



State of California

## State Authorized Risk Assessment Tool for Sex Offenders Review Committee

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Dear Governor Brown:

Mack Jenkins  
Chief Probation Officer  
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This is to advise you that the California State Authorized Risk Assessment Tool for Sex Offenders (SARATSO) Committee has selected a new dynamic risk assessment instrument for use in California beginning in 2014. (See Pen. Code, §§ 290.04, 290.09). The SARATSO Committee, after public hearings in July and August 2013, selected the STABLE-2007/ACUTE-2007 at the SARATSO Committee public meeting on September 12, 2013. This instrument will replace the Structured Risk Assessment-Forensic Version (SRA-FV). Recent studies show that the STABLE-2007 is valuable in assessing sex offender recidivism because it adds incremental validity to predicting risk of sexual reoffense when used in conjunction with scores on the static risk assessment instrument used in California, the Static-99R.

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The STABLE-2007/ACUTE-2007 must be used by sex offender management professionals beginning in 2014 to assess registered sex offenders on probation or parole. (Pen. Code, § 290.09). The tool measures dynamic (changing) risk factors that are empirically related to the risk of reoffense, and is an evidence-based risk assessment tool. Dynamic risk assessment, along with assessment of future violence risk, gives a better picture of the overall risk of reoffense presented by sex offenders on supervision. The announcement of the selection of the STABLE-2007/ACUTE-2007 has been posted on the SARATSO Committee's website, [www.saratso.org](http://www.saratso.org).

Sincerely,

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Deputy Attorney General  
On behalf of the California SARATSO Committee

cc: Darrell Steinberg, Senate President Pro Tem  
John Perez, Speaker of the Assembly  
Loni Hancock, Chair, Senate Public Safety Committee  
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