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Ms. Linda Penner, Chair
 Board of State Community Corrections
 2590 Venture Oaks Way, Suite 200
 Sacramento, CA 95833

Re: Yolo County AB900 Main Jail Expansion and Renovation Project and In-Person Visitation

Dear Linda,

Yolo County is in receipt of your letter dated March 26, 2018 regarding the above noted project. Your letter references the newly adopted Penal Code section 4032 requiring Counties that did provide in-person visitation as of January 1, 2017 may not convert to video visitation only.

As you are aware, there were several discussions as various BSCC meetings and subsequent CSSA meetings where the proposed requirements for in-person visitation changed frequently. This had a major impact on projects that were fairly far along in the design process and funding approvals. During the May 2017 CSSA meeting proposal for changes were discussed and the potential requirements. At the following June 2017 CSSA meeting it was reported the Legislature adopted 2017-2018 State Budget and for the Jail Visitation issue noted the changes to prior proposal. The first item noted *(1) requires counties receiving relinquished jail construction funds from AB900, SDB1022, or SB863 after the effective date of the budget in include in-person visitation.* Yolo County received relinquished AB900 funds years before the effective date of budget.

Yolo County was trying to be proactive and did reach out to BSCC representatives on a few instances to inquire how this was going to affect their current design and were informed that the requirements would not apply given our award occurred before the budget and status of design phase we were in. As noted in your letter, the plans and specifications were reviewed and approved by BSCC and stated to be in compliance with the Board's regulations (Title 15 and Title 24) regarding visitation.

The county does appreciate the position of providing in-person visitation, and although the project has been recently bid, the County feels it is necessary to provide in-person visitation, as both a requirement and valuable tool for detainees and their families. Yolo County will offer both video and in-person visitation for the AB900 Main Jail Expansion Project. In addition to the aforementioned, in-person visitation accommodations already exist in the Monroe Jail.

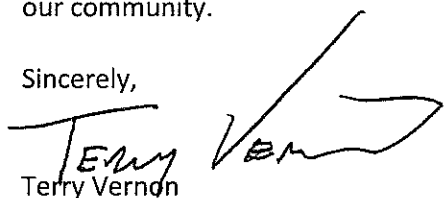
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Attached please find concept drawings illustrating the addition of in-person visitation for this project. These plans will be incorporated into construction documents and added to the project. Yolo County fully intends to provide in-person visitation as well as video visitation.

Please note that our current SB863 project (Leinberger Replacement Facility) is near completion of Working Drawings and will incorporate both video and in-person visitation as well.

Hopefully the above noted comments provides an adequate response to your letter and if you have additional questions please don't hesitate to contact us. Yolo County is very excited to get this project construction started and fulfill the much needed expansion and renovation needed at the jail to serve our community.

Sincerely,



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