

## 2 SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) proposes to construct and operate a new Mental Health Crisis Facility (MHCF) at the California Institution for Men (CIM) (proposed project). The proposed project would be constructed within the current property boundaries of CIM, in the northwest portion of the existing prison grounds.

### 2.1 PROJECT LOCATION

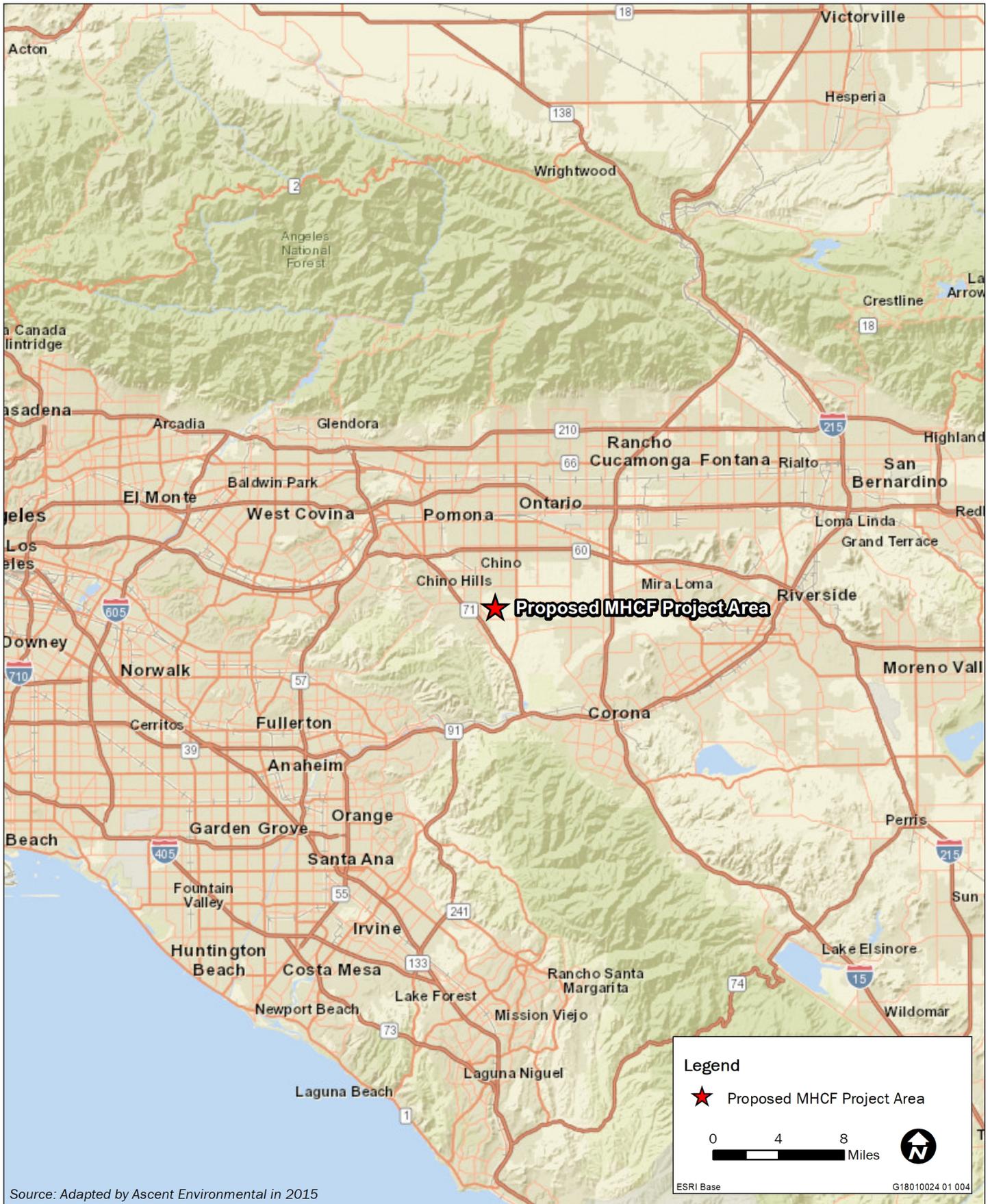
The property boundaries of CIM, located at 14901 Central Avenue in the City of Chino, encompass approximately 1,500 acres owned by the State of California. CIM is within the central portion of Chino in San Bernardino County, approximately 33 miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles (see Exhibit 2-1 for the regional location of the proposed project). Regional access to CIM is by State Route 71.

