

August 26, 2026

Guillermo Viera Rosa, Chief Probation Officer  
Los Angeles County Probation Department  
1601 Eastlake Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90033

**\*\*\*PLEASE TAKE NOTICE\*\*\***

Dear Chief Viera Rosa:

This letter is to provide you with written notice that the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) will make a determination of suitability of **Barry J. Nidorf Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF)** at its next scheduled board meeting on **September 17, 2026** pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 209, subdivision (d)(3).

The BSCC establishes the minimum standards for juvenile facilities and conducts biennial inspections of those facilities. (Welf. & Inst. Code, §§ 209, 210, 875, 885.) Regulations setting forth these minimum standards can be found in Sections 1300-1511 of Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations.

On February 20, 2026, the BSCC notified you that Barry J. Nidorf SYTF was noncompliant with the following sections of Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations:

1. § 1313: County Inspection and Evaluation of Building and Grounds
2. § 1321: Staffing
3. § 1325: Fire Safety Plan
4. § 1327: Emergency Procedures
5. § 1354: Separation
6. § 1354.5: Room Confinement
7. § 1355: Institutional Assessment and Plan
8. § 1371: Programs, Recreation and Exercise

On March 14, 2026, the BSCC approved your Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for all outstanding items of noncompliance. All items of noncompliance were required to be resolved within 90 days, no later than June 13, 2026. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 209, subd. (d)(2)(A).)

On June 13, 2026, the county provided written verification that all corrective action items had been completed on the approved CAP as of June 12, 2026.

The BSCC began the CAP inspection on July 13, 2026, and concluded that the facility had timely remedied all items of noncompliance except for Sections 1313(b) and 1325(c), as explained below.

### **Items of Noncompliance, Delayed Remediation**

When staff began reinspection to verify completion of the CAP on July 13, 2026, Barry J. Nidorf SYTF remained out of compliance with the following sections of Title 15:

1. § 1313(b): County Inspection and Evaluation of Building and Grounds (Fire)
2. § 1325(c): Fire Safety Plan

At the time of the CAP verification inspection, the county informed the BSCC that it has been communicating with the local fire authority to schedule testing to complete this corrective action item; however, due to an administrative issue with the fire system, an outside vendor was needed to correct the issue. The county was required to wait for the outside vendor to be available to correct the issue so fire testing could be completed. On August 20, 2026, the county confirmed that the issue was corrected and the local fire authority issued Barry J. Nidorf fire clearance verification.

As of August 20, 2026, no further items of noncompliance remain, and Barry J. Nidorf SYTF's CAP was completed.

Although Barry J. Nidorf has remedied all outstanding items of noncompliance, because Barry J. Nidorf SYTF was out of compliance with § 1313(b): County Inspection and Evaluation of Building and Grounds (Fire) and § 1325(c): Fire Safety Plan following the maximum corrective action period, the BSCC is required to make a determination of suitability at its next scheduled board meeting, **September 17, 2026**. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 209, subd. (d)(3).)

Please note that if the Board finds Barry J. Nidorf SYTF is not being operated or maintained as a suitable place for the confinement of juveniles, the Board shall give notice of its findings to all persons having authority to confine youth pursuant to Chapter 2 of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code and commencing 60 days thereafter **Barry J. Nidorf SYTF** shall not be used for confinement of juveniles until the time the Board finds, after reinspection of these facilities that the conditions that rendered the facilities unsuitable have been remedied, and the facilities are a suitable place for confinement of juveniles. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 209, subd. (a)(4).)

### **Agency Response**

The agency is encouraged to, but is not required to, participate at the September 17, 2026 Board meeting as part of the Board's determination of suitability. If the agency wishes to respond in writing, we request that a response be submitted no later than September 11, 2026 to [Joanna.Gonzales@bscc.ca.gov](mailto:Joanna.Gonzales@bscc.ca.gov). This response will be included

as part of the Board's 10-day agenda, which will be posted prior to the start of the September 17, 2026 board meeting.

The Board meeting will be held in-person in Sacramento, California at the **BSCC Board Meeting Room, 2590 Venture Oaks Way, First Floor, Sacramento, CA 95833**, as well as on Zoom. A link to the meeting will be available on the Board's website 10 days prior to the meeting at: [www.bscc.ca.gov](http://www.bscc.ca.gov). If you, your staff, or any other agency representative will be participating, please contact [Joanna.Gonzales@bscc.ca.gov](mailto:Joanna.Gonzales@bscc.ca.gov) and provide the names and contact information of those participating no later than September 10, 2026.

### **Determination of Suitability**

The determination of suitability is a quasi-judicial process in which the Board determines whether the facilities are in compliance with the Board's regulations. The proceeding is part of the Board's meeting agenda and is not a formal adversarial hearing. Oral testimony, if provided, will not be subject to cross-examination. Board staff will present its findings and recommendations to the Board, which will be followed by questioning by board members through the Chair. The agency will be given the opportunity to provide rebuttal evidence or testimony followed by questioning by board members through the Chair.

Following the presentation of the staff report and agency response, the Board will issue a written decision regarding any items of noncompliance with the Board's minimum standards and the suitability of each juvenile facility. If the Board is unable to make a determination of suitability based on the information provided, the Board may, in its discretion, continue the proceedings to a future board meeting.

The proceedings will be open to the public and are subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. (Gov. Code, §§ 11120-11132.)

If you have any questions about this process, please contact our general counsel, Le-Mai Lyons ([Le-Mai.Lyons@bscc.ca.gov](mailto:Le-Mai.Lyons@bscc.ca.gov)).

Sincerely,



LINDA M. PENNER  
Chair

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