

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Office of Facility Planning, Construction and Management
9838 Old Placerville Road, Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95827

PROJECT TITLE: Valley State Prison Modular Project

PROJECT LOCATION(S): Valley State Prison; 21633 Avenue 24, Chowchilla, CA 93610

Description Of Nature, Purpose, And Beneficiaries Of Project: The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) proposes to design and construct two 6,000 square foot modular buildings to create a rehabilitative and reentry-focused institution at Valley State Prison (VSP). The new buildings will provide additional space for: expanded access to innovative enrichment programs, academic opportunities, career technical training opportunities, and expanded access to technology to prepare inmates for reentry into a technology-driven economy. The modular buildings will be constructed off-site, transported to VSP, and set in place on a concrete slab footings. Each of the two modular buildings will consist of four classrooms, one computer room, six staff offices, and staff and inmate restrooms. The modular buildings will be located in one yard, within an area that was previously disturbed during initial construction of the facility and is within the boundaries of the secured lethal electrified fence.

All work shall be compliant with Title 24 requirements, CDCR Design and Construction Policy Guidelines, Americans with Disabilities Act, Division of State Architect, and State Fire Marshal requirements.

Name Of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Name Of Person Or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Office of Facility Planning, Construction, and Management, 9838 Old Placerville Road, Sacramento, CA 95827

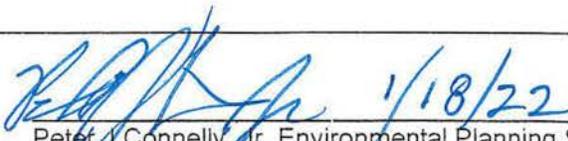
EXEMPT STATUS:

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption Class 1, CEQA Guidelines Section 15332 (Infill Development Projects)

Reason Why Project Is Exempt: This project involves no expansion of existing use, consistent with the applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designations and regulations, and located within a previously disturbed area that is not considered environmentally or historically sensitive. This is one of a class of projects that the Secretary for Resources has found do not have a significant effect on the environment, and therefore is declared categorically exempt from the requirement for preparing an environmental document.

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