

of the date of this publication. In accordance with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Corrections Programs Office, Program Guidance on Environmental Protection Requirements, a notice will be published in a non-legal section of at least two editions of a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the proposed action announcing the date, time, and location of the meeting as well as briefly summarizing its purpose.

The public, as well as Federal, State, and local agencies are encouraged to participate in the scoping meetings. Comments may also be submitted in writing, identifying relevant environmental and socioeconomic issues to be addressed in this environmental analysis. Comments and information should be mailed to Ms. Jill Young of the Department of Justice or Mr. Michael Houghtby of the California Board of Corrections at the addresses listed below. Requests to be placed on the mailing list for announcements and the Draft EIS/EIR should also be sent to Ms. Jill Young or Mr. Michael Houghtby.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jill Young, Environmental Coordinator, Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Corrections Programs Office, 810 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531, Telephone (202) 353-7302, Fax (202) 307-2019, or contact Mr. Michael Houghtby, Field Representative, State of California Board of Corrections, Corrections Planning and Programs Division, 600 Bercut Dr, Sacramento, CA 95814, Telephone (916) 322-7085; Fax (916) 445-5796.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed Juvenile Justice Facility is intended to replace the existing Alameda County Juvenile Hall, which is located in the hills of San Leandro, Alameda County, California. The existing facility was constructed in various phases with most structures dating from the 1950s to 1970s. It includes secure detention at the Juvenile Hall facility for 299 detainees, camps for low security detention, and the Chabot Community Day Center. The detention facility is constructed on a steep hillside in close proximity to the Hayward fault, an active earthquake fault with a potential for causing severe ground shaking with an estimated 32% chance of a major seismic event during the next 30 years. In addition, these facilities, which routinely are overcrowded, have or will soon exceed their useful, economic life and are in need of replacement, based on operational and architectural/engineering evaluations. Therefore, the

facility does not meet the present or future needs of the residents, staff or community and must be replaced.

A juvenile justice system master plan completed in 1998 determined that the County needed to construct a new juvenile detention facility that would house up to 540 youth at any given time. The facility would respond to the approximately 10,000 annual referrals for intake, of which 6,000 are admitted for detention in a given year. The estimated total number of beds required for a new detention facility was based on historical trends and projections, multiplied by a factor of 1.2 to account for peaking, classification and operational needs, so that the County could house youth in a facility that reflects the detainees' gender, age, and security risk, to avoid crowding, and to provide for long-term planning. The County Board of Supervisors has since revised the project to include 420 beds, with a possible capacity of 450 beds. The environmental effects of this project and several alternatives will be evaluated in the EIS/EIR.

Alternatives: The EIS/EIR will consider the No Project/No Action Alternative, as required by CEQA and NEPA. Under such a scenario, the existing Juvenile Hall facility, courts, and County offices would remain in their present locations and no Master Plan would be approved for the Dublin site.

The EIS/EIR will also discuss and evaluate certain other alternatives, which may include: an alternative location for the Juvenile Justice Facility, including development of a replacement facility at the existing site in San Leandro; development of a split campus with part of the project in Dublin and part in San Leandro; or other locations to be determined during the environmental review process.

The EIS/EIR will also consider variations in the project size, such as a reduced or increased number of beds at the Juvenile Justice facility, or a reduced or increased number of courts at the East County Hall of Justice.

The EIS/EIR will also discuss policy alternatives that are under consideration, such as increased community placement and monitoring of youth offenders.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Construction and Operation of a Juvenile Justice Campus in Fresno County, California

AGENCY: Office of Justice Programs, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of Intent (NOI).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), codified at 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Corrections Program Office (OJP/CPO) announces the Notice of Intent (NOI) for the preparation of an EIS/EIR for the Construction and Operation of a Juvenile Justice Campus (JJC) in Fresno County, California. The construction and operation of the JJC is being proposed by Fresno County which is applying for OJP/CPO grants funds obtained by the California Board of Corrections (BOC) through the Violent Offender Incarceration/Truth-in-Sentencing (VOI/TIS) Incentive Grants Program. This project is subject to NEPA review because it may be funded in part with federal funding available under the VOI/TIS Grant Program. The EIS/EIR is being prepared as a joint document so as to satisfy the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in addition to NEPA.

