



**California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Facility Planning, Construction, and Management**

Public Notice Announcement

**Extension of Public Review of Draft Environmental Impact Report and
Public Hearing for the Level II Infill Correctional Facilities Project**

In accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) released for public review a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Level II Infill Correctional Facilities Project. The DEIR is available for public review and comment. **The public review period, which was previously scheduled to end on August 8, 2013, has been extended to August 19, 2013.** The proposed project would provide a total of 2,376 new low-security inmate beds. These beds would be provided through the construction of a combination of two or three facilities. The proposed project is authorized by Senate Bill (SB) 1022, Statutes of 2012. SB 1022 directs CDCR to locate these facilities on available land within seven intermediate care prisons. Within the properties associated with these seven prisons, there are five potential development sites that can accommodate a 792-bed facility or, in some cases, a 1,584-bed facility. In compliance with the provisions of SB 1022, CDCR has proposed construction of a 792-bed facility within the grounds of Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility (RJD) in southern San Diego County and a 1,584-bed facility within the grounds of Mule Creek State Prison (MCSP) in Lone, California. The DEIR also analyzes the potential construction of the SB 1022 level II beds at the other three alternative sites including the California Institution for Men (CIM) in Chino, California; a site situated between California State Prison, Solano (SOL) and the California Medical Facility (CMF) in Vacaville, California; and a site situated between Folsom State Prison (FSP) and California State Prison, Sacramento (SAC) in Folsom, California.

Four of the five sites identified in SB 1022 have been evaluated at an equal, project-level analysis in the DEIR. The fifth site associated with CIM has been evaluated as an alternative within the DEIR, but not at an equal-level as the proposed project. The potential use of CIM for a new level II facility would require additional detailed engineering to affirm if modifications to the existing water treatment system (including adequacy of supply, storage and distribution) and the wastewater treatment system would be necessary. The time needed to conduct such studies would require a longer schedule than can be feasibly accommodated within the established prison activation date provided in SB 1022. If CDCR were to consider selection of CIM for development a level II infill correctional facility, additional analysis of potential environmental impacts would be required.

In addition to the proposed construction of new level II beds at existing CDCR prisons, Section 16 of SB 1022 directs CDCR to cease operations of the California Rehabilitation Center in

Norco (CRC) by December 31, 2016. No modifications to any of the structures within the grounds of CRC are authorized by this legislation or are anticipated by the lead agency once the closure of this facility is completed.

The DEIR is available online at <http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/FPCM/Environmental.html>. Written comments regarding the scope and content of information in the DEIR, or any other questions regarding the DEIR should be submitted no later than **August 19, 2013** (Note: the comment period has been extended 11 days, as noted above). Comments may be sent to: CDCR, Office of Facility Planning, Construction and Management, 9838 Old Placerville Road, Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95827; or submitted via email: CDCR_infill@ascentenvironmental.com.

Copies of the DEIR are also available for public review during regular business hours at the CDCR offices at 9838 Old Placerville Road, Suite B in Sacramento, CA 95817 and at the following locations:

- Cal Aero Preserve Academy Branch Library (15850 Main Street, Chino, CA 91708)
- Chino Branch Library (13180 Central Avenue, Chino, CA 91710)
- Folsom Public Library (411 Stafford Street, Folsom, CA 95630)
- Lone Branch Library (25 East Main Street, Lone, CA 95640)
- James S. Thalman Chino Hills Branch Library (14020 City Center Drive, Chino Hills, CA 91709)
- Norco Public Library (3954 Old Hamner Avenue, Norco, CA 92860)
- Otay Ranch Branch Library (2015 Birch Road #409, Chula Vista, CA 91915)
- San Diego Public Library (820 E Street, San Diego, CA 92101)
- San Ysidro Library (101 W. San Ysidro Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92173)
- Vacaville Public Library – Cultural Center (1020 Ulatis Drive, Vacaville, CA 95688)
- Vacaville Public Library – Town Square (1 Town Square Place, Vacaville, CA 95688)

Additionally, CDCR will be conducting an additional public meeting in the San Diego area during public review of the DEIR. The meeting will be held on August 8, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chula Vista City Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910. The public is invited to attend this meeting. Spanish translation services will be available at this meeting.

Adicionalmente, el capítulo de resumen del Reporte de Impacto Ambiental (DEIR - por sus siglas en Ingles) está disponible en español en:

<http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/FPCM/Environmental.html>. Si desea recibir una copia del documento, por favor haga su petición por medio de email a: CDCR_Infill@ascentenvironmental.com.