

FACT SHEET NEW JUVENILE HALL PROJECT

The existing Monterey County's Juvenile Hall is over 50 years old, and does not meet current operational, safety and housing needs, as well as sufficient space for in-custody rehabilitative programs. Due to its age, maintaining the facility is cumbersome and expensive. The current maximum bed capacity is 114.

After several years of persistent efforts, Monterey County has been awarded a conditional grant to partially fund the construction of a new facility.



Juvenile Hall - Main Entrance

New Juvenile Hall Funding

In 2010, the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) awarded Monterey County \$35 million in State funds for the construction of a new juvenile hall facility to more adequately meet the needs of the local community and fulfill State requirements for juvenile detention. The award requires matching county funds; on January 15th, 2013, the County Board of Supervisors approved the financing plan for \$17 million, for a total of \$52 million allocated to the project.

Proposed Site Location

The proposed site location for the new facility construction is the county-owned site at 855 East Laurel Drive in Salinas.

Next Steps

Monterey County must meet a series of conditions to secure State funds and begin construction, that includes site identification, allocation of local resources, environmental review, and architectural plans. The project's scope of work identifies different components and the methodology to minimize costs and optimize resources. Completion of the project is estimated to require 3-5 years.

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How the New Juvenile Hall will Improve Safety and Efficiency

PRESENT FACILITY	PROPOSED NEW FACILITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Existing outdated facility does not meet current Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) requirements ▪ Built in the 1950s, with linear construction (no pods) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed for low-level offenders • Grandfathered design does not meet current Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) • Antiquated linear design makes it difficult to manage and control • Maintenance and utility costs are higher due to inefficient design and aging structure • Difficult to properly segregate minors according to varying classification needs, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ High-risk offenders ○ History of violence/ gang association ○ Mental Health problems ○ Female residents ▪ Total capacity 114 beds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 units individual beds (A, B and C units with 22, 24 and 26 beds), plus • 2 dorms (D Unit with 10 and 20 beds) • 1 dorm (E Unit with 12 beds) ▪ Insufficient space for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classrooms • Vocational programs • Medical, dental, mental health activities • Rehabilitative Programs • Family visitation ▪ Expensive Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy inefficient • On-going problems ▪ Inefficient use of personnel resources due to facility design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Modern and state-of-the-art construction that will meet the requirements of Title 15 and 24 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ▪ Total capacity of 150, with five (5) podular housing units of 30 beds each with wet sleeping rooms, dayrooms, and program space. The podular design with central control station allows for direct visual supervision of housing and recreational areas; increases safety and security and maximizes staff efficiency. There will be approximately 70,000 sq. ft of new construction. ▪ Flexibility to meet varying classification needs, to properly segregate minors, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ High-risk offenders ○ History of violence/ gang association ○ Mental Health problems ○ Female residents ▪ Meet juvenile detention requirements in Monterey County for the next 30 years ▪ Provide space for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variety of rehabilitative programs • Exercise and recreational activities • Education • Vocational programs • Medical, dental, mental health activities • Family visitation ▪ Facility-wide components will include a public lobby and visiting area, intake/release/ transportation unit, administration (including a Program Resource Center), staff support, security, and recreation fields ▪ Proximity to Juvenile Court allows for safe and secure transportation of minors to/from hearings ▪ Efficient use of personnel resources ▪ Energy and environmentally efficient ▪ Projected cost \$52 million