

Submittal to the Board of Directors
RE: Rubidoux Fleet Services Project

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Background: Riverside County Fleet Services and the Redevelopment Agency are proposing to work jointly to develop a new refueling station in the unincorporated area of Rubidoux. Riverside County Fleet Services has outgrown the existing outdated facility. A new facility will provide all County employees with a convenient location for refueling and maintenance services. The proposed program for the facility will include most of the vehicle maintenance services for western Riverside County, parking for 175 vehicles, approximately 12 maintenance bays (2 for a joint effort with job training), 2 truck bays and a car wash. There will be a fueling island for gas, diesel, CNG, propane and hydrogen fuels. Approximately 5,000 square feet of office space will include the director's office and space for operations, administration, IT functions, dispatch and safety. The facility will have an 800 square foot training room adjacent to the training bays with one office for the trainer.

Staff is proposing that the Redevelopment Agency assist with the development by acquiring the project site for the construction of a new Fleet Services facility. The environmental review for the acquisition of land for the proposed project located on Mission Boulevard and Crestmore Road, in the community of Rubidoux has been completed. Based on the Initial Study findings with mitigation, there will be no significant impact on the environment.

Staff recommends that the Board adopt a De Minimus Finding for the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project pursuant to the guidelines set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act. It is also recommended that the Board of Directors authorize the Agency to negotiate the purchase of the required parcels, direct staff to return to the Board with the acquisition agreement.