

**CALIFORNIA STATE PRISON
PRISON-CORCORAN
CSP-CORCORAN**

SYNOPSIS

On March 30, 2010, the Grand Jury met with the Acting Warden and the Public Information Officer of CSP-Corcoran, followed by a tour of the prison facilities.

WHY THE GRAND JURY INVESTIGATED

The Grand Jury shall inquire into the condition and management of the public prisons within the county.

AUTHORITY

California Penal Code Section 919(b). The Grand Jury shall inquire into the condition and management of public jails and prisons within the county.

METHOD OF INVESTIGATION

Members of the Grand Jury toured California State Prison-Corcoran on March 30, 2010. The Grand Jury members were escorted by the Acting Warden and the Public Information Officer.

BACKGROUND AND FACTS

CSP-Corcoran opened in 1988 as a maximum security prison. CSP-Corcoran was built on what was once part of Tulare Lake, home of the Tachi Indians. The population as of March 30, 2010, was 5,600 inmates with over 1,400 inmates in the Security Housing Unit (SHU). CSP-Corcoran is a complex, multi-mission institution comprised of the following facilities: Level I, Level III, and Level IV housing areas, Administrative Segregation Unit, Security Housing Unit, Protective Housing Unit, Prison Industry Authority, and a fully licensed Acute Care Hospital.

The California State Prison (CSP)-Corcoran is providing medical, mental health, education, vocational, and self-help programs for all inmates confined to CSP-Corcoran. CSP-Corcoran is providing its employees with the proper training,

tools, and safe working environment, and encourages ideas and collaboration between all departments.

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FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION

Finding 1

The Grand Jury observed that the pavement inside the prison grounds is deteriorated and it is difficult to drive on, which may cause injury to pedestrians and damage to vehicles.

Recommendation 1

The pavement should be repaired as soon as funds become available. The Grand Jury is aware that officials have requested the necessary funds.

COMMENTS

The Grand Jury feels it would have been helpful to have an orientation meeting prior to the tour of the facilities.

RESPONSE REQUIREMENT

Penal Code Section 933(c) requires that specific responses to both the findings and recommendations contained in this report be submitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Kings County by the Acting Warden within 90 days from the time of receipt of this report.