

Pelican Bay Prison appoints Acting Warden

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Pelican Bay State Prison has a new acting warden. Stephen Smith was appointed late last month to replace retiring Warden James Robertson.

Acting Warden Smith began his California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation career at PBSP in 1997, after serving five years in the Army.

After transferring from PBSP, Smith developed his career at the substance abuse treatment facility at Corcoran until 2021, transferring to Kern Valley State Prison, until he was assigned to Pelican Bay, last month.

Warden Smith reports the PBSP inmate population at 1,757. CDCR inmate population across the 34 institutions is reported at 92,596.

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation projects inmate population to reduce to just under 86,000.

