

TO: Chairman and Members

DATE: November 14, 2013

**SUBJECT: AB 900 Phase II Jail Construction Financing
Program - Los Angeles County's Request to
Relocate Project to Mira Loma Detention Center**

AGENDA ITEM: I

**ACTION: X
INFORMATION:**

RESOURCE PERSON: Robert Oates

Summary:

This agenda item requests the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) approval of Los Angeles County's request to relocate their current Assembly Bill (AB) 900 Phase II Jail Construction Financing Program project from the proposed Pitchess Detention Center Women's Village to the Mira Loma Detention Facility.

Background:

At the July 2012 BSCC meeting, Los Angeles County received a conditional award through the AB 900 Phase II Jail Construction Financing Program. The County's submitted application described their scope of work as the construction of a new 1,024-bed jail facility at the Pitchess Detention Center Women's Village (including 1,024 medium security beds) with a total project of \$194,700,000.

In October 2012 the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) contract at the Mira Loma Detention Facility in Lancaster was terminated and the site became available. The Mira Loma site was recently rated by the BSCC for 1,040 beds (attachment A) with minimal modification requirements. Prior to the ICE contract, the facility, constructed in the 1980's, originally housed female inmates until its closure, due to budget constraints, in 1993. The facility is configured with modular steel dormitories in an outdoor setting, with sufficient space for expansion to add more beds and program space.

In March 2013, as a result of the vacated Mira Loma Facility, the Board of Supervisors (attachment B) gave direction to study the move to the Mira Loma Facility as it is a more cost effective, and would make better use of AB 900 funding and would only require minimal renovation to meet the program expectations, and is free of encumbrances. The identified costs and renovations necessary to update the Mira Loma Facility to current codes and construct an additional 564 beds, upgrade the kitchen and water system as well as renovate the required space to provide medical services and program space for female inmates have an estimated total project of \$110,000,000 (\$100M State funds and 10% county cash/in-kind match).

Staff from Los Angeles County will be in attendance to answer any questions.

Recommendation/Action Needed:

Staff recommends the Board approve Los Angeles County's request to relocate their AB 900 Phase II Jail Construction Financing Program project to the Mira Loma Detention Facility.