

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

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FROM: Economic Development Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
June 24, 2015

SUBJECT: Authorization to Apply to the Board of State and Community Corrections for Funding from Senate Bill 863 Adult Local Criminal Justice Facilities Construction, for the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility Rehabilitation Project

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Economic Development Agency and the Sheriff Department to prepare and submit a grant application to the Board of State and Community Corrections for Funding from Senate Bill 863 (SB 863), Adult Local Criminal Justice Facilities (ALCJF) Construction, for Construction of the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility (SCF) Rehabilitation Project;
2. Find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15302 – Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction Exemption), and 15303 – Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures Exemption) of the State CEQA Guidelines;

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Robert Field
Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A				Budget Adjustment: No	
				For Fiscal Year: 2015/16	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY:
Rohini Dasika

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
 DATE
 6-28-15
 BY:
 Departmental Consultant C. WILLIS
 Assistant Sheriff, Jerry Gutierrez
 Sheriff
 6/30/15
 Stan Smith
 Sheriff
 A-30
 4/5 Vote
 Positions Added
 Change Order

Prev. Agn. Ref.: N/A

District: 5

Agenda Number:

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RECOMMENDED MOTION: (Continued)

3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to file the Notice of Exemption with the office of the County Clerk within five (5) working days of approval by the Board; and
4. Direct the Economic Development Agency and the Sheriff Department to return to the Board of Supervisors for approval of the final application packet and a final resolution on this matter prior to submitting the SB 863 application to the BSCC.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

On June 20, 2014, SB 863 became law, authorizing state lease-revenue bond financing for the acquisition, design and construction of ALCJF in California. The Legislature found that "California's current challenges in managing jail populations follow decades of overcrowded and aging jails, and piecemeal, erratic, and incomplete responses to dealing with these problems." By improving adult criminal justice housing with an emphasis on expanding program and treatment space, this financing will serve a critical purpose by promoting public safety.

On June 10, 2015, the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) released the Request for Proposals and associated Application Packet for SB 863 for construction of ALCJF. SB 863 provides up to \$500 million in state lease-revenue bond financing authority for the acquisition, design and construction of ALCJF in California. As a large county, the County of Riverside is eligible to apply for a maximum of \$80,000,000 in funding to rehabilitate a portion of SCF. The completed application packet must be submitted to the BSCC by August 28, 2015. In anticipation of this funding opportunity, EDA and the Sheriff Department have jointly established a project team to work with CGL to coordinate the funding application including any required preliminary project feasibility studies.

On April 14, 2015, the Board approved Amendment No. 3 to the owner/consultant agreement between the County of Riverside and Carter Goble Associates, LLC (CGL) in association with the Countywide Correctional Facilities Master Planning project. Using information and data gathered from the master plan development process, CGL will assemble an application responding to the Senate Bill 863 (SB863) Request for Proposal (RFP) for grant funding.,

The project scope for the grant application includes demolishing some existing older housing units and constructing a single new housing unit; a new medical clinic with associated sheltered beds; and a new common raised control area to supervise the inmates. This project will provide replacement beds and expand program and treatment space. The layout of the new housing unit and clinic will allow SCF to accommodate a wider variety of inmate classifications with 384 beds and 100 sheltered beds. If funded, construction of the project is anticipated to begin April 2018 and be completed by April 2020.

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BACKGROUND:

Summary (continued)

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the action was reviewed and determined to be categorically exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines 15302, Class 2 - Replacement or Reconstruction Exemption, and 15303, Class 3 - New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures Exemption. The proposed project is the demolition and construction of existing housing at the same location and no expansion of an existing use will occur.

EDA and the Sheriff Department will return to the board for approval of the final application packet and a final resolution on this matter prior to submitting the SB 863 application to the BSCC.

Staff recommends that the Board authorize the established project team to take all necessary steps to complete and submit a competitive application to the BSCC.

Impact on Citizens and Businesses

Should the grant funding provided in SB 863 be awarded, the resulting rehabilitation work at SCF will provide enhanced public safety for the citizens and businesses of the County of Riverside.

ATTACHMENTS:

Notice of Exemption – Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility Rehabilitation Project



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

June 10, 2015

Project Name: Smith Correctional Facility (SCF) Rehabilitation Project

Project Number: FM08250006989

Project Location:

1627 South Hargrave Street, California 92241; Assessor Parcel Number 543-170-019
(see attached Location Map)

Description of Project: The County of Riverside (County) proposes to commit County funds and apply for and obtain Senate Bill (SB) 863 grant funding to upgrade and rehabilitate its existing facilities at SCF. If funding is obtained, the project would include the demolition of existing older housing units and the construction of a single new housing unit, a new medical clinic and associated sheltered beds. The layout of the new housing unit would be in compliance with modern Title 24 design standards and allow SCF to accommodate a wider variety of inmate classifications because the dormitory beds would be grouped in smaller sections. In addition, a new common raised control area will be included to supervise the inmates. While the new housing unit will be a larger structure than the existing housing units, it will include the same number of dormitory beds (384 beds) due to the modern design standards for housing units under Title 24.

