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DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
PROPOSED MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS FACILITY PROJECT
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1 CHINO, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019, 6:05 P.M.

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4 MR. SLEPPY: Good evening. This is a very
5 important part of our planning process for this 50-bed
6 mental health crisis facility on the grounds of CIM.
7 This is going to be a go-through a draft Environmental
8 Impact Report required to prepare for a project this
9 big. This is the time that we show you what we think
10 the environmental effects are, which ones are
11 significant, which ones are not. We received a lot of
12 comments last time that aren't strictly environmental
13 review; so we want to sort of answer some of those.

14 Also to begin our presentation, we have --
15 Gary Jakobs and I have just a short presentation, and
16 then we'll turn it over to anybody who wants to get up.

17 A couple of housekeeping things to go through.
18 Turn down or turn off the cell phones. We have speaker
19 cards for our court reporter because we'd like to know
20 who was speaking. You don't have to if you don't want
21 to. We, of course, hope you signed in so we have
22 (inaudible), but you can fill this out and come up here
23 and speak for however -- some minutes.

24 We only have a couple of the full EIRs with us
25 tonight. Kind of hard to carry them. But if anybody

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1 wants one, we can get you one pretty quickly. You just
2 tell us before you leave (inaudible).

3 The public review hearing, which is a minimum
4 of 45 days -- we kind of extended it because of the
5 holidays. And so it ends on January 28th, a Monday; so
6 you've still got time over the weekend. We just need to
7 get that letter communication from you. There's an
8 address and public notice that you can send
9 electronically or in person.

10 Everything counts. If you have issues with
11 the environmental analysis, if you just want to speak
12 to a term of this project, something else that's
13 related, give it to us. It's fine.

14 The next step after this is we take all these
15 comments we receive at the end of that review period and
16 put together a final Environmental Impact Report which
17 addresses substantially all those comments. That goes
18 up to our leadership which is our secretary. So our
19 main boss makes the decision on this project, but we
20 haven't (inaudible) that for a year. We're still
21 collecting all the -- all the information from you to
22 complete the process.

23 We're -- I want to hit a few points here
24 before we get started. (Inaudible) project comes from.
25 How this thing gets to this point is the State Budget

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1 Act two years ago directs our department to prepare an
2 initial construction (inaudible) for a 50-bed mental
3 health crisis facility at this location for eventual
4 construction. We can't get to construction until we get
5 to the EIR process; so we're in this very important
6 initial step.

7 After this is done, there's a construction
8 finalization of the drawings and stuff and then
9 (inaudible) out, and so it's a good three years before
10 anything gets built and operational.

11 There's also -- if you look, there's a similar
12 project at our J. Don Correctional facility. We feel
13 statewide the southern part of the state just doesn't
14 have this type of facility; so Legislature prepared one
15 for here and one for RJD. RJ Don is not an alternative
16 for this project.

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Inaudible.)

18 MR. SLEPPY: What's that?

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Your words are so low and
20 muddled.

21 MR. SLEPPY: Yeah. It's the acoustics in this
22 room.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: It's bad.

24 MR. SLEPPY: I'll speak slower.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can't you speak louder or

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1 something?

2 MR. SLEPPY: I'll just stand up and talk. We
3 had the same problem last time.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: They want to hear you in the
5 back; so let's move the microphone back a little bit
6 from you. I think that might help.

7 MR. SLEPPY: We'll try this. How's that? Any
8 better in the back? Hand up if it's better. Is that
9 better?

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You have to speak louder.

11 MR. SLEPPY: Yeah. Okay.

12 Why? Why would we try to build this thing?
13 What objectives are we trying to fulfill? The first
14 thing is we simply need -- we believe we need more
15 capacity to treat inmates in this classification of
16 crisis. This facility also will be flexible enough to
17 handle lower classifications of diagnoses, but that's
18 the -- that's the objective we're shooting for because,
19 once they get diagnosed, they need to go to a facility
20 for usually ten days before they move back out into the
21 general population that specializes in this type of
22 inmate treatment.

23 We want to have something that's built to
24 current codes, especially security but also energy --
25 typical building codes. What we have now is 34 beds

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1 over in a CIM hospital that then allowed by court order
2 to function for crisis beds. But they're not in a full
3 hospital planned -- therapeutic plan building code with
4 all our security standards; so we're interested in a
5 facility built from scratch.

6 There are two things all of our security
7 program standards. So that's why we'd like to have
8 this. It's very important that this is licensed by the
9 medical folks, the people at the new hospitals, and our
10 current situation by court order are not quite operating
11 at that standard although it's pretty good. It doesn't
12 fully meet all of the hospital regulations.

13 We want to have it near CIM hospital since
14 there's already staff working there in the same program;
15 so we thought this was a good place to put it. We also
16 like the fact that the site at CIM is fully developed.
17 We're taking (inaudible) brand new structures; so we're
18 not out there (inaudible) -- things like that.

19 You all asked some pretty interesting
20 questions last time in comments. I want to give a
21 couple of them back about -- that aren't really true. I
22 just want to talk about this for a few seconds. There
23 was concern about the condition of CIM and do we make
24 any investments in it. And I just want to point out
25 that we probably made, in the past three or four years,

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1 substantial investment in medical facilities. We have a
2 lot of court interest statewide in our medical
3 facilities; so we have new medical spaces. We have
4 pharmaceutical dispensaries which are very important to
5 us.

6 So we have over 30 million (inaudible) of work
7 at CIM, or it's underway. We always have a pot of money
8 for each prison for anything that's not too big, not
9 over a million dollars but it has to be fixed, you know,
10 special repairs. CIM has gotten about \$3 million a year
11 for the last ten years in special repair money which has
12 gone to fixing things that break and need fixing.

13 We have done a lot of -- we're big on
14 sidewalks and path of travel because we have a lot of
15 older inmates now that have a hard time getting around.
16 So we have done a lot of sidewalk work -- things like
17 that. We've got dental clinics now that we didn't have
18 before. So surprisingly -- may not be very obvious, but
19 we've done a lot of work at the prison.

20 Utility capacity. We used to be completely
21 overcrowded; so the water system was stretched and so
22 (inaudible) was having a lot of -- we're down now to
23 about 3,400 inmates. So we're really back to much
24 easier to address water and sewer -- things like that.
25 So we're much better off than -- four years ago we

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1 looked at this for a Level 2 facility and didn't pursue
2 it.

3 Accreditation. I know there was something
4 about it in 2008 on the general report. This prison in
5 2016 was given an American Correctional Association pass
6 grade. In fact, they gave it a very high grade for
7 meeting all the nationwide correctional standards. So
8 this facility got a really good score on this very
9 extensive test (inaudible) certification. So it's -- by
10 that measure we're in pretty good shape.

11 CIM. We've got a lot of prisons. Why this
12 one? Because we have a lot of inmates. We're still at
13 130,000 inmates. We have 34 prisons now. 2 are
14 hospitals. We have a lease facility at our de facto
15 35th, but we're still very close to overcrowding by
16 court order standards. We need them all right now.

17 We're not going to start closing facilities
18 and put something else up. So that's a very important
19 point for us. We always -- don't want to go back
20 over -- overcrowding anymore. We're doing a lot with
21 reinjury and education and getting people in some of the
22 new laws, how to (inaudible), but we still have a lot of
23 folks.

24 Correctional facilities in urban settings.
25 I've got old pictures here. Just because the houses get

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1 close to the property boundary doesn't mean we have
2 (inaudible). We've got lots of prisons in lots of
3 settings. We've got some way out in the desert with no
4 neighbors, and we've got some who have pretty close
5 neighbors. I just want to go through a few pictures to
6 support that.

7 First off -- lost track of my own slideshow.
8 This is --

9 MR. JAKOBS: Next slide.

10 MR. SLEPPY: There we go. There we go.

11 Boundaries. It's all the way from here all
12 the way to there, used to go all the way across there.
13 That got sold off. This is not part of the adult
14 institution. That's a closed youth authority facility,
15 and we don't typically reuse juvenile facilities for
16 adult inmates. We have leased off a big warehouse
17 complex for Walmart; so it allows us to curb that
18 economic -- (inaudible) to occur. And then we still
19 have a lot of farmland that goes through both green
20 water percolation and just open space.

21 We are trying to put this -- in looking at the
22 unit up in this yard, the D yard, which is right behind
23 our (inaudible) office, you can see how things have
24 grown a little bit. This is '94. The houses aren't
25 built up here yet. We don't have the warehouses yet,

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1 but now it's closed in a little bit. But that's the
2 current status. We don't have any legislation into
3 similar property or considered planning for some
4 different use.

5 We do have prisons in very urban settings.
6 This is Folsom in Sacramento state prisons -- in
7 Sacramento. We have lots of houses real close. Think
8 they get along pretty well. We have a very similar
9 circumstance at Solano and California Medical Facility
10 in Vacaville where we are in an urban landscape. So
11 we're not out in the middle of nowhere, and somehow
12 neighbors seem to do all right.

13 And we can skip this one. So with this
14 project, the project is 50 beds -- 50 beds. No more, no
15 less -- 61,000 square foot building -- gross square
16 feet; so outside. Could be one story. Could be two
17 stories depending on how it works out. Everything is
18 inclusive in that building that we need to operate to
19 treat the inmates and provide security. Takes a couple
20 of years to build once we get past all this process and
21 enter a final design and vetting.

22 A big addition to this scope has been an extra
23 fence. We're planning to put a 12-foot fence with retro
24 iron around just this facility. Though it's inside the
25 yards, it will be -- it will be its own little box, and

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1 that's important because, once again, we want to
2 maintain a real high level of security in this facility,
3 and this gives us the additional separation of a fence
4 around the building that's highly secured.

5 We have a couple of parking lots proposed.
6 Those are all existing and have distributaries. You
7 don't really increase runoff very much because
8 everything is pretty high coverage in this area already.

