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VA Approves \$142 Million for Fresno, Redding Veterans Homes *New California Facilities Will Have 450 Beds*

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs has approved \$142 million for major construction at the California state Veterans homes in Fresno and Redding.

“VA’s partnership with state Veterans homes provide state-of-the-art care in a comfortable, safe environment for California’s Veterans,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki.

VA approved \$92 million in federal funds for the Fresno state Veterans home. Plans call for construction of a 120-bed nursing home and a 180-bed domiciliary. Total cost of the projects is estimated at \$141 million.

VA approved \$50 million in federal funds for the Redding state Veterans home. Plans call for construction of a new 60-bed nursing home and a 90-bed domiciliary. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$77 million.

The VA funds cover 65 percent of the total cost of the projects, with state funds picking up 35 percent of the total costs. The state will be responsible for operating and maintaining the facilities.

The Fresno construction is projected to create 998 jobs, and work at the Redding facility is projected to create 546 construction jobs.

Although most residents will be Veterans, up to 25 percent of the residents in each facility can be spouses of Veterans or the parents of Veterans who died on active duty.

In the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, VA spent \$10.5 billion on behalf of California’s 1.9 million Veterans. VA operates 10 major medical centers in the state, plus nearly 60 outpatient clinics, about 30 Vets Centers and nine Veterans cemeteries.

Information about Veterans programs offered by the state of California is available online at www.calvet.ca.gov.

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