

A BRIEF HISTORY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY JAIL FACILITIES &

MAYS CONSENT DECREE

Key Historical Dates:

- **1960:** RCCC Converted to Jail Facility (Formerly, RCCC was a military facility deeded to the County in 1947).
- **1989:** Main Jail opens.
- **1990:** Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) passed.
- **1996:** Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) passed.
- **2011:** Public Safety Realignment (AB 109) enacted, redirecting some state prison population to local jurisdiction.

2015

Disability Rights California (DRC) & Prison Law Office (PLO) contact Sheriff's Office (SSO) with concerns about inmate treatment. DRC/PLO complete a facility tour and publish a report of their findings. The County subsequently contract with various experts to evaluate facilities and conditions.

2017

BOS approves FY 17-18 budget, which includes additional medical, mental health, and correctional staff to improve jail conditions. Annual investments in staffing augmentations continue through FY 23/24.

2019

County negotiates with Class Counsel to develop a Consent Decree to include 6 remedial plans for ADA, mental health care, medical care, housing, discipline, and suicide prevention. **BOS considers stopping SB 1022/RCCC project** following protests of jail expansions by abolitionist advocates. After a tie vote, the motion fails and no action is taken.

2021

BOS rejects staff recommendation to contract with Kitchell/CEM for work related to a Main Jail Annex. **BOS establishes Public Safety and Justice Agency.** County requests expert reports on jail population reduction opportunities and subsequent facility needs with O'Connell Research and Nacht & Lewis.

2023

BOS responds to Grand Jury Report recommending the County move faster on facility remediation and construction. **BOS approves contract** for construction management of Main Jail annex with Kitchell/CEM and amends contract with Nacht & Lewis to develop pre-bid specifications. **BOS passes resolution** declaring intent for bond reimbursement to fund Main Jail annex construction.

2014

BOS accepts SB 1022 funds (Financing for Adult Local Correctional Facilities) to construct a mental health treatment facility for inmates at RCCC. The \$80m in state-funded reimbursements required a 10% local match.

2016

BOS receive Adult Correctional System Review report and recommendations completed by CGL, initiating efforts to reduce the jail population in collaboration with justice system partners.

2018

Jail ADA Plan completed by Nacht & Lewis; Plan recommends an additional tower (annex) for ADA-compliant booking loop and inmate mental health/medical care. **BOS approves FY 18-19 budget**, shifting Adult Correctional Health from SSO to Health Services. DRC/PLO (Class Counsel) file class action lawsuit.

2020

County formally enters Mays Consent Decree. **BOS approves architect services contract for an annex to the Main Jail** with Nacht & Lewis. **BOS responds to Grand Jury Report** criticizing the County for not moving forward with SB 1022 funds/RCCC project. In the response, BOS affirms its rejection of SB 1022 funds.

2022

County enters Memorandum of Agreement with Class Counsel, requiring plans for jail population reduction and facility remediation. **BOS holds Mays Consent Decree workshop** regarding expert reports. **BOS approves Jail Population Reduction Plans and provides direction to move forward with construction of a Main Jail annex.**