9 This is very important. This little red box
10 is the whole project, the whole project. Everything
11 with this 50-bed facility goes inside that box, and that
12 red boundary is just about where the second fence would
13 go.

14 So the second fence would fully encircle this
15 facility. And when transport comes in, they'll have a
16 gate. It'll open. Close the gate behind them before
17 anybody gets out of the van. We move in our own
18 transport system. We usually typically use smaller,
19 newer vans which do have a cage in them, and it is
20 highly secured, specifically aren't driven by armed
21 people because you don't want weapons near the inmate.

22 If it's a Level 1 or Level 2 inmate being
23 transported to a mental health facility, it's just one
24 vehicle on its own. It's there. It's watched. If it's
25 a Level 3 or a Level 4, there's a chase vehicle that is

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1 on -- that follows this vehicle everywhere it goes
2 except into the prison. So it's a high level of
3 security moving this inmate.

4 I think that's it for now (inaudible). Gary
5 Jakobs here is going to talk about what's in the EIR and
6 what the findings are, and then we're going to open it
7 up for public commentary.

8 MR. JAKOBS: Good evening. Can you hear my
9 voice clearly? I'm Gary Jakobs. I'm with Ascent
10 Environmental, and I am the principal in charge of
11 preparing the Environmental Impact Report. That's this
12 document. It's available online at CDCR, and we have
13 some extra hard copies with us tonight. Right? Couple
14 more? Okay.

15 On the way in you probably met Heather Blair
16 and Alta Cunningham. Heather is project manager for the
17 Environmental Impact Report, and Alta is our primary
18 environmental planner for that; so these are the people
19 you will come across.

20 So what is the purpose of an Environmental
21 Impact Report? It is to evaluate the environmental
22 impact of a project, physical environmental changes from
23 the current conditions, that our project would result
24 in. That's what our job is to do under the California
25 Environmental Quality Act is to look at those

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1 differences from what's out there today, put the 50-bed
2 facility on top of that, what are the physical changes
3 in the environment that this 50-bed facility would have.

4 We're required to look at what's called the
5 substantial environmental impacts. So if it's a small
6 change that does not result in meaningful changes to the
7 environment, that's called less than significant effect.
8 If it's a large change and it's adverse, big and bad as
9 we call it, that's called a significant impact on the
10 environment. That's the focus of our Environmental
11 Impact Report.

12 We're also required to identify mitigation
13 measures. These are measures that are intended to solve
14 the environmental impacts, make them go away if
15 possible. If we can't, then we identify those impacts
16 as significant and unavoidable.

17 We're not here to sell anything. We're just
18 here to report information. That's the job of an
19 Environmental Impact Report. We're required to be
20 objective. EIRs are also required to look at
21 alternatives to a project that would reduce or avoid the
22 significant environmental effects.

23 What do we look at in this Environmental
24 Impact Report? We look at everything. The slide here
25 is a list of the issues: Air quality; biological

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1 resources; cultural, historic, tribal cultural
2 resources; greenhouse gas emissions -- I'm not going to
3 read it all -- public services; noise; traffic;
4 utilities; energy -- we looked at all these issues.

5 We also look at a lesser level of detail
6 because they clearly were not significant effects.
7 Esthetics. You just can't see it from any surrounding
8 roads because it's basically behind other prison
9 facilities. Agriculture and other issues that we deemed
10 were not significant environmental effects.

11 Also you will notice that, as Bob said, there
12 were a lot of issues that were raised at our scoping
13 meeting that we held several months ago about concerns
14 like property values, crime -- things like that. Like
15 it or not, the purpose of an Environmental Impact
16 Report -- the requirements under the California
17 Environmental Quality Act is to focus on the significant
18 physical environmental effects, not on the social
19 effects, not on economic effects. So those are the
20 requirements under the law; so that's what we're focused
21 on when we prepare the Environmental Impact Report.

22 As far as the conclusions of the EIR, we did
23 not identify any impacts that were significant and
24 unavoidable. All of the impacts we identified we could
25 reduce to a less than significant level, and the two

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1 impacts that we identified that were potentially
2 significant were biological resources -- there's a few
3 bird species that are of concern -- and cultural
4 resources. Nothing that we know about but there's a
5 potential that cultural resources could be found when
6 there is excavation at the project site; so we identify
7 measures to resolve those.

8 As far as where we are in the process, this
9 process was initiated in July of 2018. We held a
10 scoping meeting. That's the meeting that Bob referred
11 to in August, I believe it was, and we released the
12 draft EIR at the beginning of December.

13 So here we are today at the beginning of
14 January. Happy new year to everybody. The public
15 review period for the EIR will end at the end of
16 January, January 28th, and then after that we will be
17 evaluating all of the comments that are received on the
18 Environmental Impact Report on the content, and we will
19 respond to those comments with particular focus on those
20 comments that raise environmental issues. Again, that's
21 a requirement of CEQA is that we focus on the
22 environmental issues, not on social and economic issues.

23 Following that, the Environmental Impact
24 Report will be placed in front of the director -- the
25 secretary of the Department of Corrections and

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1 Rehabilitation, and he'll consider whether the
2 Environmental Impact Report is adequate, whether we've
3 done a good job of objectively evaluating the impacts of
4 the project and will determine whether or not that
5 document can be certified.

6 Following certification, then the project will
7 be considered for approval and recommendation to the
8 State Public Works Board for further action.

9 As far as providing comments tonight, we're
10 here to listen. There's a microphone up here. You can
11 provide verbal comments. You can provide written
12 comments. You can provide them tonight, and you can
13 provide them any time until January 28th at which point
14 we'll review them all. The address is up there.

15 MR. SLEPPY: Thank you, Gary.

16 Two really important things: We're glad
17 you're here. Honest we do. This person has to write
18 everything down so we don't have a (inaudible) taking it
19 down. We hope you decide to speak. Just get up, give
20 us your thoughts. We hope to stick to a reasonable
21 length of time. The written word is just as good as the
22 spoken word. You can give us letters, but this is a
23 good chance to publicly speak to the project.

24 So with that, we're here. We'd like to take a
25 break in about 40 minutes so our court reporter can take

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1 a little break, and then we'll go again. We're willing
2 to stick around for quite a while. But it's so
3 important that she catches everything, and it's
4 challenging.

5 So we invite you. Whoever wants to go first,
6 come on up. Thank you for letting us give our
7 presentation.

8 MS. COMSTOCK: Good evening, ladies and
9 gentlemen. My name is Karen Comstock. I'm your chief
10 of police for the City of Chino. And I want to first
11 state that this is a public safety concern for the City
12 of Chino, this mental health crisis facility, the
13 construction of it. I don't think it's at all difficult
14 for anybody to agree or disagree --

15 MR. SLEPPY: Keep it up there.

16 MS. COMSTOCK: -- that would be easy -- it's
17 easy to construct and build new facilities. We don't
18 need to construct new facilities (inaudible) to do. And
19 we've never questioned here in the City of Chino to the
20 State of California about their ability to construct a
21 very secure mental health facility here in the City of
22 Chino.

23 What we do know, though, is that the
24 maintenance of buildings and facilities such as the
25 facility as old as CIM is much more challenging. And

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1 what we have continued to state in this entire process
2 with the State of California is that the City of Chino
3 states that -- to the State of California that the
4 California Institute for Men presently is and has been
5 in a state of deterioration for many, many years, which
6 is a current public safety threat to the City of Chino
7 because of a lack of proper, what we would call --
8 makes -- what the State would probably like to call
9 deferred maintenance over an ongoing period of many,
10 many years.

11 In fact, from just what you just said today,
12 they probably, yeah, invested a lot of money into make
13 (inaudible), but what isn't even properly stated there
14 is most of those improvements are going to inmate care
15 for medical issues or different things. But the fact of
16 the matter, maintenance going to the safety of the
17 perimeter is security. The purpose of perimeter
18 security and repairing the facility have fallen woefully
19 short of those requirements for many, many years now.
20 And I can confidently state that because I've worked
21 here for several years.

22 My family moved to the City of Chino in the
23 70's. I (inaudible) for the time. I was in eighth
24 grade when Kevin Cooper escaped from the facility. I'm
25 the police chief today.

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1 The fact of the matter is, ladies and
2 gentlemen, that in their own report the State of
3 California explains that CIM would need on average per
4 year \$26 million just to maintain its current poor
5 condition. And I was just looking at the proposed
6 budget today from Governor Newsom, and if I'm correct, I
7 want to state the State of California has proposed an
8 18 million-dollar budget for all repairs to State
9 institutions for the entire year. So what that means is
10 every institution in the state of California will
11 continue to have deferred maintenance.

12 It's this simple. When you bought your house
13 new, it was easy to maintain it. I know that. My house
14 was built in 1947, and maintaining it now is much more
15 difficult, which is the state that the California
16 Institute for Men is in today. We know that the State
17 can come and build this very, very secure facility
18 inside the institution and do a good job. But what we
19 have continued to state to the State of California is
20 that we don't believe this is the correct site. Great
21 project. Wrong location.

22 Because the issue here is inmate
23 transportation in and out, and moving inmates is very,
24 very risky business. And when you're moving these
25 high-level inmates into this facility, they have to go

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1 through Chino to get to this facility. And the fact of
2 the matter is the state of this facility is, should one
3 of these inmates escape during transportation -- they'll
4 tell me nobody has ever escaped from one of these
5 institutions. This is probably one of the most
6 difficult yards to secure because of age, its historic
7 nature, and because of the current state of degradation
8 to the facility over a series of years of improper
9 maintenance to the facility so -- to keep it secure.

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10 We've been accused of NIMBY here in the City
11 of Chino, and that's not fair. We're doing our part.
12 We have California Institution for Women and have one of
13 these hospitals existing in California Institution for
14 Women. We have California Institute for Men.

