

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Economic Development Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
January 25, 2005

SUBJECT: Economic Development Agency Seismic Retrofit/Fire-life Safety/Expansion Project

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board adopt a De Minimis Finding for the Environmental Assessment EDA/CEQA 2005-21 based on the findings incorporated in the Initial Study and adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration (attached) stating that the proposed project will not have a significant impact on the environment.

BACKGROUND: The project consists of a fire-life and safety improvements, seismic retrofitting, façade renovation, and expansion of the Economic Development Agency's ("Agency") Administrative Building ("Project"). The Agency's administrative building is approximately 20,857 square feet and includes office space, conference rooms, storage space, a reception area and a small kitchen. The project will include structural upgrades, the removal of outdated building materials, and the addition of 6,180 square feet of office and conference space within the existing building footprint.

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	04/05

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA: No

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:
APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature *Brenda King*

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent
- Dep't Recomm.:
- Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 10/28/03, 3.32 **District:** N/A **Agenda Number:**

**ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

BACKGROUND Continued:

The improvements will also include installation of new windows, doors, carpet, furnishings, office and conference space, bathroom and kitchen improvements, along with new landscaping and parking lot improvements. The Project site encompasses approximately one acre and is located 3525 14th Street in downtown Riverside, CA 92501. The primary purpose of the project is to structurally retrofit and construct fire-life and safety improvements to bring the facility into compliance with the Uniform Building Code. The Project will also renovate the building facade and expand the office and conference space.

An Initial Study was conducted to assess the potential significant environmental effects, if any, including those related to land use, population, housing, employment, hazards, traffic and circulation, air quality, public services and flood control. Based on our Initial Study of the Project site, and the corresponding environmental assessment of the Project site, the potential significant impacts to the community will be mitigated to eliminate or reduce impacts to a level below significance.

Agency 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.

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title:

Economic Development Agency
Seismic Retrofit/Fire-life Safety/Building Expansion Project

Environmental Assessment #:

EDA/CEQA-2005-21

Project Applicant:

Economic Development Agency

Telephone Number:

(951) 955-1151

Project Location:

3525 14th Street, Riverside, California 92501

Project Description:

The project consists of a fire-life and safety improvements, façade renovation and building expansion of approximately 6,180 square feet of conference and office space within the existing footprint. The project will include new sprinklers, carpet, windows, doors, furnishings, kitchen and restroom upgrades, parking and landscaping rehabilitation and structural retrofitting. The newly renovated facility will total approximately 27,000 square feet.

FINDING

The Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside has reviewed the above project in accordance with the "Rules for Riverside County Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act", and has determined that an Environmental Impact Report need not be prepared because:

- { } The proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- {X} Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described in the Initial Study have been added to the project and are hereby made part of this Negative Declaration.

This determination is based upon an Environmental Assessment. The Environmental Assessment is available for review during normal business hours (7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on alternate Fridays) at the County of Riverside Economic Development Agency, 1151 Spruce Street, Riverside, CA 92507, Telephone (951) 955-8916.

Prepared By: _____


Colby Cataldi, Principal Development Specialist

Date: 12/28/04

NOTICE

The public is invited to comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration. The appropriateness and adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration is considered at the time of project approval in light of comments received.

Adopted by: _____

Date: 1/25/05

{ } Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside Board of Directors

{X} County of Riverside Economic Development Agency

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
CERTIFICATE OF FEE EXEMPTION
De Minimis Impact Finding

Project Title/Location (include county): Economic Development Agency. The project site is located at 3525 14th Street, Riverside, California 92501, County of Riverside.

Project Description: The project consists of fire-life safety improvements, façade renovation and building expansion of approximately 6,180 square feet of conference and office space within the existing footprint. The project will include new sprinklers, carpet, windows, doors, furnishings, kitchen and restroom upgrades, parking and landscaping rehabilitation and structural retrofitting. The newly renovated facility will total approximately 27,000 square feet.

Findings of Exemption: The site consists of an existing 20,857 Square foot building with no significant vegetation or plant life present. The site is located within an urban setting that includes governmental, commercial and residential land uses. No significant animal population exists on the property. The proposed project will no have impact on fish or wildlife resources.

Certification:

I hereby certify that the public agency has made the above finding and that the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse effect on wildlife resources, as defined in Section 711.2 of the Fish and Game Code.

Bradley J. Hudson, Assistant County Executive Officer
Riverside County Economic Development Agency

Date