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 12 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 13 AND THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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 15 PURSUANT TO SECTION 2284, TITLE 28 UNITED STATES CODE

16 **RALPH COLEMAN, et al.,**
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 Plaintiffs,
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 v.
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 20 **EDMUND G. BROWN JR., et al.,**
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**DEFENDANTS' JANUARY 2012 STATUS
 REPORT IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 30,
 2011 ORDER**

1 **I. DEFENDANTS MET THE COURT’S FIRST BENCHMARK BY REDUCING THE IN-STATE**
 2 **PRISON POPULATION TO LESS THAN 167% OF DESIGN CAPACITY.**

3 Defendants have achieved the Court’s first benchmark of reducing the in-state prison
 4 population to no more than 167% of design capacity. Exhibit A sets forth the current design
 5 capacity, population, and population as a percentage of design capacity for each state prison and
 6 for all state prisons combined.¹ Exhibit A shows that as of December 28, 2011, 132,887 inmates
 7 were housed in the state’s adult institutions, which amounts to 166.8% of design capacity.² This
 8 is 11,301 fewer inmates than were housed in California prisons as recently as October 1, 2011,
 9 when California’s historic public safety realignment was implemented under Assembly Bill 109,
 10 and 18,149 fewer inmates than when the Court issued its prisoner reduction order in January
 11 2010. (*See* Decl. Ross Meier Supp. Defs.’ Jan. 2012 Status Rep. (Meier Decl.), ¶ 3.)³

12 **II. THE IN-STATE PRISON POPULATION IS BEING REDUCED PRIMARILY THROUGH**
 13 **PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT.**

14 In its January 12, 2010 order, the Court stated that it was “not endorsing or ordering the
 15 implementation of any of the specific measures contained in the State’s plan, only that the State
 16 reduce the prison population to the extent and at the times designated in this Order.” (Dkt. No.
 17 3767 at p. 3.) The Court further recognized its “limited role” and the need to “afford the State
 18 maximum flexibility in its efforts to achieve the constitutionally required population reduction.”
 19 (*Id.* at pp. 2 & 3.) With these guidelines in mind, Defendants briefly report on the reductions
 20 associated with the individual measures described in Defendants’ November 12, 2009 population
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22 ¹ Although Exhibit A reports design capacity and actual population in the aggregate and
 23 by institution, Defendants note that the Supreme Court recognized that the Court’s order affords
 24 “the State flexibility to accommodate differences between institutions” and there is “no
 requirement that every facility comply with the 137.5% limit.” *Brown v. Plata*, 131 S. Ct 1910,
 1940-41, 179 L. Ed. 2d 969, 1000 (U.S. 2011).

25 ² The data in Exhibit A is taken from CDCR’s January 3, 2012 weekly population report,
 26 available on CDCR’s web site at http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Reports_Research/Offender_Information_Services_Branch/Population_Reports.html.

27 ³ On January 12, 2010, California housed 151,036 inmates in its 33 in-state prisons. (*See*
 28 http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/reports_research/Offender_Information_Services_Branch/WeeklyWed/TPOP1A/TPOP1Ad100113.pdf.) As reported in Defendants’ October 14, 2011 report (*see* Dkt. No. 4099-1), the in-state prison population when realignment began was 144,188 inmates.

1 reduction plan, as well as the additional population reduction measures that Defendants
2 subsequently adopted, as directed by the Court's June 30, 2011 order. (Dkt. No. 4032, at p. 2.)

3 The prison crowding reductions that have been achieved are primarily attributable to the
4 landmark realignment legislation that went into effect October 1, 2011. This is apparent from the
5 fact that of the total population reduction of more than 18,000 inmates that has been achieved
6 since January 2010, the population dropped by more than 11,000 inmates in just the last few
7 months since realignment has been in effect. (Decl. Jay Atkinson Supp. Defs.' Jan. 2012 Status
8 Rep. (Atkinson Decl.), ¶ 4.) In addition to realignment, the measures described in Defendants'
9 November 12, 2009 plan have also contributed, to a lesser degree, to the reduction in prison
10 crowding. (*Id.* at ¶ 5.) For example, Senate Bill 18 XXX (enacted January 2010) has reduced the
11 prison population through enhanced sentencing credits, changes to parole rules which resulted in
12 fewer parolees returning to state prison, funding for community-corrections programs for felony
13 probationers, and by redefining certain crimes so that fewer crimes result in felony convictions
14 and prison sentences.⁴ (*Id.*) Although it is not possible to specify the precise population
15 reductions associated with each of these measures, they have all contributed to the reductions in
16 prison crowding that Defendants have achieved. (*Id.* at ¶ 6.)