15 We have told the State of California politely,
16 "Hey, this isn't NIMBY. We're doing our part as a
17 facility." I want you to know that me and my staff, my
18 coworkers, and everyone at the City, we are
19 compassionate, and we care. We understand that inmates
20 need this mental health treatment. We want them to have
21 it. I just don't agree with the fact that it's proper
22 for it to be here.

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23 See this picture on the front of this page?
24 This is a picture of the California Institute for Men.
25 I like this picture. This picture is probably circa

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1 1980. There's grass there, green trees. This is the
2 institution at a much greater state -- better state.
3 You cannot -- you wouldn't take a picture of the
4 institution today. At the same time -- this is a work
5 entrance right here because there's no grass growing.
6 There's no green trees there anymore.

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7 And what I will tell you is that this report
8 falls woefully short of really explaining the state of
9 the California Institute for Men. We understand that
10 they've built a secure facility. What we're explaining
11 is we don't think this is the right location because of
12 the current state of the institution.

13 And the fact of the matter is I will continue
14 to state in a meeting with the city manager that I
15 believe that this institution was selected from the very
16 beginning even though we've been told this was going to
17 be a fair and impartial process. During a meeting with
18 other state officials, we were told at one point, "Hey,
19 that institution, that facility is coming here. It's
20 coming to the CIM." Even though we're told no, this is
21 part of a process -- a selection process of different
22 areas, we're told no during a meeting with the former
23 secretary of corrections. "Hey, the facility is
24 coming."

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25 So I have lots of comments in the State's

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1 decision making process when they say that they were
2 going to look at other locations for it as well. And
3 although the city manager is here tonight, he was
4 present during that meeting as well.

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5 So thank you for your comments tonight. Thank
6 you for the review.

7 And the last thing I will state is, you know,
8 the State of California, and rightly so, would hold any
9 institution or any entity accountable for (inaudible)
10 whether at Vernon -- I don't know -- a gas leak at
11 Porter Ranch, but the ongoing state by which California
12 Institute for Men is allowed to dispose of human waste
13 and different things on the institution grounds is an
14 environmental issue. But apparently, you know, that's
15 not part of this review either.

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16 So that being said, I think I've said enough
17 about it. You can see how passionate about it -- my
18 opposition to it. I wish the State would see it the
19 same way. I wish they would consider another location.
20 There's additional (inaudible) that can be made by staff
21 about other locations that are more suitable.

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22 Thank you for your time.

23 MR. MENSEN: Good evening. I'm Kevin Mensen
24 with the Chino Police Department. As a City of Chino
25 law enforcement agency, our priority is the safety of

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1 our community. Our strong opposition to this project is
2 because we feel this proposed facility potentially
3 jeopardizes the safety of our residents and the current
4 state of CIM.

5 We understand the new facility will be state
6 of the art and built to standards to hold an inmate up
7 to a Level 4 status. However, most facilities can be
8 built inside CIM that is in an unacceptable state of
9 repair due to years of neglect.

10 In reviewing the Environmental Impact Report,
11 which I'll refer to as EIR, it indicates that CIM has
12 improved their security measures associated with the
13 Facility D perimeter. This is a facility where the
14 inmate escaped in January of last year and where the
15 proposed medical health crisis facility is going to be
16 built.

17 When the police department was there and
18 conducted a tour of the facility shortly after the
19 escape last year, we were informed the security measures
20 for the perimeter fence -- there was a hole, and the
21 escape took place. Our question for the EIR is did
22 these improvements just fixing previously in our
23 security measures.

24 The EIR addresses the concerns of the police
25 department, and the City is briefed as to the

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1 infrastructure at CIM indicating they have made a
2 35 million-dollar investment in the past five years to
3 improve the infrastructure. However, the report
4 indicates these improvements consisted of renovating
5 medical clinics, pharmacies, dental clinics, and related
6 infrastructure including utility systems, roads, and
7 walkways. Although we understand these improvements are
8 important and need to be addressed, nowhere does it
9 indicate that 35 million-dollar investment was used to
10 improve the security measures.

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11 I can't help but going back to the 2008 Office
12 Inspector General audit that (inaudible) spoke about in
13 the meeting in July. The audit indicated \$28 million
14 would be needed annually to maintain CIM in its present
15 poor condition since 2008. The report indicated that if
16 funding was not dramatically increased, CIMs condition
17 would reach a level of degradation by 2014, that
18 independent facilities management experts throughout the
19 industry recommend demolishing and replacing the entire
20 institution.

21 The other concern we have is the
22 transportation of inmates to and from the proposed
23 mental health crisis facility. Currently CIM is capable
24 of housing inmates up to Level 2 status. However, the
25 proposed facility is going to be constructed to house

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1 inmates up to a Level 4 status. These are inmates that
2 are incarcerated for the most serious charges. The
3 correction staff is going to be transporting these
4 prisoners throughout the city streets either going to or
5 from the proposed facility. That's multiple times a day
6 throughout the day and night.

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7 We believe this does pose an additional
8 security concern to our community. We understand the
9 State is obligated to build this facility and provide
10 this much-needed medical service to their inmates. We
11 understand the importance of mental health crisis and
12 make sure the State is able to provide proper care.
13 However, we believe CIM is not the proper location for
14 this proposed facility for the reasons we've spoken
15 about.

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16 We have been told that our concerns are not
17 part of the EIR study. However, we believe the
18 community needs to know why we strongly oppose this
19 facility.

20 Thank you for your time.

21 MR. GEORGE: Good evening. I'm Gary George,
22 San Bernardino County Fourth District liaison for
23 prisons and higher education and chairman of the
24 California Institute for Men Oversight Committee. I'm
25 here tonight representing the chairman -- the new

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1 chairman of the San Bernardino County Board of
2 supervisors, Curt Hagman.

3 Supervisor Hagman was unable to attend this
4 evening but wanted me to express his opposition to the
5 proposed health care facility at CIM. He also wants it
6 known that he supports the cities of Chino and Chino
7 Hills, the Chino Police Department, and the San
8 Bernardino County Sheriff's office in their opposition
9 to this State-proposed project. He believes the
10 56 million-dollar budget for this proposed mental health
11 facility could be better utilized for much-needed
12 infrastructure repairs.

13 On a side note, talking with Supervisor
14 Hagman, he is currently setting up a meeting with the
15 new California governor and -- Governor Newsom and is
16 prepared to meet with him to talk about what the Chief
17 just talked about and Kevin just talked about, about
18 this -- you know, mental health facilities are needed
19 but not at this location. He also wanted me to express
20 his continuing support for the great job being done by
21 Warden Borders and his team. Thank you.

22 MR. LIGUORI: I'm Nicholas Liguori, Director
23 of Development Services for the City of Chino. The City
24 will be submitting a detailed letter that will list all
25 of our comments on the draft EIR for the project, but

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1 I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight a couple
2 of our major concerns with the document.

3 First, the project description in the EIR is
4 inadequate. All that is shown in the EIR is general
5 location of the crisis mental health facility. There's
6 no site plan for a plan of elevations which makes it
7 impossible to test or verify the statements made about
8 the size and impacts of the facility throughout the EIR
9 or to verify the conclusions about the impacts.

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10 The statement of project objectives
11 concentrates expressly on provisions of the 2017-18
12 Budget Act for preparation of preliminary construction
13 plans for this facility specifically at CIM. As a
14 result, the foundational decision to place this facility
15 at CIM has not really had any CEQA review. The adoption
16 of the Budget Act as a financing mechanism was not
17 subject to the provisions of CEQA.

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18 Budget and provision then serves as a basis
19 for rejecting or not even analyzing possible alternative
20 locations for the facility which could be housed at
21 other prisons. The result is that there's no real
22 consideration and analysis of alternative locations for
23 the facility, and so the project alternatives and
24 analysis is fundamentally flawed.

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25 Existing conditions at CIM overall call into

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1 question whether this is an appropriate place for the
2 facility. The inspector generals found the condition
3 and operation at CIM are deficient and the budget for
4 continued maintenance and repair is inadequate as the
5 City brought up during the scoping meeting in July. Why
6 add another facility to CIM that will be affected by the
7 same issues in the future?

8 In addition, just in the last few days, the
9 Office of Inspector General issued a new report on
10 medical services at CIM. The inspection results Cycle 5
11 report concludes the overall rating of general medical
12 service provided to inmates at CIM as inadequate. Even
13 more disheartening, this is the worst rating on the
14 Cycle 4 report which found services to be adequate.

15 Matters are getting worse rather than better
16 at the institution. In light of the need for CIM to
17 address problems with the provision medical services in
18 general, CIM Chino is not a viable location for an
19 additional health facility, particularly one involving
20 critical mental health care services.

21 These are only a few of the larger issues that
22 the City will detail in its comment letter including the
23 lack of analysis of traffic and roadway impacts, water
24 supply, storm water, and utilities and infrastructure.
25 However, our focus remains unchanged. Existing

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1 facilities at CIM must be improved before new facilities
2 are added.

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3 MR. COLLINS: Good evening. My name is Kyle
4 Collins. I'm the deputy chief with Chino Valley Fire
5 District. I'm here representing our board of directors
6 and Fire Chief Tim Shackelford who couldn't be here
7 tonight. I do have a statement; so please bear with me.

8 MR. ELIE: Can you read slowly for the court
9 reporter so she gets every word.

10 MR. COLLINS: Got it.

11 In the Notice of Preparation Environmental
12 Impact Report, Proposed Mental Health Crisis Facility
13 document under the bullet point labeled "Public Service
14 to Schools" -- I believe the fire department and public
15 service -- "Because the proposed project would be
16 located within the secure boundaries of an existing
17 State correctional facility, public safety and fire
18 protection would continue to be provided by CDCR
19 personnel. Existing emergency meeting notification
20 procedures would be maintained and continue to be
21 coordinated with local public safety agencies. The
22 proposed project is also not expected to increase demand
23 for local school facilities. Based on existing
24 information, CDCR does not expect to discuss these
25 issues in detail in the draft EIR."