There are four secure inmate housing facilities (or “yards”) within CIM: facilities A, B, C, and D. These facilities are all separated from each other, so none share perimeter fencing (see Exhibit 2-2). The site for the proposed MHCF is within the existing secure perimeter of Facility D, at the location currently occupied by a closed and disused chapel, a disused/empty swimming pool, as well as associated sidewalks and landscaping. Demolition and removal of these components and related improvements would be necessary for construction of the proposed facility. The facility would be situated directly adjacent to the existing CIM inmate infirmary.

### 2.2 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT

The new MHCF building would be configured as two-story building with up to approximately 69,000-gross square feet (gsf) of overall building footprint. As noted in Chapter 1.1.2 of the Final EIR, the approximately 69,000 gross sf footprint is larger than the 61,000 gross sf footprint evaluated in the Draft EIR, and this larger footprint is considered in Chapter 4 of this Final EIR, “Corrections and Revisions to the Draft EIR. This is a refinement in project design but does not alter the capacity of the facility. The MHCF building would provide space for a total of 50 beds (comprised of 46 single cells and 2 double occupancy cells) dedicated to inmates in mental health crisis, along with mental health care treatment space, clinical support space, housing, recreation, custody, support, and administrative services. Housing, treatment, and support space would be built according to CDCR Design Criteria Guidelines; California Building Standards Code; California Code of Regulations Title 24; mental health licensing; and other State design policies and regulations. The facility would be constructed to highly secure standards and the building will also be designed to allow the provision of other levels of mental health care in addition to crisis. The slightly larger facility does not require additional staffing.

