



Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report

DATE: May 21, 2021

TO: Reviewing Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

FROM: City of California City – Planning Department

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AT CALIFORNIA CITY

SCH No.: 2017121069

PROJECT APPLICANT: CoreCivic Inc. (Parcel 3 of Parcel 12374)

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project site is undeveloped and comprises approximately 216.5 acres located east and southeast of the existing California City Correctional Center (22844 Virginia Boulevard, California City), which is located east of Virginia Boulevard and south of Twenty Mule Team Parkway.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Project involves a new one-level, 1,512-bed correctional center on the northern portion of the site and an identical 1,512-bed correctional center on the southern portion of the site. Each facility would contain seven secure housing structures; indoor and outdoor recreational facilities; a central building for support services; and double perimeter fencing. The western section of the Project site would be comprised of facilities shared by both correctional centers including an administration building; 2,105-space surface parking lot; a series of five stormwater retention basins; and a maintenance access road. Vehicle access to the Project site would be via a proposed roadway that would extend east from Virginia Boulevard parallel to the Gordon Boulevard alignment to the northwestern corner of the site. Off-site utility improvements are required, including water, wastewater, and natural gas facilities, as well as improvements to the City's wastewater treatment plant. The City's zoning regulations require a conditional use permit (CUP) for a correctional facility (e.g., governmental or quasi-governmental correction, probation or prison facilities and services) in the Residential Agricultural (RA) district. The required CUP would include conditions of approval that would be imposed on the proposed Project. The proposed Project would be implemented in two phases with Phase 1 potentially starting in early 2024 and completed at end of 2025. Phase 2 is estimated to begin within approximately 6 to 8 months of completion of Phase 1. Site preparation, clearing, grubbing and rough grading will have occurred in Phase 1 and thus would not be required for Phase 2. Additionally, off-site utilities and improvements at the City's wastewater treatment plan will be completed. Phase 2 construction is estimated to require approximately 18 months.

SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS:

Implementation of the proposed Project would result in potentially significant environmental impacts prior to mitigation for the following environmental issues: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils,

Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise, Public Services, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities and Service Systems. Implementation of project-specific mitigation measures would reduce potentially significant impacts to a less than significant level. No significant and unavoidable impacts would result from implementation of the proposed Project.

DRAFT EIR AVAILABILITY:

The Draft EIR including technical appendices is available for review online at <http://www.californiacity-ca.gov/CC/> and at the following location:

City of California City
Planning Department
21000 Hacienda Boulevard
California City, CA 93505
(760) 373-8661

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

CEQA mandates a 45-day public review period. The public review period for the Draft EIR is from **May 21, 2021 to July 6, 2021**. Please submit any comments in writing no later than **5:00 pm on July 6, 2021** to the City of California City:

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Please include the name of a contact person at your agency in any submitted comments. Please contact the City at the address above, should you wish to be notified of future hearing dates.



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