17 In addition to reducing the population, Defendants are also increasing design capacity by
18 constructing new health care facilities, including a new 64-bed Intermediate Care Facility at the
19 California Medical Facility, which is scheduled to open in early 2012; a new 45-bed Intermediate
20 Care Facility at the California Institution for Women, which is scheduled to open in early to mid-
21 2012; and the new California Health Care Facility in Stockton, which will house 1,722 inmates
22 and is expected to open in 2013. (Meier Decl., ¶ 4.)

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27 ⁴ Another example is Defendants' California Out-of-State Correctional Facility program.
28 As of December 28, 2011, 9,312 inmates were housed in out-of-state facilities. (*See* report dated
January 3, 2012 at http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/reports_research/Offender_Information_Services_Branch/Population_Reports.html.)

1 **III. DEFENDANTS CONTINUE TO PROJECT THAT THE IN-STATE PRISON POPULATION**
2 **WILL BE REDUCED TO 155% OF DESIGN CAPACITY AT OR NEAR THE COURT’S**
3 **JUNE 27, 2012 BENCHMARK.**

4 Defendants previously reported that the in-state prison population would be reduced to
5 155% of design capacity at or near the Court’s June 27, 2012 benchmark. (Meier Decl., ¶ 5.)
6 CDCR is currently preparing the spring 2012 population projection, and expects to have updated
7 projections at the end of February 2012. (Atkinson Decl., ¶ 7.) Defendants will refine their
8 projection concerning the June 27, 2012 benchmark once the spring 2012 population projection is
9 complete. (*Id.*) Because Defendants met the Court’s first benchmark and Defendants’ best
10 projections continue to show that they will achieve the next benchmark at or near the June 27,
11 2012 target date, there is no need at this time to undertake additional crowding-reduction
12 measures to achieve compliance. (Meier Decl., ¶ 5.)

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Exhibit A

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Population as of December 28, 2011

Institution	Design Capacity	Actual Population	Population as % of design capacity
Total housed in adult institutions	79,650	132,887	166.8%
Individual CDCR Institutions - Men			
Avenal State Prison	2,920	5,719	195.9%
California Correctional Center*	3,883	5,204	134.0%
California Correctional Institution	2,783	5,036	181.0%
California Institution for Men	2,976	5,284	177.6%
California Medical Facility	2,297	2,569	111.8%
California Men's Colony	3,838	5,876	153.1%
California Rehabilitation Center	2,491	4,039	162.1%
California State Prison, Calipatria	2,308	4,337	187.9%
California State Prison, Centinela	2,308	3,869	167.6%
California State Prison, Corcoran	3,116	4,794	153.9%
California State Prison, Los Angeles	2,300	3,870	168.3%
California State Prison, Sacramento	1,828	2,836	155.1%
California State Prison, San Quentin	3,082	4,398	142.7%
California State Prison, Solano	2,610	4,423	169.5%
California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility, Corcoran	3,424	5,981	174.7%
Chuckawalla Valley State Prison	1,738	3,103	178.5%
Correctional Training Facility	3,312	6,278	189.6%
Deuel Vocational Institution	1,681	3,138	186.7%
Folsom State Prison	2,469	3,262	132.1%
High Desert State Prison	2,324	4,089	175.9%
Ironwood State Prison	2,200	3,972	180.5%
Kern Valley State Prison	2,448	4,382	179.0%
Mule Creek State Prison	1,700	3,449	202.9%
North Kern State Prison	2,694	4,409	163.7%
Pelican Bay State Prison	2,380	3,158	132.7%
Pleasant Valley State Prison	2,308	3,760	162.9%
RJ Donovan Correctional Facility	2,200	3,861	175.5%
Salinas Valley State Prison	2,452	3,958	161.4%
Sierra Conservation Center*	3,736	5,034	134.7%
Wasco State Prison	2,984	4,955	166.1%
Individual CDCR Institutions - Women			
California Institution for Women*	1,356	1,949	143.7%
Central California Women's Facility	2,004	3,234	161.4%
Valley State Prison	1,980	2,775	140.2%

* 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.

Source - January 3, 2012 Weekly Population Report, available at:

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