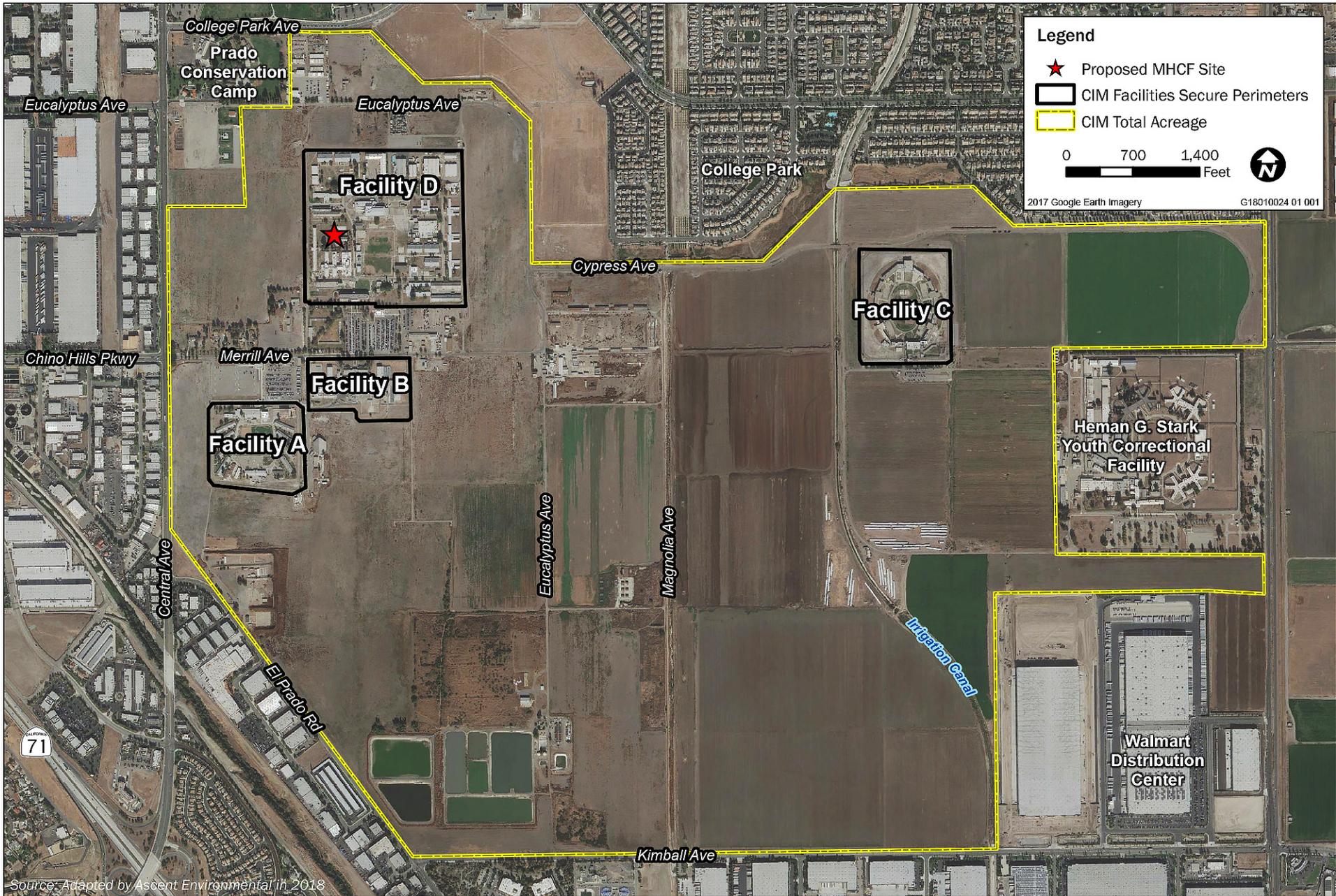
Other proposed project components include a new access road for the MHCF with a new cyclone fence and secure vehicle access area, improvements to the existing pedestrian pathway between the administration building and the MHCF site to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and resurfacing and restriping portions of the existing administration building parking lot to comply with ADA requirements. A 360-space paved parking lot for staff and visitors would be installed in one of two areas. Both options would be located outside of the secure perimeter of Facility D and would be accessed from Merrill Avenue. Parking lot Option A, located just southwest of the Facility D perimeter, would be approximately 3 acres. Parking lot Option B, located south of the Facility D perimeter and immediately east of the existing parking lot, would be approximately 2.5 acres. The MHCF will be built in accordance with the