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1 CIM does have an on-site fire department who
2 utilizes a combination of career personnel and inmate
3 fire fighters. This stacking configuration limits their
4 capabilities which results in the CVFD routinely being
5 called upon to assist them at the institution for fire
6 calls.

7 Additionally, CIM Fire Department personnel
8 does not provide emergency medical care, or it's limited
9 emergency medical care they provide at their
10 institution. Although CIM has a staff of highly trained
11 medical personnel that does provide routine care to the
12 inmate population, the CVFD is consistently called upon
13 to provide emergency medical services.

14 In 2018 the CVFD responded to 159 incidents at
15 CIM. When CVFD personnel respond to those incidents at
16 CIM, they are unavailable to serve the population of
17 Chino and Chino Hills. That population funds the
18 services of CVFD. The addition of a 50-bed mental
19 health crisis facility will increase the service demand
20 placed upon the CVFD as these additional inmates will
21 likely have other mental issues unrelated to their
22 mental health crisis that will necessitate care.
23 Furthermore, providing emergency medical care to an
24 inmate experiencing a mental health crisis will likely
25 be very challenging and dangerous for our personnel as

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1 these patients are often violent, unpredictable, and a
2 risk to themselves and others.

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3 The CVFD respectfully requests that, prior to
4 giving consideration to the 50-bed mental health crisis
5 facility, the CDCR addresses and identifies the 2008
6 audit by the Office of the Inspector General.
7 Additionally, the CVFD requests that information be
8 provided regarding the impact on local first responders
9 at similar mental health crisis facilities that are at
10 other institutions in the state that exist.

11 The CVFD does not receive any funding or
12 revenue from CIM and from the State and believes that
13 local taxpayers are unduly burdened by the numerous
14 emergency responses to the institution. The addition of
15 a 50-bed mental health crisis facility will increase
16 this burden and further jeopardize the safety of the
17 community. Until CDCR can adequately address the
18 medical needs of the inmate population without impacting
19 local emergency services, it is imprudent in moving
20 forward with this project.

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21 Thank you.

22 MS. MARCHESI: Can you tell me when this
23 prison was built? When was this prison built?

24 MR. SLEPPY: 1940s.

25 MS. MARCHESI: 1940s.

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1 My name is Donna Marchesi. I was raised on a
2 farm on Chino Avenue -- can you hear me?

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Now we can.

4 MS. MARCHESI: You'll be sorry now.

5 My name is Donna Marchesi. I was raised on a
6 farm on Chino Avenue and Roswell where my great-
7 grandparents moved in 1921. I remember my grandma would
8 sucker me into help doing spring cleaning and tell me
9 stories of the past. One of the things I remember is
10 how she said, as the new whistle went off at the prison,
11 "We were told this was a minimum security prison when it
12 came in. They sold us a bill of goods." I'm a little
13 kid thinking "That's odd."

14 I remember -- I call it a chain gang at Chino
15 Avenue and Roswell and cops out there with guns. I had
16 to stay in the house. And I remember all my life
17 escapees. I remember being in a Girl Scout meeting off
18 of County Road and Mills when -- this is the late 50s,
19 maybe '60 -- when the Girl Scout leaders said, "Girls,
20 come in the house. I've just been notified there's been
21 an escape at the prison, and they're coming up the
22 wash," which ran right behind the house.

23 So figure about 60. For 60 years this prison
24 has not been able to keep people inside the prison, and
25 now you want to bring people with problems -- more

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1 severe problems? And I'm concerned that they're going
2 to be able to keep them contained. The prison has a lot
3 of problems, and I think security and safety for the
4 community needs to be addressed as well as all the water
5 issues, electricity, and whatever else. So that's my
6 spin.

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7 Thank you.

8 MR. YANG: Good evening. My name is Yan-Bo
9 Yang. I'm a resident of College Park that's next to the
10 prison, and I agree with all the comments earlier. And
11 as resident of College Park, I feel the prison -- I
12 mean, certainly I represent myself and this point feel
13 strongly -- I mean, object to the project proposed.

14 One of the things I have not heard people
15 bring up is that -- George who talked earlier, he kindly
16 a visit of some resident here to the prison, and the
17 officers here were kindly posted us the tour inside
18 there. One of the things we realize that they do not
19 realize -- and I was standing in this (inaudible) with
20 all the noisy is that the noise from the prison, not
21 from the lawnmowers, not the traffic, whatever but the
22 gunshot and the (inaudible).

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23 And we brought this up to them. They said,
24 "Oh, we didn't know you guys can hear." Yeah, we often
25 heard some regular noise (inaudible) and also, I guess,

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1 sometimes voices. And even when we were back there, we
2 were in that building where the -- they said it is going
3 to be built. And we were there, and they already -- the
4 mens in there, they already have some mental prisoners
5 there. So we were just visiting and (inaudible) and
6 turns off.

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7 And now the -- what do we call it? The prison
8 out there -- the prisoner and they were just running
9 around and just stop there and -- but the -- our line
10 was very long. So as the ingress of mental prisoners,
11 I'm sure the noise and the occurrence frequency of
12 occurrence of the (inaudible) will increase. And I
13 understand the medications from those. All that can be
14 managed. So that's one point I want to add to it,
15 secure and safety concerns. We have a lot of seniors,
16 children, babies in the next neighborhood.

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17 So thank you very much.

18 MR. HARGROVE: So my name is Mark Hargrove.
19 I'm a 54-year lifelong resident of Chino. I also have
20 the unique experience that I've been working for the
21 California Department of Corrections for 30 years,
22 retired last year. And I spent 20 years of that 30
23 years at CIM as a lieutenant, more specifically as the
24 administrative assistant to the warden and public
25 information officer. I also did a ten-year stint down

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1 there as the chief investigator of investigative
2 services unit. So to say that I don't know CIM would
3 not be accurate. I know it very well.

4 Thank you first to Chief Comstock for her
5 comments. They are spot on. Thank you to Captain
6 Mensen. Those comments are spot on. Thank you to Nick
7 Liguori. Those comments are spot on. I don't want to
8 repeat those. If you'd like to, I have a Facebook page
9 you can go to and read. I have a five-page version
10 which I have in front of me, but there's no reason to
11 read here those points because they've already been made
12 to the greatest extent by those city officials.

13 By the way, I was recently elected to the City
14 Council; so I am the councilman for District 2 in the
15 City of Chino. So I guess with all that being said, I
16 have now a greater responsibility and concern to speak
17 out not only on my behalf as a resident but those
18 constituents that are in the City of Chino.

19 Most people in Chino are not concerned with
20 the prison quite honestly as long as things go as
21 they're supposed to go. It's when things happen like
22 January last year when an inmate escapes, and subsequent
23 to that another inmate comes up missing for a while, and
24 they finally find him on the grounds.

25 So I understand the concerns having worked

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1 inside of a prison. It's a different perspective for us
2 in there. Right? I will honestly say, as I've said
3 before, I have the utmost respect and belief that the
4 staff, whether that's custody or ancillary staff, at CIM
5 are wholeheartedly dedicated to their No. 1 mission with
6 CDCR or CIM: To keep the community safe. That's it.

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7 All this about services and providing roads,
8 those are all important things, but the purpose and
9 reason of the Department of Corrections of Prisons is to
10 keep incarcerated inmates inside the gates until they
11 serve their time and then release them. So when you say
12 that you're going to -- I'm going to be able to
13 (inaudible) -- when you say we're going to build a
14 secure Level 4 facility inside, quite honestly, a
15 minimum support facility that's now designated as a
16 secure Level 1, nothing changed. They just changed the
17 designation.

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18 So when you call out it's going to be a secure
19 Level 4 or a security Level 4, I'm not sure what they
20 mean by that. I mean, it's in the report. Does that
21 mean it's going to be built out of stone? I know
22 there's criteria for a Level 4. I would love for him to
23 explain some more. There's not a Level 4 facility that
24 I know in CDCR that doesn't have a lethal electrified
25 fence around it and inside internal gun coverage.

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1 They're not going to put internal gun coverage inside of
2 a mental health facility. So what does that mean? So
3 hopefully they'll explain that a little bit more.

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4 I was honest to the point, from my
5 understanding, when I said the last time I spoke and
6 last time I did a posting, this is all about one thing.
7 This is about getting out of a lawsuit. It's about
8 getting out of the Coleman lawsuit against the State
9 that's been going on for nearly 30 years.

10 They promised the courts that they're going to
11 build these facilities. They're mandated to fulfill
12 that requirement quite honestly. When it comes down to
13 it, they can't recruit anywhere psychiatrists,
14 psychologists, social workers, mental health
15 professionals unless they're at a location that -- they
16 said in their own EIR -- they said, "Locate treatment
17 services in a geographically central area of the greater
18 Southern California region to facilitate recruitment and
19 retention of skilled medical and mental health
20 professionals."

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21 So I want to make this point. They also
22 said -- and I quote -- this is to address the court's
23 concerns about staffing inadequacies. CDCR plans to
24 locate new mental health correctional facilities in
25 areas with the highest potential for recruitment and

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1 retaining skilled medical professionals. CDCR has
2 historically had difficulty filling medical professional
3 staff needs at its most remote facilities, and staffing
4 positions often go vacant for long periods. The
5 applicant pool in these locations is small relative to
6 the staffing needs. Urban areas have a larger number of
7 such professionals due to their overall size, and thus
8 facilities in these areas are easier to staff.

