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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**

21 **MARCIANO PLATA, et al.,**  
 22 Plaintiffs,  
 23 v.  
 24 **EDMUND G. BROWN JR., et al.,**  
 25 Defendants.  
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C01-1351 TEH  
**THREE-JUDGE COURT**  
**DECLARATION OF ROSS MEIER IN  
 SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' JULY 2012  
 STATUS REPORT IN RESPONSE TO  
 JUNE 30, 2011 ORDER**

1 I, ROSS MEIER, declare as follows:

2 1. I am the Chief of the Population Management Unit of the Division of Adult  
3 Institutions for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). I have been  
4 employed in this position since March 2010 and have been with the Population Management Unit  
5 since 2003. I have assisted in gathering data maintained by CDCR on numerous occasions. I am  
6 competent to testify to the matters set forth in this declaration, and if called upon to do so, I would  
7 and could so testify. I submit this declaration in support of Defendants' July 2012 Status Report  
8 in Response to the Court's June 30, 2011 Order.

9 2. As part of my duties, I manage the day-to-day intake of offenders from county  
10 jails, and the movement and housing of inmates throughout the state prison system. Attached as  
11 Exhibit A is a spreadsheet that sets forth the current design bed capacity, population, and  
12 population as a percentage of design bed capacity for each state prison and for all state prisons  
13 combined. Exhibit A includes population data through the June 27, 2012 target, and shows that  
14 as of that date, the population in the State's 33 adult institutions was 120,946 inmates, which  
15 amounts to 151.6% of design bed capacity. This is 23,242 fewer inmates than were housed in  
16 California's prisons as recently as October 1, 2011, when California's historic public safety  
17 realignment was implemented under Assembly Bill 109, and 30,090 fewer inmates than when the  
18 Court issued its January 12, 2010 prisoner reduction order.

19 3. Defendants have built or are building new health care facilities that will increase  
20 design capacity. Defendants constructed a 64-bed Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) at the  
21 Correctional Medical Facility (CMF), which is operated by the Department of State Hospitals,  
22 began admitting patients in February 2012, and is currently occupied. Defendants recently  
23 completed construction at the 45-bed acute/ICF facility at the California Institution for Women  
24 (CIW), which is operated by CDCR and began admitting patients on July 3, 2012. Defendants  
25 have activated 24 beds of the 45 total new design capacity at CIW to meet the current need. In  
26 Stockton, Defendants are constructing the California Health Care Facility, which will provide  
27 1,722 beds specially designed to house inmates requiring long-term medical care and intensive  
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1 mental health care. Its annex, the soon-to-be renovated DeWitt Correctional Facility, will add  
2 1,133 beds and create a unified Stockton complex.

3 4. As reflected on Exhibit A, the design capacity of the State’s 33 institutions has  
4 increased from 79,650 to 79,756 to reflect the completion of construction at CMF and CIW. This  
5 construction added 109 beds to serve the needs of mental health inmate-patients, and resulted in a  
6 net design capacity increase of 106 beds because Defendants repurposed 23 female cells to 20  
7 Psychiatric Services Unit cells at CIW reducing the design capacity at CIW by 3 beds.

8 5. Based on the current population density of 151.6%, CDCR continues to project  
9 that Defendants will reach 147% of design capacity before December 27, 2012. Because  
10 Defendants’ best projections show that they will be at or near 147% of design bed capacity at the  
11 time of the December 2012 benchmark, there appears to be no need to implement additional  
12 measures or ask the Court to extend the benchmark dates at this time.

13 I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the  
14 United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Sacramento,  
15 California on July 11, 2012.

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18 Ross Meier  
(approval to file electronically obtained by counsel for Defendants)

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