



CALIFORNIA PRISON HEALTH CARE SERVICES

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Receiver Reacts to Appeals Court Ruling on State Motion to Halt Governor Schwarzenegger's Contempt Proceedings

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Federal Prison Health Care Receiver J. Clark Kelso is issuing the following statement pursuant to the ruling of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, earlier today, in which the appeals panel dismissed the State's appeal and denied the State's petition for a Writ of Mandamus in the case of Arnold Schwarzenegger –v- United States District Court for the Northern District of California:

"In light of the Ninth Circuit's decision today and the actions taken by the courts in the medical and mental health class action cases yesterday, I look forward to working with State officials to expand on the CDCR Secretary's and Receiver's ongoing commitment to improving medical care for the state prison system and on improving operations between the CDCR and the Receivership. Further, I hope to continue working collaboratively with court representatives from the Coleman (mental health), Perez (dental), and Armstrong (Americans with Disabilities Act) cases to develop a plan for health care facility construction that will satisfy the goals of the courts' orders and constitutional standards at significantly reduced costs."