

Memorandum

Date : September 27, 2011

To : All CDCR Inmates

Subject: **REVIEW OF SECURITY HOUSING UNIT AND GANG POLICIES**

In May 2011 the Department began the complex process of assessing the policies and procedures associated with the Gang Validation Process, Indeterminate Gang Security Housing Unit (SHU) Program, as well as privileges associated with inmates on Indeterminate SHU status. The purpose of the review is to improve our policies by adopting national standards in gang/disruptive group management. Before commencing this review, the Department received input from internal and external experts, other state and federal correctional systems, inmates, and other stakeholders. While the process of policy review and change will take several more months to implement, much has already been done. In fact, a draft of the new policy should be ready for stakeholder review next month. In addition, several changes have already been made by the Department, including:

Short-term Action Items:

- Authorization of watch caps for purchase and State issue.
- Authorization of wall calendars for purchase in canteen.
- Authorization of exercise equipment in SHU yards (installation of permanent dip/push-up bars is still under review).
- Authorization of annual photographs for disciplinary free inmates.
- Approval of proctors for college examinations.
- Use of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's (CDCR) Ombudsman for monitoring and auditing of food services.
- Authorization of sweat pants for purchase/annual package.
- Authorization of Hobby items (colored chalk, pen fillers, and drawing paper).

Mid-term Action Items:

As noted above, the Department is conducting a comprehensive review of SHU policies that includes behavior-based components, increased privileges based upon disciplinary free behavior, a step down process for SHU inmates, and a system that better defines and weighs necessary points in the validation process. The initial policies will be completed shortly and upon Secretary approval will be sent for stakeholder review and comment. Upon receipt of this input, the Department will

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This section will describe the methods used by the Department to review the security information of its employees and to determine the extent to which the Department is currently reviewing the security information of its employees.

The following information is being furnished to you for your information.

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initiate any regulation changes in the administrative law process necessary and implement the first major changes to the validation process in the last two decades. Of course this work may be delayed by large-scale inmate disturbances or other emergency circumstances.



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Subject: **INMATE PROGRAMMING EXPECTATIONS RELATIVE TO HUNGER STRIKES**

Information has been received that a number of inmates have engaged in behavior consistent with initiating a demonstration/hunger strike event. The Department will not condone organized inmate disturbances. Participation in mass disturbances, such as hunger strikes or work stoppage will result in the Department taking the following action:

- Inmates participating will receive disciplinary action in accordance with the California Code of Regulations.
- Inmates identified as leading the disturbance will be subject to removal from general population and placed in an Administrative Segregation Unit.
- In the event of a mass hunger strike, additional measures may be taken to more effectively monitor and manage the participating inmates' involvement and their food/nutrition intake, including the possible removal of canteen items from participating inmates.

All inmates are encouraged to continue with positive programming and to not participate in this or any other identified mass strike/disturbance. These types of disturbances impact inmate programming and day-to-day prison operations for the entire population. While every effort will be made to continue normal programming for nonparticipating inmates, a large scale disturbance of this type will unavoidably impact operations. The Department will notify inmates and families when and if normal programming is impacted.



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