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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Enclosed for your review is an Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for a project that the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) is proposing to undertake at the California State Prison, Sacramento (CSP-SAC) in Folsom. To address mental health care needs of the inmate population, and to comply with a federal court order relating to mental health care needs of inmates, CDCR is proposing to construct a Psychiatric Services Unit (PSU) at CSP-SAC. The proposed project consists of two components: (1) the construction of an approximately 17,395-sq ft building for the PSU office and treatment space; and (2) the construction of a new 50-space parking lot. The proposed project would not increase the inmate population at CSP SAC. Facility staffing would increase by up to 115 new employees, increasing total staff at CSP SAC from 1,760 to approximately 1,875. New employees would work between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. CDCR anticipates construction of the proposed project would begin in late 2011, with an estimated completion date of Spring 2013.

The IS/MND has been prepared by Michael Brandman Associates under the direction of CDCR, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Public Resources Code 21000 *et seq.*, and the State CEQA Guidelines 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR) 15000. The purpose of the document is to fully discuss the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project, and to identify measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate such impacts.

The IS/MND is available for a 30-day public review period from September 9, 2010 through October 11, 2010. Formal comments regarding the proposed project may be submitted in writing via mail, fax, or e-mail any time during this period, and should be sent no later than October 11, 2010. Comments may be sent to:

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Copies of the IS/MND are available for review at the Folsom Public Library and the Norman R. Siefkin Public Library. Copies may also be obtained at the above CDCR office address upon request, and a digital version of the IS/MND may be found on the internet at the following location:
http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Reports_Research/Environmental/index.html. If you require additional information related to this project, please contact John Sharp, Senior Environmental Planner, at (916) 255-3013 or at John.Sharp@cdcr.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Nancy MacKenzie".

Nancy MacKenzie, Chief
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Enclosure