SCF does not currently have medical facilities. SCF inmates that need treatment are transported via County buses to other facilities that have sheltered bed capacity. County buses make routine daily trips between facilities to transport inmates to clinics, court, and to transfer inmates to other correctional facilities. Construction of a clinic with 100 sheltered beds would allow improved access to inmate medical services. Depending on demand, some of the sheltered beds could be occupied by inmates from other County facilities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Riverside, Board of Supervisors

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Riverside, Economic Development Agency

Exempt Status: State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15302, Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction Exemption; Section 15303, Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures Exemption.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The Project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA specifically by the State CEQA Guidelines as identified below. The Project will not result in any specific or general exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption as detailed under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. The Project will not cause any impacts to scenic resources, historic resources, or unique



sensitive biological environments because the new housing structure and sheltered beds would replace existing housing units at the same location. Further, no unusual circumstances or potential cumulative impacts would occur that may reasonably create an environmental impact. The project will be constructed within the boundaries of the SCF on already developed land; no vacant or raw land would be impacted by the Project.

- **Section 15302 – Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction Exemption.** This exemption includes “...replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced...” The Project would demolish 3 minimum security dormitory buildings with 384 beds and construct one minimum security dormitory building with 384 beds. The new housing structure and beds will replace the existing housing at the same location and will not substantially increase the use of intensity of the site; therefore, the Project meets the scope and intent of the Class 2 Exemption.
- **Section 15303 – Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures Exemption.** This exemption includes “construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures...” The Project includes construction of a clinic with 100 sheltered beds, which will be attached to the new dormitory building. The primary purpose of this clinic is to serve the existing SCF inmate population, although some beds could be used by inmates from other County facilities, similar to the existing condition whereby SCF inmates are transported to off-site clinics for medical treatment. As part of the routine daily operations, inmates are bused on and off the site for a variety of reasons (court appearances, security, etc.), so no additional traffic would be generated by the new sheltered beds. Construction of the site will be temporary and is not anticipated to result in any significant physical environmental impacts related to air quality, noise, or traffic. Therefore, the Project meets the scope and intent of the Class 3 Exemption.

Based upon the discussion of the identified exemptions above, and based on the record, the County of Riverside, Economic Development Agency hereby concludes that there is no substantial evidence that physical environmental impacts could occur as a result of the proposed Project. Therefore, the Project as proposed is exempt under CEQA. No further environmental analysis is warranted.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

6/19/15

John Alfred, Acting Senior Environmental Planner
County of Riverside, Economic Development Agency



**1627 South Hargrave Street, California 92241;
Assessor Parcel Number 543-170-019**



Date: June 22, 2015

To: Mary Ann Meyer, Office of the County Clerk

From: John Alfred, Acting Senior Environmental Planner, Project Management Office

Subject: **County of Riverside Economic Development Agency Project # FM08250006989**
Smith Correctional Facility (SCF) Rehabilitation Project

The Riverside County's Economic Development Agency's Project Management Office is requesting that you post the attached Notice of Exemption. Attached you will find an authorization to bill by journal voucher for your posting fee.

After posting, please return the document to Mail Stop #1330 Attention: John Alfred, Acting Senior Environmental Planner, Economic Development Agency, 3403 10th Street, Suite 400. Riverside, CA 92501. If you have any questions, please contact John Alfred at 955-4844.

Attachment

cc: file

RIVERSIDE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER

**AUTHORIZATION
TO BILL
BY JOURNAL VOUCHER**

Project Name: Smith Correctional Facility (SCF) Rehabilitation Project

Accounting String: **Fund: 542040-30100-7200800000- FM08250006989**

DATE: June 22, 2015

AGENCY: Riverside County Economic Development Agency

THIS AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER TO BILL FOR FILING AND HANDLING FEES FOR THE ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT(S).

NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS INCLUDED: One (1)

AUTHORIZED BY: John Alfred, Acting Senior Environmental Planner, Economic Development Agency

Signature:  _____

PRESENTED BY: John Alfred, Acting Senior Environmental Planner, Economic Development Agency

-TO BE FILLED IN BY COUNTY CLERK-

ACCEPTED BY: _____

DATE: _____

RECEIPT # (S) _____