9 The reason I point this out is that they want
10 to build it in Southern California. Quite honestly,
11 we're the only institution in Southern California.
12 They're not going to build it at RJD out at Otay Mesa.
13 Doctors aren't going to be working there. They're not
14 going to build it in Blythe, Imperial Valley, or
15 Lancaster. Chino is right here by Pacific Palisades,
16 Newport Beach. This is how we can recruit
17 psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses. They can't even
18 get staffing there as it stands now.

19 And the reason I mention that is because --
20 understand this: that Mr. Sleppy and the environmental
21 people that are doing the report, I think they're doing
22 a fantastic job, and they're fulfilling the requirement
23 of what they're doing. There are some issues that are
24 being pointed out, and I think those can be addressed,
25 but the underlying motivation here is that you're going

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1 to get this whether you like it or not. That's quite
2 honestly.

3 So we have to be on the mark because this is
4 David vs. Goliath. This is the State of California
5 coming to the middle of Chino saying, "You're getting
6 this mental health facility." Now, they don't address
7 in the EIR -- and hopefully we'll have an opportunity in
8 the near future as their timeline to address all those
9 other concerns that they don't address in the EIR. And
10 those are quite honestly the second (inaudible) pointed
11 out.

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12 Transportation of inmates through the city.
13 Listen, you have, as they pointed out, unarmed officers
14 transporting Level 1 and 2 inmates in vehicles. Level 3
15 and 4, these are high-security inmates. These are the
16 worst of the worst going through with a chase vehicle
17 coming through Chino. For a facility this size, you're
18 talking about upwards of 4,000 transports a year just
19 for this little 50-bed facility. That's not even
20 accounting for the 3,600 other inmates that are at CIM
21 right now. 4,000 transports in through the city with
22 mental health crisis inmates.

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23 Okay. So the last few points that I'll make
24 is this: Hopefully they'll be able to tell us -- I
25 already mentioned this -- Level 4, I would love to know

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1 what that's going to entail. They talk about a fence, a
2 cyclone fence. Again, even without a single cyclone
3 fence, Level 4 institutions -- I know how to double
4 cyclone fences minimally. So there are some more points
5 that we'll have to figure out down the road.

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6 I think it comes down to this for me honestly.
7 One is let's start first with the State and CDCR
8 providing adequate funding to CIM. Let's start there.
9 If the State can prove that they're willing to do that
10 and adequately fund the prison, then we can move into
11 the next step which is now start fixing the things that
12 are already wrong there.

13 I can't even begin to tell you, after my 20
14 years there, that staff there now during the -- thank
15 God for Southern California weather -- you can't plug
16 two heaters. Well, they don't have heat in the
17 buildings. So you can't plug two heaters into the same
18 circuitry because it blows the circuit, but they plan on
19 putting this new facility. And what they say is, "Well,
20 we'll add some new transformers, and we can really fix
21 that up," but they don't intend to fix what's already
22 broken.

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23 So my last point is then we'll start talking
24 about a mental health facility, whether CIM is
25 appropriate for it. I agree. There's probably a whole

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1 lot of other institutions that are just as good and
2 better for this facility. Last, I'm just going to --
3 they've already pointed out in the EIR \$35 million
4 spent. Absolutely true. Those were all new medical
5 buildings, pharmacy, clinics. They didn't fix anything
6 that was old. Mr. Sleppy was, I think, the one that
7 pointed out they spent \$3 million a year on repairs. I
8 think the Chief pointed out it takes \$26 million, not
9 \$3 million. So it's nice when you say \$3 million being
10 spent there.

11 In my last five years or so there at CIM,
12 there was never a time that money was available to fix
13 anything but on an emergency basis. So they waited for
14 it to break. It becomes a crisis. Then it's funded
15 through emergency funding. That's how they operate year
16 in and year out. There's no money waiting there for
17 them to go buy a new transformer that just blew that
18 costs \$50,000. You've got to solicit to the State
19 headquarters and say, "Please give us the money. We
20 need it." And then they find out is it necessary?
21 Okay. We'll go ahead and (unintelligible). Not to say
22 it's their fault. Facility management, they're in the
23 same condition we are. We're waiting for State funding.
24 This comes from the budget. This comes from the
25 governor, from the Senate.

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1 The other thing that I want to mention just
2 off the top of my head is ACA accreditation that he
3 mentioned. I was there when they received
4 accreditation. It's absolutely true they passed. It's
5 absolutely true they passed with flying colors. But in
6 most instances, because of the age of the facility, most
7 of those criteria were waived. So they don't have a
8 showerhead. We'll waive it because you're an old
9 facility. You don't have a large enough space for
10 inmate living conditions. Well, we'll waive it because
11 you can't build a new cell. Right?

12 So it's kind of a misunderstanding when you
13 throw that out there and say that it passed with flying
14 colors. And by the way, the Department went through the
15 entire ACA accreditation. They paid millions and
16 millions of dollars for the people up and down the
17 state, and then they ended that program. So it's not
18 that we value the ACA accreditation as much as he makes
19 you believe because we don't even utilize them anymore.
20 So --

21 MR. SLEPPY: (Inaudible.)

22 MR. HARGROVE: Yeah. Is the time up?

23 MR. SLEPPY: Yes.

24 MR. HARGROVE: So I'll finish up. Mr. Sleppy
25 doesn't want me to expose them more.

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1 MR. SLEPPY: We're going to give her a break.
2 All right?

3 MR. LUCIO: What's that?

4 MR. SLEPPY: You can speak, but then we're
5 going to give her a break after you.

6 MR. LUCIO: Sure.

7 I just recently got appointed to the City
8 Council. I'm a District 3 representative which is here
9 in the Chino prison. I'm also an L.A. County retired
10 with the Sheriff's Department, and we, unfortunately,
11 provide probably the largest percentage of inmates to
12 the California Department of Corrections. Also on a
13 regular basis I do work in the Inmate Reception Center
14 as a watch commander. And the Reception Center is the
15 (inaudible) that takes all the inmates into custody for
16 the L.A. County.

17 I can tell you that, because of Prop 47 and
18 57, we do not take any inmates into the L.A. County Jail
19 system that are not violent. So although we will say
20 that these people are Level 1s, Level 2s and the State
21 has now (inaudible) the number system to lower their
22 numbers to make these people appear to be less of a
23 security risk, the reality is we don't have anybody in
24 custody unless they're violent.

25 I can tell you that, being a lieutenant there,

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1 I have many people -- because we do have a mental staff
2 that are in the Reception Center that any time an inmate
3 requires medical attention, we send people with weapons
4 and follow inside an ambulance or inside the ambulance
5 as well as in the follow vehicle. And these are people
6 that are not (inaudible) in crimes at this point.

7 Two, to transport people throughout this city
8 that are convicted criminals at Level 1 and 2 -- which,
9 again, we're not holding anybody that is not a violent
10 criminal -- and moving them throughout the city is
11 ridiculous. I was not aware that that's all (inaudible)
12 that they have. I can't understand why the county jail
13 system, which is dealing with people that are not yet
14 convicted, ensure that people are being transported and
15 that there are weapons available in case people try to
16 break out.

17 We take -- it appears that we take it a little
18 bit more seriously than the California Department of
19 Corrections, and we take a little bit more measures for
20 the safety of the residents.

21 But I will say I live just outside of College
22 Park. My house was the last before College Park. I
23 could see Chino east because there was no other
24 residence between my house and Chino east. So I've
25 always been aware of the prison, about the state and the

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1 condition that it's in currently.

2 The security measures that are in place right
3 now is inadequate. As a deputy sheriff working with the
4 jail system, I (inaudible) violent criminals. And I can
5 tell you that these people that are -- you have two
6 different people. You have people that are criminally
7 insane that you're not going -- you don't know what
8 they're going to do from one point to another. They can
9 be completely fine one minute and then turn around and
10 just completely be a different person. These are
11 violent people, and to transport these people throughout
12 our city is something that shouldn't be taken lightly.

13 I can also tell you there's a number of
14 inmates that we deal with on a regular basis that
15 completely lie about the state of mental health they
16 have with an attempt to maybe go to a location with less
17 measures and be able to escape. So I just wanted to
18 address this.

19 My family lives here. I have young kids. I
20 also represent this district; so it's important to me to
21 express my concerns of the safety measures they're
22 currently in and the way they're being transported.

23 Thank you.

24 MR. SLEPPY: Is it okay if we take, like, a
25 ten-minute break?

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1 MS. POWELL: Can I just say one thing before
2 'cause I'm short?

3 MR. SLEPPY: Okay. You can say two things.

4 MS. POWELL: I can say two things? Thank you.

5 My name is Denise Powell, and I really don't
6 speak up. But I've also been living in Chino for almost
7 40 years now, and I did work at institution along with
8 Mark for 30 years. I went up the ranks. I started as
9 an officer, went into the business services side,
10 retired as a procurement officer.

11 And just to support what Mark was telling you,
12 CIM only did band-aid -- bandages. We never fixed
13 anything. As a procurement officer, I worked with
14 contracts. We had emergency contracts all the time, I
15 mean, 'cause nothing ever -- that was the joke with the
16 tradesmen in the maintenance department. We're just
17 planning to do a band-aid and take -- and just keep on
18 going.

19 So, yes, like Mark said, they're going to put
20 the mental health. It's there no matter what we say.
21 But CDCR needs to give them money. I started as an
22 officer in dorms. I went to canteen. I went to
23 warehousing. I mean, warehousing is terrible at CIM.
24 Our food storage is terrible at CIM. You know, we need
25 the money to fix -- now, I retired in 2008 so -- but I

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1 don't think they've done much with money since 2008.

2 I hear -- you know, you always hear Facebook
3 what's going on, you know. Give them the money. Do
4 your mental health and make -- we've got so much land at
5 CIM. Put a new hospital and the mental health somewhere
6 else instead of inside -- we used to call it minimum
7 yard. What yard is it now? A yard -- E yard. You
8 know, the staff there deserves better accommodations for
9 going there every day.