DATES: During the preparation of the draft EIS/EIR, there will be opportunities for public involvement in order to determine the issues to be examined. Public scoping meetings will be held at the Fresno County Plaza, 8th floor, Conference Room "A", 2220 Tulare Street, Fresno, CA 93721, within thirty days of the date of this publication, to solicit input on the scope of the EIS/EIR to be conducted, and to identify significant issues related to the proposed action. Although the purpose of the agency Scoping Meeting will be to gather comments from interested and affected agencies, the public is invited to attend. Maps and information on the proposed action will be available beginning at 6:00 PM immediately prior to the formal portion of the meeting. The meeting location, date, and time will be well publicized and arranged to allow for the public as well as interested agencies and organizations to attend. The scoping meeting is being held for individuals to formally express their views on the proposed action and to

identify those environmental issues or concerns with respect to the implementation of the proposed action and its alternatives so that these issues can be analyzed in depth in the draft EIS/EIR. Community input will be solicited throughout this process, and community comments will be incorporated into the decision-making process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Public notice will be given concerning the availability of the draft EIS/EIR for public review and comment. Questions concerning the proposed action and the draft EIS/EIR may be directed to: Jill Young, Environmental Coordinator, Corrections Program Office, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, 810 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531, Telephone: 202.307-3914, Telefacsimile: 202.307-2019, or Michael A. Houghtby, Field Representative, State of California Board of Correction, Corrections Planning and Programs Division, 600 Bercut Drive, Sacramento, CA 95814, Telephone: 916.322.7085, Telefacsimile: 916.445.5796.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Action

Fresno County is proposing to build and operate the JJC to better serve the community and the existing and future juvenile justice populations. The need for this action is based on the conditions of existing juvenile justice facilities, additional space requirements needed to accommodate projected growth rates in the youth population that will enter the juvenile justice system, and the County's desire to increase efficiency by concentrating all main functions of the juvenile justice system at a site close to downtown Fresno. The Proposed Action would include the acquisition of an approximately 210-acre site that would be capable of accommodating up to 1,400 beds in addition to the related functions that would be located on the campus. Related functions would include courts, offices, medical and mental health facilities, probation department offices, group homes, and related schooling, recreational, and community based programs. The Proposed Action would also include amending the Fresno County General Plan by redesignating the preferred site to Public Facility and rezoning to the AL-20 Zoning District.

Alternatives

The draft EIS/EIR will address the potential impacts of the "no action" alternative and the construction and operation of the JJC at alternative sites. Practicable alternative sites have been

identified by Fresno County that include: Site #1b located at the northeast corner of W. Jensen and S. Grantland Avenues; Site #3 located at the northwest corner of the intersection of E. Jensen and S. Fowler Avenues; and Site #6 (the preferred site) located at the southwest quadrant of Highway 99 and E. American Avenue.

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting of the Board of Directors

TIME AND DATE: The Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation will meet on January 19, 2002. The meeting will begin at 10:15 a.m. and continue until conclusion of the Board's agenda.

LOCATION: Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia.

STATUS OF MEETING: Open, except that a portion of the meeting may be closed pursuant to a vote of the Board of Directors to hold an executive session. At the closed session, the Corporation's General Counsel will report to the Board on litigation to which the Corporation is or may become a party, and the Board may act on the matters reported. The closing is authorized by the relevant provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act [5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (10)] and the corresponding provisions of the Legal Services Corporation's implementing regulation [45 CFR 1622.5(h)]. A copy of the General Counsel's Certification that the closing is authorized by law will be available upon request.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Open Session

1. Approval of agenda.
2. Approval of the minutes of the Board's meeting of November 17, 2001.
3. Approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of the Board's meeting of November 17, 2001.
4. Chairman's Report.
5. Members' Reports.
6. Acting Inspector General's Report.
7. President's Report.
8. Consider and act on the report of the Board's Performance Review Committee.
9. Consider and act on the report of the Board's Committee on Provision for the Delivery of Legal Services.

10. Consider and act on the report of the Board's Operations and Regulations Committee.

11. Consider and act on the report of the Board's Finance Committee.

12. Panel presentation by the African American Project Directors discussing diversity issues within the LSC community and recognizing LSC for its diversity initiative.

13. Consider and act on changes to the Board's 2002 meeting schedule.

Closed Session

14. Briefing¹ by the Acting Inspector General on the activities of the Office of Inspector General.

15. Consider and act on the Office of Legal Affairs' report on potential and pending litigation involving LSC.

Open Session

16. Consider and act on other business.

17. Public Comment.

Contact Person for Information: Victor M. Fortuno, Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary, at (202) 336-8800.

Special Needs: Upon request, meeting notices will be made available in alternate formats to accommodate visual and hearing impairments. Individuals who have a disability and need an accommodation to attend the meeting may notify Elizabeth S. Cushing, at (202) 336-8800.

Dated: January 11, 2002.

Victor M. Fortuno,

Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary.

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting of the Board of Directors Finance Committee

Time and Date: The Finance Committee of the Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors will meet on January 19, 2002. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until the Committee concludes its agenda.

Location: Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia.

Status of Meeting: Open.

Matters To Be Considered

1. Approval of agenda.

¹ Any portion of the closed session consisting solely of staff briefings does not fall within the Sunshine Act's definition of the term "meeting" and, therefore, the requirements of the Sunshine Act do not apply to any such portion of the closed session. 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(a)(2) and (b). See also 45 C.F.R. 1622.2 & 1622.3.