

MEETING DATE: September 17, 2026**AGENDA ITEM:** D**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members**FROM:** Le-Mai D. Lyons, Chief Deputy Director and General CounselLe-Mai.Lyons@bscc.ca.gov

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Barry J. Nidorf Secure Youth Treatment Facility Los Angeles County
Requesting Approval

Summary

This item requests that the Board make a determination of suitability within the meaning of Welfare and Institutions Code section 209, subdivisions (a)(4) and (d) for Barry J. Nidorf Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) in the County of Los Angeles and find that it is suitable for the confinement of juveniles.

Background

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) establishes the minimum standards for juvenile halls, camps, and secure youth treatment 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.

Welfare and Institutions Code section 209, subdivision (d), sets forth the process and timelines by which juvenile facilities can address items of noncompliance with Titles 15 and 24 regulations. This process requires facilities to submit corrective action plans (CAPs) to the BSCC, which must be approved and on file within 60 days. Items of noncompliance must then be resolved within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 90 days. If items of noncompliance remain unresolved, the Board is required to make a “determination of suitability” at its next scheduled board meeting. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 209, subd. (d)(3).)

Comprehensive Inspection: December 11 – 15, 2025

Between December 11 and December 15, 2025, BSCC staff conducted a targeted inspection of Barry J. Nidorf SYTF to evaluate compliance with relevant sections of Title 15. The BSCC notified the county of the following items of noncompliance following that inspection (Attachment D-1):

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 received an approved Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for all outstanding items of noncompliance at Barry J. Nidorf SYTF (Attachment D-2). The CAP indicated a completion date of June 13, 2026, for corrective action and compliance with all outstanding items of noncompliance.

On June 13, 2026, the county provided written verification that all the corrective action items had been completed on the approved CAP as of June 12, 2026 (Attachment D-3).

On July 13, 2026, BSCC staff began reinspection to verify completion of the CAP, and based on review of policy, processes, and documentation received determined that Barry J. Nidorf SYTF was in compliance with the following sections of Title 15:

1. § 1321: Staffing
2. § 1327: Emergency Procedures
3. § 1354: Separation
4. § 1354.5: Room Confinement
5. § 1355: Institutional Assessment and Plan
6. § 1371: Programs, Recreation and Exercise

At the time of the CAP verification inspection, based on BSCC staff's review of policy, processes, and documentation received, Barry J. Nidorf SYTF remained out of compliance with the following section of Title 15:

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

The county informed the BSCC that it has been communicating with the local fire authority to schedule testing to complete the corrective action; 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 (Attachment D-4).

No further items of noncompliance remain, and Barry J. Nidorf SYTF's Title 15 CAP was completed.

Details related to the findings of compliance and noncompliance are in the August 26, 2026 Inspection Report (Attachment D-5), the August 26, 2026 Notice of Suitability Determination (Attachment D-6).

Because the county did not complete the corrective action for all sections of Title 15 within the timeline set forth in section 209, subdivision (d), the Board is required to determine if the facility is suitable for the confinement of juveniles. If the Board determines that the facility is unsuitable and that it cannot be used for the confinement of juveniles, the Board will notify the county that the facility is unsuitable and that it cannot be used for the confinement of juveniles commencing 60 days after the county receives the notice. The facility then cannot be used for the confinement of juveniles until the Board reinspects the facility and determines that the conditions that rendered the facility unsuitable have been remedied and the facilities are a suitable place for the confinement of juveniles. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 209, subd. (a)(4).)

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommend that the Board:

1. Make a determination of suitability within the meaning of Welfare and Institutions Code section 209, subdivision (a)(4) for Barry J. Nidorf SYTF, and find that the facility is suitable for the confinement of juveniles.

Attachments

D-1: February 20, 2026 Initial Inspection Report – Barry J. Nidorf SYTF

D-2: March 14, 2026 Corrective Action Plan and Approval – Barry J. Nidorf SYTF

D-3: June 13, 2026 Corrective Action Plan Verification Letter – Barry J. Nidorf SYTF

D-4: August 20, 2026 Fire Clearance Verification – Barry J. Nidorf

D-5: August 26, 2026 Inspection Report – Barry J. Nidorf SYTF

D-6: August 26, 2026 Notice of Suitability Determination – Barry J. Nidorf SYTF