

TO: Executive Committee

DATE: 12/07/09

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

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For Discussion

SUBJECT: California New Start Prison to Employment Subgrant Update

PROPOSED MOTION(S): For Information Only.

DISCUSSION: On, July 16, 2009, the Merced County Department of Workforce Investment was a subrecipient of State funding in the amount of \$40,109.00 with contract period beginning June 30, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. Future funding was contingent upon the availability of federal funding.

Since that time, on October 23, 2009, a paper was submitted to California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation detailing how funding would be utilized to serve parolee clients. On November 18, 2009, Merced County Dept of WI received a modification adding additional funds in the amount of \$60,499.00 for the period beginning October 1, 2009 and ending September 30, 2010.

The purpose of these funds is to enhance employability of parolees and their access to employment opportunities. These funds are intended to improve the vocational aptitude of offenders while in custody, and increase the likelihood of them securing employment upon release from prison. In addition, California New Start will be vital in reducing prisoner recidivism and improving parolee reintegration by providing employment opportunities.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A