**Exhibit 2-1**

**Regional Vicinity**





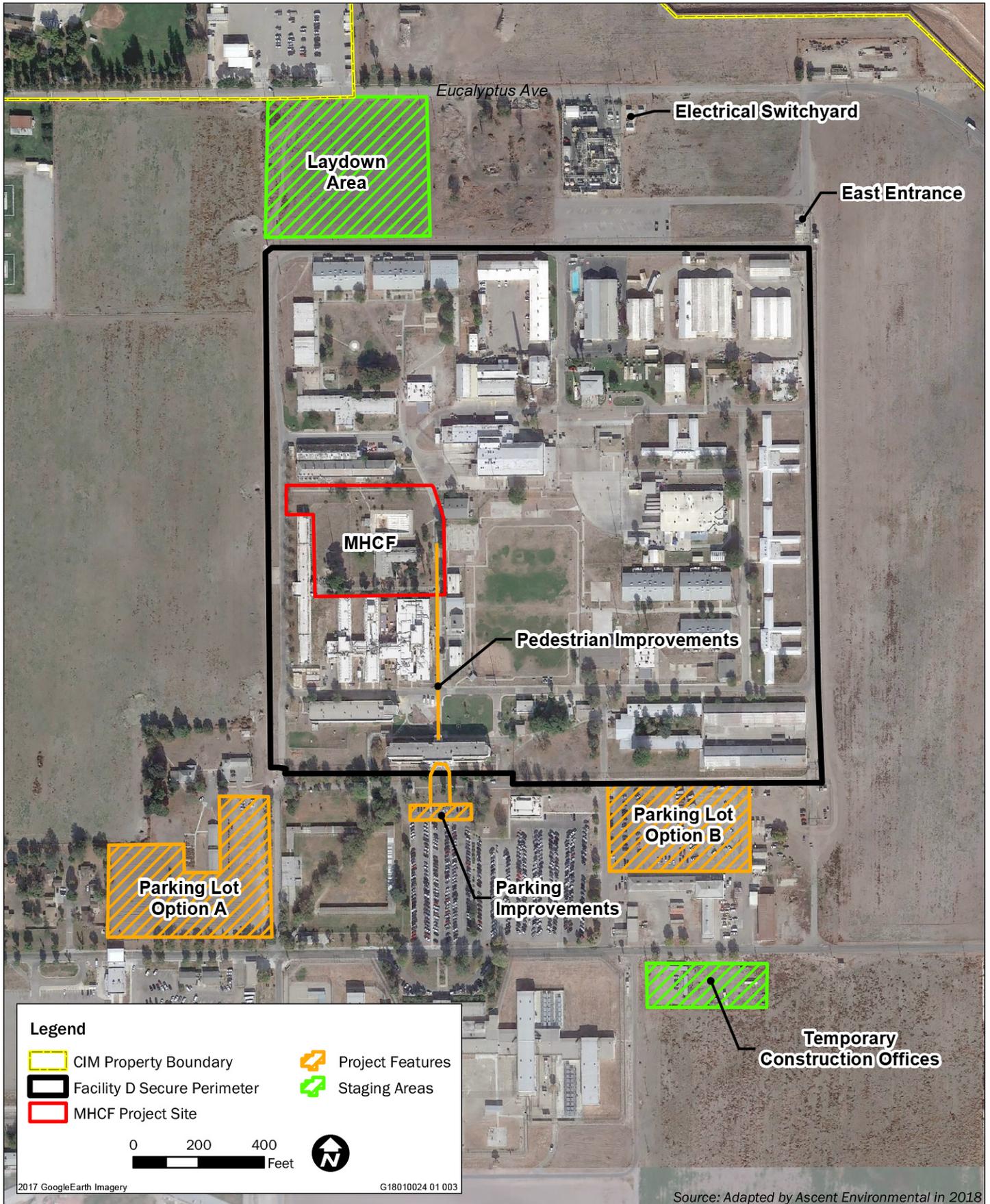
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U.S. Green Building Council's sustainable design principles established through its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system. Exhibit 2-3 shows the proposed site plan. Exhibit 2-4 provides additional preliminary detail on the site plan for the proposed MHCF.

## 2.3 PROJECT OBJECTIVES

CDCR's objectives for the proposed project are to:

- ▲ comply with the provisions of the 2017/2018 State Budget Act to prepare preliminary construction plans for a 50-bed mental health crisis facility at CIM;
- ▲ facilitate compliance with court orders to provide constitutionally adequate mental health treatment, including licensed, permanent mental health treatment services, within the State's correctional system and to reduce transfer times for inmate-patients in a mental health crisis state;
- ▲ locate treatment services in a geographically central area of the greater southern California region to complement existing mental health crisis beds in other parts of the State;
- ▲ locate treatment services in a geographically central area of the greater southern California region to facilitate recruitment and retention of skilled medical and mental health professionals; and
- ▲ prioritize infill over greenfield (e.g., non-developed land) development by utilizing developed areas and existing infrastructure to maximize efficient use of State resources and minimize conversion of natural resources, consistent with overall State goals.



**Exhibit 2-3**

**Proposed MHCf Site Plan**





**Exhibit 2-4**

**Proposed MHC Facility Site Plan – Preliminary Detail**