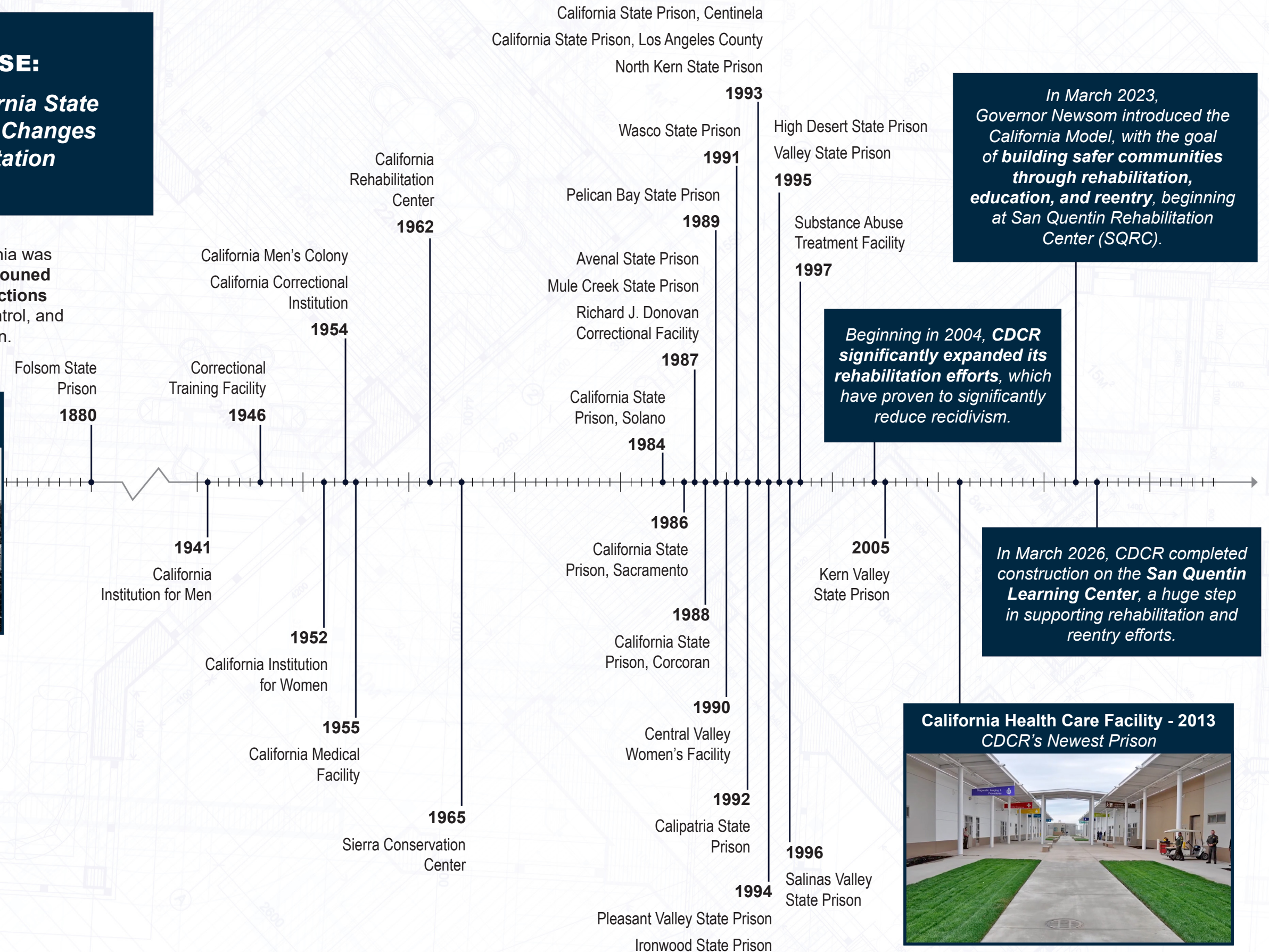


## A SHIFT IN PURPOSE:

### Historical Timeline of California State Prison Openings and Major Changes in Approach to Rehabilitation

When the prison system in California was founded, it was **predominantly grounded in the Custodial Model of Corrections** which emphasized confinement, control, and punishment over rehabilitation.

**San Quentin State Prison - 1852**  
CDCR's First Prison



In March 2023, Governor Newsom introduced the California Model, with the goal of **building safer communities through rehabilitation, education, and reentry**, beginning at San Quentin Rehabilitation Center (SQRC).

Beginning in 2004, CDCR significantly expanded its rehabilitation efforts, which have proven to significantly reduce recidivism.

In March 2026, CDCR completed construction on the **San Quentin Learning Center**, a huge step in supporting rehabilitation and reentry efforts.

**California Health Care Facility - 2013**  
CDCR's Newest Prison

