
Siskiyou County**Sheriff's Department**

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Sheriff

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Ms. Tonya Parker-Mashburn
Field Representative
Board of State and Community Corrections
2590 Venture Oaks Way
Sacramento, CA 95833

RE: Siskiyou County AB 900, Phase II Finance Program

Dear Ms. Parker-Mashburn,

The purpose of this letter is to formally request an extension for the State Public Works Board (SPWB) Project Establishment (AB 900, Phase II Finance Program) date from May 2018 to December 2018.

Background

Since the BSCC changed our award from a partial award to full award in July 2015, the County diligently pursued a way to accommodate the previously approved project scope on the original site within the budget originally outlined for the project. With increased construction costs and construction market conditions experienced since the initial award of the project, construction cost estimates prepared by our architects exceeded the budget established for the project. Efforts to reduce the cost of the AB 900 project on the original site to fit within the original budget were not successful. Diligent efforts by Siskiyou County leaders to cover additional costs were not successful as costs escalated beyond a reasonable, local solution.

As a result, in August 2017, the County requested permission from the BSCC to relocate the AB 900 project to a site at the existing Charlie Byrd Youth Corrections Center (CBYCC) located at 269 Sharps Road, Yreka, CA 96097. Youth currently housed in CBYCC would be relocated, and the existing facility would be repurposed to provide support services functions for the new AB 900 project. The County's request also included a time-extension for Project Establishment, which extended the Establishment deadline from October 2017 to May 2018. This request was approved by the BSCC at their Board meeting on the September 14, 2017.

The existing CBYCC facility will be repurposed to support the new secure facility. It contains intake and release, visiting, kitchen, laundry, building support, and space for administrative and custody staff. This existing CBYCC facility also includes two 20-bed housing units, with recreation and program space.

Current Project Status

The County is currently in the process of completing the following activities:

- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- Project Establishment
- Due Diligence

CEQA. The County has contracted with ICF for the acquisition of the required CEQA documentation. ICF is currently preparing an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the project. They have been onsite to do required fieldwork and are now working on the required documentation. The CEQA is expected to be completed and certified in June/July 2018.

Project Establishment. The County has contracted with Vanir Construction Management, Inc. to assist the County in the development of the required Project Establishment documents. The Kick-off meeting for this phase of work occurred in November 2017. Vanir has been working on the development of the required Establishment documents. The required Establishment documents pertaining to "project scoping" were submitted to the project's CDCR analyst in February 2018. The final Establishment package, including the certified CEQA, is expected to be completed and approved by the Board of Supervisors in July/August 2018.

Due Diligence. The County is using in-house staff, including the County Surveyor, to produce the Due Diligence documents. Work is currently in progress to complete the required Preliminary Title Report and Title Exceptions Map. The complete Due Diligence package, as required by DGS's Due Diligence Checklist is expected to be submitted to DGS by July/August 2018.

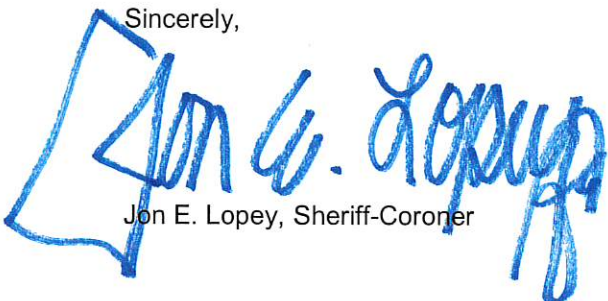
Additional Time Extension Request

As a result of the move to a new site, the County and their environmental consultants, ICF, evaluated the project's existing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents, and determined that a new Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) will be required.

The County and ICF have determined that timeframe required to complete the IS/MND, and receive approval from the County Board of Supervisors is expected to extend into June/July 2018. This schedule will prevent the County from certifying the approved IS/MND in time meet the May 2018 deadline for Project Establishment as previously approved by the BSCC. Therefore, the County is requesting an extension for Project Establishment from May 2018 to December 2018. This extension will allow appropriate time to complete the CEQA, as well as the County's internal process for development and approval of the subsequent Project Establishment Package. It will also allow Siskiyou County to commit to meeting the schedule requirements of the BSCC/CDCR process for project approval from the State Public Works Board in December 2018.

Siskiyou County would like to thank the Board of State and Community Corrections for their extraordinary and consistent support of our project and consideration in this matter. Should you have any questions please contact me at (530) 842-8300.

Sincerely,



Jon E. Lopey, Sheriff-Coroner