

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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IMPERIAL COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Project Title: Re-Construction and Demolition of 1969 Herbert Hughes Correction Center

Project Applicant: Imperial County Sheriff/Coroner/Marshal Office

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Project Location – Specific:
328 Applestill Road

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Project Location – City: El Centro

Project Location – County: Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the project is to apply for a Grant under Senate Bill 863, to utilize state funding to replace a very antiquated building, Herbert Hughes Correction Center (HHCC) that was constructed in 1969 which no longer meets the needs of the facility or prison population. If awarded, the plan includes the construction of a new facility and demolition of the existing HHCC with the new facility including a new cook/chill kitchen area, programming space and replacement bunks. The new facilities will significantly reduce operational time by approximately 4 days per week and the new kitchen would be designed to provide food service to other County entities where food preparation is necessary. The existing kitchen (circa 1969) produces approximately 671,000 meals per year.

The imminent need for replacement of the HHCC facility will assist the County in the quest under AB109 to prepare offenders for a successful reintegration back into the community. Programming would accommodate mental health counseling, work training, vocational training, anger management, alcohol/drug addition, life-skills and job readiness. The goal is to provide as many evidence-based programs to offenders, proven to be successful and in conjunction, reduce recidivism by giving them tools and an opportunity to facilitate reintegration through positive reinforcement.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Imperial County Sheriff/Coroner/Marshal Office

Name of Person Carrying Out Project: Ray Loera, Sheriff/Coroner/Marshal

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268); n/a
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)); n/a
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)); n/a
- Categorical Exemption. State type Replacement/Reconstruction
and section number: Section 15302, Class 2
- Statutory Exemptions, State
- Code Number: n/a

Reasons why project is exempt:

Pursuant to the CEQA, Categorical Exemption, Section 15302, Class 2, the above proposed project is a "...Replacement..." of the existing 1969 HHCC (Camp) facility "...where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced..."

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Lead Agency

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Date: 4/29/15 **Title:** Director