10 So that's all I got to say.

11 MR. SLEPPY: Now we're going to take a
12 ten-minute break. Thank you.

13 (A recess was taken.)

14 MR. SLEPPY: Everybody signed in today? So
15 hopefully you did. And we also have the e-mail address
16 on our website.

17 Okay. Next speaker.

18 MR. SEKHON: Hello. Everybody can hear me?

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Louder.

20 MR. SEKHON: Louder?

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Talk into the microphone.

22 MR. SEKHON: I'm not a public speaker. My
23 name is Dr. Sekhon. I work with the Department of
24 Behavioral Health in San Bernardino County for the last
25 30 years. After being in residency from L.A., I moved

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1 to Chino Hill, '87.

2 Since I'm working with them, I think this is a
3 need. A hospital is a need. The hospital needed there.
4 Who are they? Nobody advocate for them. Who are they
5 behind it who live behind closed wall is a different
6 story. I think our leaders should push the pressure on
7 the top. Give the funding, fix it, and make it. That's
8 mine.

9 Nobody talks about them who is behind because
10 they took a couple of things three times from the hotel
11 or the store. (Inaudible) they are there for ten year,
12 whatever they come. And then when they come out, nobody
13 give them the job. Nobody even tell "You can stay with
14 me." They are out on the street. I think we should
15 collectively say that we need that hospital.

16 And they don't put responsible people from
17 outside inside. They are from there, people who are
18 (inaudible) about it. But the people, no, they come
19 outside. Where do they come from? Solano? Wasco?
20 Look at their facilities over there. They don't even
21 have a medical center around there. From Bakersfield
22 they send to the downtown. We have the hospital if the
23 patient comes from here, goes to the Arrowhead. A
24 policeman -- officer takes over there. They sit four,
25 five hour. Then they're readmitted. Then they have to

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1 stay by them because we don't have the coverage to cover
2 them. Every eight hours they change; right? After we
3 release it, they come back. If they're (inaudible) for
4 ten days, they will be okay.

5 That's my thing is we should support it. I
6 know we talk about what happen, who and all this.
7 Things have changed not a lot. State wants it, or they
8 can (inaudible) space for it. Then they can make it.
9 And they have the stuff do it. Nobody goes to the
10 Corcoran jail, you know, or Delano jail.

11 So please support it. They are our people.
12 They are our brothers and sisters, brothers. They are
13 there. And 25 -- if you want to see a big hospital, go
14 to a jail and find 25 percent people having a mental
15 illness. And they're not the people -- bad people, I
16 can tell you. All this (inaudible) and everything I
17 don't want details. They are not have a mental problem.
18 They don't do it. They don't even go out. That's my
19 impression of this. We are okay for them. They can get
20 out.

21 Thank you.

22 MR. ELIE: Good evening. My name is Steve
23 Elie, spelled E-l-i-e for the reporter. I'm a 20-year
24 resident of Chino Hills. I'm also an elected director
25 of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency representing both

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1 Chino and Chino Hills. Certainly my constituents have a
2 significant interest in this. And by way of profession,
3 I am an environmental lawyer and happen to work on CEQA
4 matters.

5 So I was very troubled -- and thank you, Chief
6 Comstock, for the comments about pushing this through.
7 I was very troubled by a number of things that some of
8 us have seen tonight. One of them was the rapid
9 schedule for approval that you're anticipating.

10 So, you know, in the CEQA process there's a
11 whole bunch of steps. One of the most significant ones
12 is after the EIR is coming out of draft like this is the
13 time to review it. So one of the earlier comments said,
14 "Well, we gave the extra time because of the holidays."
15 It's eight whole days. We know that the two cities are
16 shut down between, oh, December 24th and January 2nd.
17 So how many days is that? Eight. So we didn't get any
18 extra time really.

19 And perhaps more disturbing to me, as a CEQA
20 lawyer, was to read this tonight. Social issues are not
21 addressed in the EIR, and those include "conditions of
22 existing infrastructure at CIM." That's a quote from
23 one of the slides from the CEQA expert. That's shocking
24 in reading this EIR.

25 This draft EIR, among other things, includes

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1 baseline being used, for example, for sewers, for water
2 treatment. And what does it say? We're going to use
3 the existing facilities. There is no (inaudible) this
4 draft EIR of the state of the existing facilities. It
5 is directly relevant. The conditions at CIM may not be
6 electrical in certain buildings, but the conditions at
7 CIM, as they exist today, compliant to State law as to
8 sewage -- oh, yeah. By the way, they're on a septic.
9 You all are on sewer pretty much unless you live in
10 unincorporated Chino. Yeah, this is on septic. They
11 use percolation ponds.

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12 Some of you have been around for a long time.
13 You may remember Higgins Brick in Chino Hills. I used
14 to drive by there all the time, and I'd say, "How does
15 the regional board let that happen?" Well, my question
16 is how does the regional board let it happen here at CIM
17 now today? Why don't they go to IEUA? Oh, wait. IEUA
18 has approached CIM how many times and said get us -- get
19 on the system. Treat it with every other waste from the
20 42 square miles of our system. But CIM doesn't do that.
21 Again, this document has many, many environmental
22 inadequacies, environmental inadequacies.

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23 Let's talk about the baseline. I already
24 talked about the baseline. Project description
25 alternatives. So when you read a normal EIR, it has

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1 factual alternatives. So in this instance they probably
2 could have done a two-story versus a one-story
3 alternative and compared them to the no-project
4 alternative. By the way, the only reason why they
5 included the no-project alternative is because they have
6 to to bank up their minimum.

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7 But I've never seen an EIR where the project
8 isn't described as to how -- you don't have to add
9 fills, but there's no structure to it. Say, well, we'll
10 decide later whether it will be one or two. Well, that
11 can add all kinds of impacts. For example, a two-story
12 building could have visual impacts that are different
13 than a one-story building. Those differences are not
14 analyzed. They're kicking that can down the road. The
15 environmental analysis requires you do it up front, not
16 later.

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17 The schedule. I sort of drifted off this
18 earlier. But the schedule is really accelerated, and
19 they don't even know what kind of comments they're going
20 to get, but they already know we're going to send it to
21 the director in the spring. So the comments are due
22 January 28th. Spring could be March. Could be March
23 they're going to have a final EIR in response to
24 comments. So it's a pretty accelerated schedule.

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25 We talked about sewer, waste water, recycled

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1 water. You know, in the Chino basin, which I'm very
2 familiar with because I also sit on the Watermaster
3 (inaudible) our Chino Desalter Authority that my agency
4 participates in with the cities of Chino, Ontario, and
5 others, we are treating the historical salt in our
6 basin. CIM is not part of that.

7 CIM -- Lord knows what goes in those ponds and
8 seeps into our basin that is our groundwater.

9 70 percent of the drinking water used in my service area
10 comes from the Chino basin. 30 percent is imported.

11 And obviously we're trying to change that and use more
12 recycled water, et cetera. But the water supply is not
13 analyzed that I can see. The (inaudible) and come from.

14 Where is the sewer services going to go? Are
15 you going to put that on the city sewer? The way it
16 works is that the City -- the cities and the water
17 district have local sewers, and then it goes through a
18 big pipe, and then it goes to one of our treatment
19 plants. Two or -- three of ours are in Chino. So we
20 have three treatment plants, but CIM don't use them.

21 So with that, I think that's all I have. I'll
22 have to submit some written comments to make sure they
23 get addressed, but there are -- I'll repeat because it
24 bears repeating. Conditions of existing infrastructure
25 at CIM are CEQA issues if you're going to build upon

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1 them and use them, and any final EIR that's worth its
2 salt will actually address that. Or maybe, better yet,
3 do it right and recirculate an EIR that actually
4 considers alternatives, that actually considers the
5 infrastructure and state of the location that you're
6 using and building upon as your baseline.

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7 Thank you.

8 MS. BAKER: Good evening. My name is Deb
9 Baker. I'm a -- two hats that I wear in my professional
10 life. One is I am a professor that prepares students
11 for mental health jobs and professions, and I'm teaching
12 on the road not too far. My other half is I am a mental
13 health professional at a location that's about .2 miles
14 from here. For the past ten years or so, I've worked
15 there on a pretty active basis. So my job is -- I am in
16 that mental health profession where I see the people
17 that (inaudible).

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18 I know this whole issue is about building
19 something within Chino prison. I myself, my family, you
20 know, moved about the same time as Comstock's family did
21 to Chino, early 70s; so I grew up here. Prison was part
22 of our life. It was just there. It was just what it
23 was and how it is, both men's and women's and then the
24 youth authority that was around the corner. So that was
25 a scary thing. Yes, you had some escapees. We had some

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1 challenging things there.

2 So there is a need for this population to get
3 help. So I think we all probably recognize that in that
4 sense, and it's the classic situation that we think we
5 need -- we need this but not in our backyard. And so
6 that's, I think, the battle that we have. And as a
7 mental health professional and as a professional that
8 prepares people to go into this profession -- I do have
9 to say that Chief Comstock came up and shared what she
10 did. That carries a lot of weight; so I appreciate
11 that. And as a mental health professional knowing or
12 not knowing what's going on in there in that facility, I
13 think we have to make sure that our community will be
14 safe.

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15 And so I appreciate that and your time.

16 MR. VENERABLE: Hello, everybody. My name is
17 Darian Venerable. I am a Chino resident, not as long as
18 most. We moved here about 2000, my family and I. I
19 also made a church in The Preserve. And so as a father,
20 as a husband, as a community leader listening to
21 everything that has been said, my main concern is
22 that -- the thing that comes to my mind is putting
23 lipstick on a pig. Why don't we add something to a
24 facility that desperately needs retrofitting, care, and
25 we're going to add something that also is going to need,

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1 in time, repair and care. And here we are trying to add
2 something new to that in addition to what is
3 already -- what's already needed.

