Press Release

Subject: Yolo County Jail Expansion

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This morning the Yolo County Sheriff’s Office hosted a groundbreaking ceremony marking the start of a jail expansion and remodel project. Sheriff Prieto was joined at the event by Yolo County Supervisors Don Saylor, Jim Provenza, Matt Rexroad and Oscar Villegas. Also in attendance was the Chair of the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), Linda Penner, Yolo County CAO Patrick Blacklock, and many other city, county, and state representatives.

At the conclusion of the construction many features of the jail will see improvements. The expansion will add thirty-two beds, provide a stand-alone kitchen and laundry facility, and enhance the outdated booking area. The project will also create additional space for the Day Reporting Center. The medical and mental health facilities are being renovated and upgraded as well. Technological advances are a part of the project and include the addition of video visitation as a supplement to the more traditional in-person visitation.

As a result of AB 109, Yolo County inmates are often serving lengthy sentences previously reserved for the state prison setting. This expansion will allow space for additional rehabilitation oriented programing to better prepare these individuals for life after incarceration.

Funding for the $44,000,000 project is coming largely from an AB 900 grant for $36,000,000 awarded by the BSCC in conjunction with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). The realization of the jail expansion and remodel is the result of a collaborative effort between many county and state agencies including the Yolo County Sheriff’s Office, Yolo County’s CAO’s Office, Department of Financial Services and County Counsel’s
Office, the BSCC, CDCR, California State Public Works Board, California Department of Finance, and State Fire Marshal’s Office. The project is scheduled for completion in the year 2021.

The original construction of the Monroe Detention Center was completed in 1988 with a total of 313 beds and is a medium to maximum security facility. The Leinberger Memorial Center was completed in 1991 with 142 beds and is primarily used to house lower level sentenced inmates. Yolo County was also awarded funds under SB 863 to replace Leinberger. This project is scheduled to begin prior to completion of the Monroe expansion.