

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR A
DRAFT PARTIALLY REVISED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
Mental Health Crisis Facility at the California Institution for Men
State Clearinghouse No. 2018072022**

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; Public Resources Code 21000 et seq.) and the CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Sections 15000-15387) the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has released for public review a Draft Partially Revised EIR for the proposed Mental Health Crisis Facility (MHCF) at the California Institution for Men (CIM) (Project). CDCR has revised certain analyses in the previously certified EIR prepared for the proposed Project in response to a Ruling issued by the Superior Court of California, San Bernardino County that found these analyses to be inadequate.

Project Title: Proposed Mental Health Crisis Facility at the California Institution for Men

Lead Agency: California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Project Location: The property boundary of CIM encompass approximately 2,500 acres owned by the State of California. CIM is located at 14901 Central Avenue in the city of Chino, San Bernardino County, approximately 33 miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles. Regional access to CIM is via State Route 71. There are four secure housing facilities (or “yards”) within CIM: Facilities A, B, C, and D. These facilities are all separated from each other, so none share perimeter fencing. The site for the proposed MHCF is within the northwest portion of the existing secured perimeter of Facility D.

Project Description: CDCR proposes to construct and operate a new MHCF at CIM. Patients are typically transferred to these facilities on a limited-term basis (approximately ten days); when stabilized, the patients are transferred to correctional facilities that provide the required housing and on-going mental health treatment. The new one- to two-story MHCF building would encompass approximately 69,000 gross square feet. The MHCF building would provide space for 50 beds dedicated to patients in mental health crisis, along with mental health care treatment space, clinical support space, housing, recreation, custody, support, and administrative services. Housing, treatment, and support space would be built according to CDCR Design Criteria Guidelines; California Building Standards Code; California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 24; mental health licensing; and other state design policies and regulations.

Environmental Effects: The Draft Partially Revised EIR does not modify any of the impact significance conclusions presented in the previously certified EIR. The previously certified EIR identified potentially significant environmental effects to air quality, biological resources and cultural resources resulting from the proposed project. These effects can be reduced with the implementation of mitigation measures. No significant and unavoidable impacts associated with the proposed project would occur.

Document Availability: The Draft Partially Revised EIR is available during the public review period online at <https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/FPCM/Environmental>. If assistance accessing documents is needed, including documents incorporated by reference in the Draft Partially Revised EIR, please contact CDCR’s Facility Construction, Planning and Management Division at 916-255-3010.

Public Review and Comment Period: As allowed under the CEQA Guidelines, the State Clearinghouse has authorized a shortened public review period of 30 days. The public review period for the Draft Partially Revised EIR begins on July 16, 2021 and ends on August 16, 2021. Please send your written comments via email or mail carrier to the following address:

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Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5(f)(2), CDCR is recirculating only revised portions of the previously certified EIR. Any comments from reviewers should be limited to the information presented in the Partially Revised EIR. CDCR will only consider and respond to comments received during the recirculation period that relate to the information presented in the Partially Revised EIR.

Hazardous Materials/Waste Disclosure: Within the Project area, there are no sites listed in the EnviroStor and Geotracker databases maintained pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. Listed sites outside of the project area but within CIM would not be affected by the proposed project.