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4 So I have a huge concern again as a dad. And
5 the transportation issues really kind of frighten me
6 listening to this and thinking about the possibilities.
7 And I'm not speaking for everyone, but I can say that
8 the folks in The Preserve that come to our church have a
9 huge concern with what could happen and what we're
10 looking at into the future.

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11 So thank you. Appreciate your time.

12 MS. SCHAFFER: Hello. My name is Pat
13 Schaffer. I worked in the institution behind CIM, and
14 it was a maximum security youth authority. That means
15 that it has single cells, 1,200 single cells. There are
16 three buildings, and that institution -- because it was
17 juvenile, we got funds for all kinds of upgrades. They
18 took our windows out and put slits in. We had man-
19 powered metal doors. They put electric ones in. They
20 put complete computer systems in on all of the units.
21 Everything was controlled by one center location. There
22 are -- each one of our control centers had 100 rooms.

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23 Now, that facility is sitting right behind
24 CIM, and I do not see why they're going to let that
25 facility go to waste when it was already a maximum

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1 security system. It just needs the upgrades that -- the
2 security for it the CDC adult prison requires: A double
3 fence, maybe a couple more towers.

4 But that institution is fully -- could be
5 fully operative and made whole with just a few
6 improvements, very few improvements. I just wanted to
7 let the people know that Youth Authority was a maximum
8 security institution.

9 MS. RODRIGUEZ: My name is Maria Rodriguez.
10 I'm a resident of Chino. My family moved here in 1968.
11 My parents were drawn to the agricultural life here, and
12 the prison wasn't something that they ever commented on.
13 I went on to college, moved away, ended up coming back.
14 So, anyways, I'm here as a concerned resident. Mostly I
15 don't like to speak up.

16 Mr. Sleppy, I don't know where you live, but I
17 wonder if you would have any such concerns if something
18 like this was going to be built near you or in the city
19 where you live.

20 Already knowing -- I've come to this meeting
21 where I also came in July and in August. I learned more
22 as to what the conditions and concerns are, and most
23 definitely my concern is also the same thing also. How
24 can you add such a facility that requires high,
25 high -- intensive services on a -- on a flawed

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1 infrastructure? How can that stand?

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2 My question is -- one of my questions is if
3 it's a ten-day crisis facility, what's to guarantee that
4 they're going to stabilize within ten days? What
5 happens outside of the ten days? Will it be extended
6 another ten days? How many times will it be extended?
7 Also upon release, where will they be released? So
8 these are questions that also need to be addressed in
9 addition to the bottom line, though, of the flawed
10 infrastructure that you're planning to build this on.
11 So that most definitely has to be looked at.

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12 And as the concern has been brought up that if
13 the maintenance has not been conducted at CIM, then
14 what's to keep that from happening at this new facility
15 down the years as well?

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16 MR. SLEPPY: Thank you.

17 I know we have one last speaker. Is there
18 anyone else that wants to get up before that last
19 speaker?

20 MS. ULLOA: My name is Eunice Ulloa, and I'm
21 the mayor of Chino. I asked specifically to be last
22 because I didn't want to necessarily repeat everything
23 that had been said.

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24 This is not an inmate issue. Chino has had
25 our fair share of the burden of incarcerated people for

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1 years: CIM, CIW, the Youth Authority, and just across
2 the road Boys Republic which -- they're not
3 incarcerated, but they're troubled youth. We've never
4 been a NIMBY community. We have always not only handled
5 our fair share but a lot more than our fair share; so it
6 isn't that issue at all.

7 But common sense tells you if the Inspector
8 General Office said back in 2008 that it's going to take
9 \$24, \$26 million a year to bring this facility up to
10 standards and only \$3 million a year approximately has
11 been spent for five years, where does that put CIM
12 currently? If his report said the facility should be
13 leveled by 2014 if the appropriate funding wasn't put
14 into it -- we're four years past that.

15 This facility is in deplorable conditions.
16 Nobody can argue with that. \$3 million a year is a drop
17 in the bucket of what this facility needs. You heard it
18 stated from someone who -- two people who have actually
19 worked there. Band-aids are put on this facility. It
20 has never been taken care of properly. And if any of
21 you have taken a tour of the facility, it's a shame.
22 It's really a shocking experience.

23 I'm glad to hear that Supervisor Hagman
24 intends to meet with the governor. I think that's
25 critical. If the current budget has \$18 million in it

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1 to address all the facilities in the State of
2 California, he obviously -- or the Legislature obviously
3 has no intentions of bringing this facility up to code.

4 Are there patients that need mental care?
5 Absolutely. We know that. We've seen statistics. Our
6 police department have faced those kind of issues many,
7 many, many times, and the problem seems to be growing.
8 There needs to be a facility, but it needs to be located
9 at a location where it should be located, not in a very
10 poor facility.

11 If someone were to apply to the City of Chino
12 for a room addition but their house was in disrepair --
13 the pipes had lead contamination. They're on a septic
14 tank. The roof is leaking. The electrical is
15 inadequate. Paint is peeling. The yard's in shambles.
16 There's all kinds of code enforcements -- the City of
17 Chino wouldn't say, "Sure. Go ahead and build this
18 nice, new addition." Why is the State of California in
19 a vacuum saying "We're going to build this facility
20 here"?

21 And, in fact, our staff heard that statement.
22 It's a done deal. This mental health facility will be
23 located here. You heard various reasons why when it
24 comes to staffing and that sort of thing. Why would the
25 State of California put a facility in a place that's

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1 inadequate? Yes, we have room. There's tons of acres.
2 In fact, security losses prisoners periodically.
3 Sometimes they find them. Sometimes they don't because
4 even the sheriff -- what was it? The Shaker fence was
5 down for two years. Two years a security fence didn't
6 work properly, and the prison system knew it but didn't
7 fix it? Didn't fix it until, in fact, another prisoner
8 got out.

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9 It's -- the whole thing is just absolutely
10 ridiculous. I think what needs to happen is -- yes, we
11 have been able to make comments to the EIR. And, Steve,
12 thank you for making the comments that you did in that
13 short conversation before we spoke. I too am very
14 heavily involved in water. We sit on Watermaster and
15 are part of the CEA and all of that. We already know
16 about groundwater contamination and how we are spending
17 millions of dollars as partners of the CEA to bring up
18 polluted groundwater and treat it so that the
19 contamination doesn't grow.

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20 And, yes, CIM is on their own sewer treatment
21 facility and percolation ponds, and, yes, IEUA has been
22 in communication with them over the last several years
23 about hooking up to the sewer, but they won't do it.
24 Why? Why isn't (inaudible) and Santa Ana Regional
25 Quality Control on that issue? Just a lot of questions

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1 out there.

2 I think we, as a community, need to interact.
3 I think Chino, Chino Hills, Ontario IEUA, fire
4 department all need to unite and protest to the State of
5 California. You fix this facility. We're not a NIMBY
6 community. And the conversation tonight would probably
7 be much different if CIM were up to code and was truly a
8 secure facility.

9 Mark, thank you for your comments about --
10 both Marks -- about the transportation of prisoners.
11 You use or have available weapons, as our police
12 department does, when you transport potential felons;
13 right? But they're going to transport prisoners that
14 are in mental crisis in a vehicle with no weapons
15 followed by a vehicle that possibly has weapons. But
16 what happens in our state of transportation nowadays
17 with traffic congestion if those two vehicles get
18 separated and something happens? That's not addressed.

19 This EIR -- and I don't mean to shoot the
20 messengers, but this EIR was prepared in a vacuum, a
21 complete vacuum with, I believe, orders that said, "Make
22 this happen." It's being jammed down our throat, and
23 that's not right. It's not right for our citizens. And
24 I think we need to band together to do whatever is
25 necessary to stop this from happening until that

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1 facility is brought up to code.

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2 Thank you.

3 MR. SLEPPY: Okay. Thank you. We appreciate
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Karen Comstock, Chief, Chino Police Department

- PH-1 The comment expresses the opinion that CDCR can build a secure MHCF, but also expresses concerns related to the existing conditions at the CIM facility and public safety. Please see Master Response 1 and Master Response 2, respectively. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary.
- PH-2 The comment expresses concern related to the transportation of inmates and security. Please see Master Response 2. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary.
- PH-3 The comment expresses concern related to the existing conditions at the CIM facility. Please see Master Response 1. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary.
- PH-4 The comment correctly states that CIM was proposed as the site for the MHCF. It is noted that leadership at CDCR, including the Secretary, has changed since the reported meeting in Chino took place. In compliance with CEQA, the Secretary will review the EIR, including comments and responses, before deciding whether to approve the project.
- PH-5 The comment incorrectly states that CIM disposes human waste on institution grounds. See response to comments A4-15 and A5-2 regarding wastewater treatment.
- PH-6 The comment provides a general closing statement. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary.

Kevin Mensen, Chino Police Department

- PH-7 The comment expresses concern related to the safety of the community. Please see Master Response 2. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary.
- PH-8 The comment expresses concern related to the existing conditions at the CIM facility. Please see Master Response 1. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary.
- PH-9 The comment expresses concern related to the transportation of inmates and security. Please see Master Response 2. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary.
- PH-10 The comment provides a general closing summary of the concerns identified in comments PH-7, PH-8, and PH-9. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary.

Gary George, San Bernardino County

- PH-11 The comment expresses opposition to the proposed project. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary.

