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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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FROM: TLMA - Planning Department

SUBMITTAL DATE: December 24, 2002

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 38363 - (CFG02292) - Riverside County Fire Department - First Supervisorial District - Woodcrest District - 10 acres - A-1-1 Zoning - Located on the south side of Krameria Avenue, easterly of Everett's Way, westerly of Lois Lane in the community of Woodcrest - REQUEST: Environmental review for proposal to construct & operate a fire station facility providing fire protection, rescue, and medical aide.

CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES: None

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

ADOPTION of a De Minimis Finding as follows: An Initial Study has been prepared by the Riverside County Planning Department for the project described in Environmental Assessment No. 38363, so as to evaluate the potential for adverse environmental impact; and, there is no evidence before the Planning Department that the proposed project will have a potential for adverse effect on wildlife resources; and,

ADOPTION of a MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION for ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 38363, based on the findings incorporated in the initial study and the conclusion that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

BACKGROUND:

This is a proposal for the construction and operation of a 6,119 square foot fire station facility with 2 person daily staffing, providing fire protection, rescue, and medical aid within the Woodcrest service area.

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Aleta J. Laurence, AICP, Planning Director

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REVIEWED BY EXECUTIVE OFFICE
Janice P. Sargent
DATE 1/2/03

- Depart: Policy
- Per Executive Office: Policy
- Recommendation: Consent
- Per Executive Office: Consent

Prev. Agn. Ref.

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AGENDA NO.

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Those issues identified in Environmental Assessment No. 38363 will be fully mitigated by the measures indicated in the environmental assessment. The environmental factors potentially affected were geology and hazardous materials. These were mitigated to less than significant by the following actions. The fire station shall be designed in accordance with requirements for "essential facilities" to withstand seismic exposure. The fire department has obtained a permit from the Riverside County Health Department for above ground storage of diesel fuel and the storage tank shall be designed and installed in accordance with the State of California Building Code requirements. No other potentially significant impacts were identified.

Zoning District: Woodcrest
Old Supervisorial District: First
New Supervisorial District: First
Regional Team No.: Riverside
Project Planner: Julie Greene

Environmental Assessment No.: 38363
Board of Supervisors: January 14, 2003
Agenda Item No.:
Applicant: Riverside County Fire Department

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION:

Environmental Assessment No. 38363 is an environmental review for a proposal to construct and operate a 6,119 square foot fire station facility with two person daily staffing, providing fire protection, rescue, and medical aide within the Woodcrest service area.

The project site is located on the south side of Krameria Avenue, easterly of Everett's Way, westerly of Lois Lane in the community of Woodcrest.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

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| 1. | Existing Land Use : | Vacant agricultural lot |
| 2. | Surrounding Land Use : | Single Family Residential, Commercial |
| 3. | Existing Zoning : | A-1-1 |
| 4. | Surrounding Zoning : | R-A, A-1-1 |
| 5. | Comprehensive General Plan : | Open Space: Areas Not Designated as Open Space
Community Plan: Not within a community lan |
| 6. | Land Data: | Total Acreage: 10 Acres Gross |
| 7. | Environmental Concerns: | See attached environmental assessment. |

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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CONCLUSIONS:

1. As proposed, the project is in conformance with the Riverside County Comprehensive General Plan.

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2. The project is consistent with the A-1-1 zoning classification of Ordinance No. 348, and all other applicable provisions of Ordinance No. 348
3. As proposed, the project is designed to protect public health, safety and general welfare.
4. The proposed project is compatible with the present and future logical development of the area.
5. The proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

FINDINGS: The following findings are in addition to those incorporated in the summary of findings and the attached environmental assessment, which is incorporated herein by reference.

1. The land use on the site is a vacant lot, previously used for agriculture.
2. Surrounding land uses include single family residential to the north and west and a manufactured housing facility to the east.
3. The zoning on the project site is A-1-1.
4. Surrounding zones include A-1-1 and R-A.
5. The Comprehensive General Plan Open Space designation on the site is Areas Not Designated as Open Space.
6. The project site is not a part of a Community Plan.
7. Those issues identified in Environmental Assessment No. 38363 will be fully mitigated by the measures indicated in the environmental assessment. The environmental factors potentially affected were geology and hazardous materials. These were mitigated to less than significant by the following actions. The fire station shall be designed in accordance with requirements for "essential facilities" to withstand seismic exposure. The fire department has obtained a permit from the Riverside County health department for above ground storage of diesel fuel and the storage tank shall be designed and installed in accordance with State of California Building code requirements. No other significant impacts were identified.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. As of this writing, Planning Staff has received no letters in support or opposition to this development proposal.
2. The project site is not located within:
 - a. an Alquist-Priolo earthquake fault hazard study zone.
 - b. a Stephens kangaroo rat core reserve or a Delhi sands flower-loving fly area.
 - c. a potential area for California gnatcatcher and Quino checkerspot butterfly habitat
 - d. an area of potential liquefaction.
 - e. a 100 year or 500 year flood plain.
 - f. a General Plan hazardous fire area.
3. The project site is located within:

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- a. the Riverside Unified School District.
- b. a Stephens kangaroo rat fee area.
- c. the City of Riverside sphere of influence.

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