

**Siskiyou County**



**Sheriff's Department**

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Mr. Robert Oates  
Project Director III  
Board of State and Community Corrections  
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RE: Siskiyou County AB 900 Grant

Dear Mr. Oates,

The purpose of this letter is to formally request an extension for the State Public Works Board (SPWB) Project Establishment date from October 2017 to May 2018 and to relocate the project to a different County owned site.

**Background**

Since the BSCC changed our award from a partial award to full award in July 2015, the County has been diligently pursuing 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 since the initial award of the project, construction cost estimates prepared by our architects exceeded the budget established for the project. To fund the gap between the budget and estimated cost, the County put sales tax initiatives on the June 2016 and November 2016 ballots; neither of these initiatives received the majority required. Other efforts to reduce the cost of the AB 900 project on this site to the original budget were not successful.

The County has since contracted with Vanir Construction Management, Inc. to assist the County in identifying and evaluating other possible solutions to meet the scope and intent of our AB 900 project within the budget constraints of our award from the BSCC. Since the AB 900 project was originally proposed to the BSCC in 2011 County detention needs, particularly juvenile detention, have evolved. The Charlie Byrd Youth Corrections Center (CBYCC) is located at 269 Sharps Road in Yreka and was opened in 2006 with a rated capacity of 40. Trends in juvenile justice statewide and locally have trended away from detention and moved to evidence-based rehabilitation models, as a result, ADP in the CBYCC has steadily decreased and is now less than 10. Operating the CBYCC with a reduced ADP coupled with increased rehabilitation priorities has led the County and its justice partners to explore other options to treat the criminogenic needs of their juvenile offenders and at the same time address public safety concerns. The availability of the CBYCC facility to be part of the solution for the County adult detention needs has allowed the County to develop a project that is consistent with the goals and intent of the AB 900 project, within the original budget constraints.

**Description of the Project**

The CBYCC was opened in 2006 and is a well-constructed, full function, modern design detention facility. The 21,050 sf facility sits on a County-owned site with sufficient open area to accommodate expansion. The project will utilize the CBYCC for intake, visitation, kitchen, laundry, staff, and administration area; the 2-twenty bed housing units will be used for special inmate populations including workers and females. A new, 22,100 sf (not including 4,000 sf of uncovered yards) 120 bed stand-alone housing unit will be constructed and will connect to the main circulation of the CBYCC with a covered connector. In total, the project will consist of 160 beds.

Specifically, the new housing unit will consist of:

- Multiple podular housing units with cells totaling 120 beds. The facility will contain dayrooms (at 35 sf per inmate) with tables and seating for dining, and multiple program rooms for self-help, rehabilitation and education programs to reduce recidivism.
- A fully equipped medical examination area, dental examination area and secure pharmacy and medical storage area will be provided for medical and dental screening and routine care. Program/Classrooms will be provided for group therapy, group counseling, education, mentorship, and coaching.
- Confidential Program/Interview Rooms will be provided at each housing unit.
- Enclosed, secure outdoor exercise areas will be provided from each dayroom.
- Housing Unit central control room will monitor and operate doors on the unit and will augment Central Control in the existing facility.

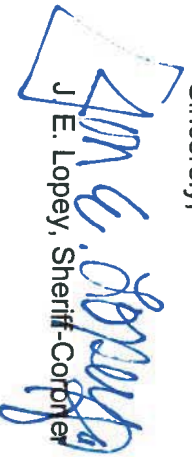
The existing facility includes:

- Intake, release and processing with locked holding rooms, interview room, property room and pedestrian and vehicular sallyports. Non-contact visitation booths are also provided.
- Space for administrative and custody staff.
- 2-20 bed housing units.
- Other spaces necessary for operation of the facility including kitchen, laundry, maintenance and receiving.
- Accessibility upgrades to the existing facility include new exterior concrete flatwork at the front of the building, accessible parking spaces and an accessible route to the public way.

The project also includes, but is not limited to, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, heating, ventilation and air conditioning, security, and fire protection systems. Sufficient parking spaces for both staff and visitors is already provided at the existing facility.

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

Sincerely,



J. E. Lopey, Sheriff-Coroner