately 135.6% of  
 15 design capacity if the 2,376 infill beds are counted at 137.5%, and approximately 136.6% of  
 16 design capacity if the 2,376 infill beds are counted at 100%. (Ex. A.)

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 28 <sup>1</sup> The data in Exhibit A is taken from CDCR's September 13, 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 September 13, 2017

Institution	Design Capacity*	Actual Population	Population as % of design capacity*
Total housed in adult institutions <sup>1</sup>	85,083	115,390	135.6%
Total housed in camps		3,667	
Total housed out of state		4,378	
<b>Individual CDCR Institutions - Men</b>			
Avenal State Prison	2,920	3,864	132.3%
California State Prison, Calipatria	2,308	3,733	161.7%
California Correctional Center**	3,883	4,188	107.9%
California Correctional Institution	2,783	3,878	139.3%
California State Prison, Centinela	2,308	3,458	149.8%
California Health Care Facility, Stockton	2,951	2,377	80.5%
California Institution for Men	2,976	3,668	123.3%
California Men's Colony	3,838	4,164	108.5%
California Medical Facility	2,361	2,552	108.1%
California State Prison, Corcoran	3,116	3,200	102.7%
California Rehabilitation Center	2,491	2,662	106.9%
Correctional Training Facility	3,312	5,047	152.4%
Chuckawalla Valley State Prison	1,738	2,811	161.7%
Deuel Vocational Institution	1,681	2,443	145.3%
Folsom State Prison	2,066	2,565	124.2%
High Desert State Prison	2,324	3,571	153.7%
Ironwood State Prison	2,200	3,120	141.8%
Kern Valley State Prison	2,448	3,666	149.8%
California State Prison, Los Angeles	2,300	3,411	148.3%
Mule Creek State Prison	3,284	3,655	111.3%
North Kern State Prison	2,694	4,512	167.5%
Pelican Bay State Prison	2,380	2,233	93.8%
Pleasant Valley State Prison	2,308	2,949	127.8%
RJ Donovan Correctional Facility	2,992	3,888	129.9%
California State Prison, Sacramento	1,828	2,161	118.2%
California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility, Corcoran	3,424	5,701	166.5%
Sierra Conservation Center**	3,936	4,383	111.4%
California State Prison, Solano	2,610	3,733	143.0%
California State Prison, San Quentin	3,082	3,991	129.5%
Salinas Valley State Prison	2,452	3,561	145.2%
Valley State Prison	1,980	3,513	177.4%
Wasco State Prison	2,984	5,131	172.0%
<b>Individual CDCR Institutions - Women</b>			
Central California Women's Facility	2,004	2,974	148.4%
California Institution for Women**	1,398	1,858	132.9%
Folsom Women's Facility	403	436	108.2%

\*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 136.6% 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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 - September 13, 2017 Weekly Population Report, available 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 B**



## **SEPTEMBER 15, 2017 UPDATE TO THE THREE-JUDGE COURT**

This report reflects CDCR's efforts as of September 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 September 13, 2017, the State's prison population is approximately 135.6% 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 136.6% 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 2,449 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 4,378 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.

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 August 31, 2017, the Board held 3,469 youth offender hearings, resulting in 897 grants, 2,119 denials, 453 stipulations to unsuitability, and there are currently no split votes that require referral to the full Board for further consideration. An additional 1,926 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.<sup>1</sup>

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 August 31, 2017, approximately 2,283 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 August 31, 2017, approximately 4,692 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.<sup>2</sup> The Act will serve 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.

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<sup>1</sup> As a result, the State has eliminated the parole process for inmates granted parole with future parole dates section of the report.

<sup>2</sup> Statement of Vote November 8, 2016 General Election (<http://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/sov/2016-general/sov/2016-complete-sov.pdf>)

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.<sup>3</sup> 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 inmates except the condemned and those serving life without parole. As a result of this measure, 1,383 inmates released in August had earned good conduct credit towards their advanced release date.<sup>4</sup>

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

<sup>3</sup> As a result of the expansion of statewide reentry services, the State has eliminated the reentry hub section of this report.

<sup>4</sup> This number does not include inmates released from fire camps.



through June 30, 2017, 12,677 nonviolent second-strike inmates were referred to the Board for review for parole. From January 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017, the Board approved 4,352 inmates for release and denied release to 5,085 inmates. Some cases are pending review until the inmate is within 60 days of his or her 50 percent time-served date. 451 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 August 31, 2017, 3,644 referrals were made to the Board (including 451 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 August 31, 2017, 1,287 referrals have been reviewed on the merits, with 279 inmates approved for release and 1,008 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 September 9, 2017, the Board has held 108 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 August 31, 2017, the Board held 2,219 hearings for inmates eligible for elderly parole, resulting in 557 grants, 1,487 denials, 175 stipulations to unsuitability, and there currently are no split votes that require further review by the full Board. An additional 1,027 hearings were scheduled during this time period but were waived, postponed, continued, or cancelled.

Assembly Bill 1448 (Weber) would enact an elderly parole program for inmates age 60 or older who have served at least 25 years of incarceration. The bill recently passed both the Senate and Assembly. Details concerning AB 1448 can be found at the following link:  
[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180AB1448](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1448).

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 September 13, 2017, 550 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 September 13, 2017, 314 female inmates are participating in the CCTRP.