

**California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
Facility Planning, Construction and Management  
Facilities Management Division  
Environmental Planning Section**

**Public Notice Announcement**

**Release of Draft Environmental Impact Report  
for the  
Paso Robles Property Master Reuse Plan  
SCH# 2009101039**

**What's Being Planned:** The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has released for public review the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed Paso Robles Property Master Reuse Plan.

The proposed Master Reuse Plan for the 160-acre, State-owned parcel has four principal components as follows:

1. **Estrella Adult Correctional Facility:** This proposed facility would reuse buildings and infrastructure of the former Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) El Paso de Robles Youth Correctional Facility to house up to a maximum of 1,000 adult inmates. Approximately 900 of these inmates would be classified as medium security, or Level II. Some additional new construction would be necessary to provide a full adult facility with an upgraded secure perimeter. The balance of the inmates to be housed at the Estrella facility (approximately 100) would be classified as minimum security, or Level I. All CDCR correctional facilities utilize Level I minimum security inmate crews for maintenance and support activities. These Level I inmates would be available to staff an interim CAL FIRE conservation camp (see Item 3 below).
2. **Central Coast Regional Secure Community Reentry Facility:** CDCR proposes to construct and operate a 500-bed secure reentry facility on this property. These male inmates would be within 6-12 months of parole. The reentry facility would provide programs to assist in the successful transition of inmates back into their county of last legal residence. The proposed Central Coast Regional Secure Reentry Facility would only serve inmates to be paroled to the counties of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and San Benito.
3. **CAL FIRE Los Robles Conservation Camp Reactivation and Construction:** The existing CAL FIRE facility would be reactivated to provide wildland fire protection and maintenance services as a result of the implementation of the proposed Paso Robles Master Reuse Plan. Reactivation of this former institution-based DJJ camp would be achieved through the use of crews provided from the approximately 100 Level I minimum security inmates to be housed at the proposed adjacent Estrella Adult Correctional Facility. The Master Reuse Plan also identifies an area immediately adjacent to the existing CAL FIRE support

complex for the future construction and operation of a permanent stand-alone 130-bed conservation camp. Once constructed, CAL FIRE would no longer need to depend on the use of inmate crews from the Estrella facility. The full stand-alone camp would require the addition of support facilities such as inmate and staff living quarters, food service, training rooms, and administrative buildings.

4. On-site Habitat Restoration Area: Approximately 10-15 acres located in the southwestern portion of the CDCR property is proposed to be used as a habitat restoration area. This area would be restored to provide land for permanent oak tree replacement plantings for those trees removed from the CDCR property for the Master Reuse Plan and would provide other restored habitat onsite.

A total of 1,630 inmates would be housed at the site. There are currently nine employees at the former DJJ and CAL FIRE facilities. Approximately 1,000 new staff would be required for the Estrella Adult Correctional Facility, Central Coast Regional Secure Community Reentry Facility, and CAL FIRE Conservation Camp. The proposed correctional facilities would operate 24-hours a day year-round, with three 8-hour shifts (watches) and an overlapping administrative shift.

**Project Location:** The project site consists of an approximately 160-acre parcel located at 4545 Airport Road, Paso Robles, California. The entire parcel is owned by the State of California, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. The parcel is located within the City of Paso Robles in northern San Luis Obispo County.

**Probable Environmental Effects:** The DEIR identifies significant environmental effects from the project related to the following topics or resource areas: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Paleontology, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Transportation, Utilities and Service Systems, and Visual Resources. The DEIR also identifies significant cumulative impacts related to Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Transportation, Utilities and Service Systems, and Visual Resources. The DEIR identified that significant and unavoidable impacts would remain for Transportation (project and cumulative intersection impacts), Air Quality (project and cumulative Greenhouse Gas impacts), Wastewater Treatment (project and cumulative), Water Supply (project and cumulative), and Visual Resources (project and cumulative).

The site is not contained on any of the lists of sites (Cortese List) enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

**Where You Come In:** As Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CDCR is releasing the DEIR for public review and comments. The DEIR examines the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project, the existing environment that could be affected by the project, potential impacts from the project, and measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts to the natural environment. Two public hearings on the DEIR will be held at the following times and location:

**Date: Monday, September 20, 2010**

**Time: 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM**

**Place: Council Chambers, City Hall, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles CA 93446.**

**Where to Review the Environmental Document and Provide Comments:** The DEIR is available for a 45-day public review period from August 16, 2010 to September 29, 2010. A copy of the DEIR is available at our website at:

[http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Reports\\_Research/Environmental/index.html](http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Reports_Research/Environmental/index.html)

In addition to public testimony, formal comments regarding the DEIR may be submitted in writing at the public hearings, or via mail, fax, or e-mail any time during the public review period. Written comments regarding information in the DEIR, or any questions regarding the DEIR should be submitted no later than **September 29, 2010**. Comments may be sent to:

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Responses to comments received during the 45-day public review period will be included in the Final EIR.

Copies of the DEIR are also available for public review at the following locations:

Paso Robles City Library  
Government Reference Desk  
1000 Spring Street  
Paso Robles, CA 93446

San Luis Obispo County  
Department of Building and Planning  
976 Osos Street, Room 200  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Paso Robles Community Development  
Department  
1000 Spring Street  
Paso Robles, CA 93446

Santa Barbara County Clerk-Recorder  
Hall of Records  
1100 Anacapa Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

San Benito County Clerk-Recorder  
County Courthouse  
440 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 206  
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Individuals who require special accommodations (American Sign Language Interpreter, special seating, documents in alternative formats, etc.) are asked to contact Jane Hershberger at (916) 255-2236 at least 10 days prior to the public hearing to help ensure availability. **TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at 711.**