Nicholas Liguori, City of Chino

- PH-12 The comment states that the EIR project description is inadequate because no site plan is provided. See response to comment A4-3.
- PH-13 The comment states that because CIM is identified as the proposed MHCF location in the State Budget Act, the decision to place the MHCF at CIM has not been reviewed under CEQA. This EIR provides the CEQA review for CDCR's proposal to construct and operate a MHCF at CIM. All projects subject to CEQA begin with a proposal to place a project at a specific

location, and this project is no different. It cannot be evaluated without a proposed location. However, that does not mean the project has been approved. It is undergoing this CEQA review and will be subject to the deliberation and decision as to whether it should be approved when the EIR is brought before and reviewed by the Secretary of CDCR. Alternatives to the location at CIM are addressed in Chapter 7, “Alternatives,” of the Draft EIR. See also response to comment A4-5.

- PH-14 The comment states that the EIR does not provide an analysis of alternative locations for the proposed project. Funding for preliminary design and CEQA documentation by the Legislature does not commit CDCR to approve the project and does not preclude the ability to select an alternative. Nothing in state law or policy directs CDCR to approve projects that receive this type of preliminary funding. See response to comment A3-3.
- PH-15 The comment expresses concern related to the existing conditions at the CIM facility. Please see Master Response 1. The comment also raises issues regarding future maintenance of the MHCF, if it is constructed. Maintenance funding is allocated throughout CDCR’s prison system and placing the MHCF at a different location would not alter future funding to maintain it. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR’s analysis, and no further response is necessary.
- PH-16 The comment provides a general closing statement of the above concerns and identifies concerns about the following topics without providing specific comments: traffic and roadway impacts, water supply, storm water, and utilities. No further response is necessary.

Kyle Collins, Deputy Chief, Chino Valley Fire District

- PH-17 The comment states that CIM’s fire department personnel does not provide emergency medical care and that the addition of a 50-bed mental health crisis facility will increase the service demand placed upon the CVFD. See response to comment A1-3.
- PH-18 The comment requests that CDCR address the issues identified in the 2008 audit by the Office of the Inspector General and requests information related to first responders at similar mental health crisis facilities. See response to comment A1-4.

Donna Marchesi

- PH-19 The comment provides introductory language to the overall concerns expressed in comments PH-20 and PH-21, below. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR’s analysis, and no further response is necessary.
- PH-20 The comment expresses concern related to the safety of the community. Please see Master Response 2. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR’s analysis, and no further response is necessary.
- PH-21 The comment expresses concern related to the existing conditions at the CIM facility. Please see Master Response 1. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR’s analysis, and no further response is necessary.

Yan-Bo Yang

- PH-22 The comment expresses concern related to existing prison noise and the potential increase of noise. Please see response to comment I14-5.
- PH-23 The comment expresses concern related to safety and security. Please see Master Response 2. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR’s analysis, and no further response is necessary.

Mark Hargrove, Chino City Council

- PH-24 The comment provides introductory language to the overall concerns expressed in comments PH-25 through PH-29, below. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary.
- PH-25 The comment expresses concern related to the security levels at CIM. Please see Master Response 2. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary. A lethal electrified fence is not necessary for security at Level IV facilities and not all CDCR Level IV facilities are surrounded by these fences. A lethal electrified perimeter fence around either the separate MHCF or the entire D Yard is not part of the scope of the proposed project as authorized by the State Budget Act.
- PH-26 The comment states that the location for the proposed MHCF was selected for Southern California, specifically CIM, from the beginning, and discusses the difficulty in recruiting for professional staffing positions in more remote areas. Please see response to comment A3-3 for a discussion of the need for a MHCF in Southern California.
- PH-27 The comment expresses concern related to the transportation of inmates and security. Please see Master Response 2. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary.
- PH-28 The comment expresses concern related to the existing conditions at the CIM facility. Please see Master Response 1. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary.
- PH-29 The comment discusses American Correctional Association (ACA) accreditation. ACA accreditation is not discussed in the Draft EIR and is not related to the proposed project. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary.

Marc Lucio, Chino City Council

- PH-30 The comment expresses concern related to the transportation of inmates and security. Please see Master Response 2. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary.
- PH-31 The comment expresses concern related to community safety and security. Please see Master Response 2. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary.

Denise Powell

- PH-32 The comment expresses concern related to the existing conditions at the CIM facility. Please see Master Response 1. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary.

Dr. Sekhon

- PH-33 The comment expresses support for the proposed MHCF. No response is necessary.

Steve Elie, Director, Inland Empire Utilities Agency

- PH-34 The comment presents introductory language and briefly discusses the CEQA process. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary. The comment suggests that insufficient time was provided to review the Draft EIR. State CEQA Guidelines Section 15105 requires that Draft EIRs are circulated for a minimum of 45 days. This Draft EIR was circulated for 53 days.

- PH-35 The comment correctly states that social issues are not discussed in the EIR. CEQA is required to address environmental impacts, which are defined as direct or indirect effects on the physical environment (e.g., land, air, water, biological resources, noise) (State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15358 and 15360). Social and economic effects of a project, however, “...shall not be treated as significant effects on the environment,” although an EIR may trace a “chain of cause and effect” from an economic or social effect to an effect on the physical environment (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15131). Please see Master Response 1 for a discussion of the existing conditions at the CIM facility.
- PH-36 The comment expresses concern related to the existing conditions at the CIM facility. Please see Master Response 1. Regarding the condition of infrastructure that would be used by the project, please see Section 4.11, “Utilities and Service Systems,” of the Draft EIR, which discusses the onsite WWTP and water treatment plant. Also see response to comment I11-5.
- PH-37 The comment incorrectly states that CIM is on a septic system and should connect into the IEUA system. CIM has an onsite WWTP that treats effluent to a secondary level. See response to comments A4-15 and A5-2 as well as response to comment I11-5. Because CDCR treats its own wastewater and does so to levels that meet the RWQCB requirements, there is no need to connect to and use the capacity of the IEUA system.
- PH-38 The comment expresses the belief that the alternatives analysis is inadequate and suggest that CDCR has discretion about whether to analyze a no project alternative. State CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.6(e)(1) requires that a “no project” alternative be evaluated to allow decision makers to compare the impacts of approving the proposed project with the impacts of not approving the proposed project.
- The comment also states that a two-story MHCF could have been considered in the EIR as an alternative to a one-story building. A two-story MHCF alternative would not reduce any significant impacts of a one-story MHCF or vice versa because there are no significant effects. The possible maximum height of the proposed building is appropriately identified in the Draft EIR project description. See response to comment A4-3 regarding the level of detail necessary in the project description.
- PH-39 The comment incorrectly states that environmental impacts of a two-story building versus a one-story building have not been analyzed. See response to comment A4-3 regarding the level of detail necessary in the project description.
- PH-40 The comment expresses the belief that the schedule of responding to comments is accelerated. CEQA does not mandate a period of time that must pass between the close of a comment period and the release of a Final EIR. Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15105(a) the public review period of a Draft EIR shall not be less than 45 days. On December 6, 2018, CDCR released the Draft EIR for a 53-day public review and comment period. Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15088(b), the responses to comments in this current document will be provided to commenting agencies 10 days before certification of an EIR. CDCR will adhere to applicable procedural timing requirements of CEQA.
- PH-41 The comment expresses concern related the potential adverse effects on groundwater related to the discharge of treated secondary effluent onto CIM property. See response to comment A5-2. Water supply and capacity of the CIM wastewater treatment system are analyzed in Draft EIR Section 4.11, “Utilities and Service Systems.”
- PH-42 The comment provides summary statements related to alternatives and existing conditions. None of the comments received on the Draft EIR have resulted in a new or substantial increase in the severity of an environmental impact; therefore, recirculation is not necessary.

Deb Baker

- PH-43 The comment provides introductory language and does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary.
- PH-44 The comment expresses concern related to community safety. Please see Master Response 2. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary.

Darian Venerable

- PH-45 The comment expresses concern related to the existing conditions at the CIM facility. Please see Master Response 1. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary.
- PH-46 The comment expresses concern related to community safety and security. Please see Master Response 2. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary.

Pat Schaffer

- PH-47 The comment states that the deactivated youth authority facility adjacent to CIM was once a maximum-security facility and could be fully operative with improvements. The MHCF is a unique facility, specifically designed to address the needs of inmates in mental health crisis. The existing youth facility could not simply be modified and repurposed to accommodate the treatment needs of these inmates. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary.

Maria Rodriguez

- PH-48 The comment expresses concern related to the existing conditions at the CIM facility. Please see Master Response 1. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary.
- PH-49 The comment questions how a ten-day stay is going to stabilize someone who is experiencing a major mental health crisis and what happens if it does not work. See response to comment I14-11. The analysis in the EIR assumes certain parameters, including a typical 10-day treatment period, for the impact analysis. However, if an inmate requires longer treatment, it would be provided. The capacity of the facility including the number of inmates and staffing would not change if this were to occur, and no additional environmental effects would result.
- PH-50 The comment questions whether the proposed MHCF will be maintained in the future. Provision of mental health crisis treatment in a secure environment is consistent with the agency mission of CDCR. CDCR endeavors to keep its facilities in good working order and would do so with the MHCF, if constructed.

Eunice Ulloa, Mayor, City of Chino

- PH-51 The comment expresses concern related to the existing conditions at the CIM facility. Please see Master Response 1. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary.
- PH-52 The comment correctly states that polluted groundwater in the Chino Basin is subject to treatment. Water treatment is performed by the Chino Desalter Authority, as discussed on page 4.7-7 of the Draft EIR. The comment also correctly states that CIM operates a WWTP and discharges treated secondary effluent to percolation ponds. See response to comment

- A5-2 regarding connecting to the IEUA system. See response to comment I11-5 regarding the effectiveness of the onsite WWTP.
- PH-53 The comment expresses concern related to the transportation of inmates and security of CIM. Please see Master Response 2. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary.
- PH-54 The comment is a summary statement that does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIR's analysis, and no further response is necessary.

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