

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



**ITEM: 3.20
(ID # 14064)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, February 02, 2021

FROM: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT:


SUBJECT: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (FM) AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT: Emergency Management Department Multiple Sites - Emergency Power Transfer Switches Installation Project - California Environmental Quality Act Exempt, Approval of In-Principle and Preliminary Project Budget, All Districts. [\$655,417 – Emergency Management Department Funds - 100%]


RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Emergency Management Department Multiple Sites - Emergency Power Transfer Switches Installation (EMD Multi Sites Emergency Power Transfer Switches) Project for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP);
2. Find that the EMD Multi Sites Emergency Power Transfer Switches Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1 Existing Facilities Exemption, and Section 15061 (b)(3) "Common Sense" Exemption;

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ACTION: Policy, CIP


Rose Salgado, Director of Facilities Management 1/13/2021


Bruce Barton, EMD Director 1/20/2021

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Hewitt and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: February 2, 2021
xc: FM, EMD, Purchasing, Recorder

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

3. Approve in-principle, the EMD Multi Sites Emergency Power Transfer Switches Project located at multiple sites throughout the County of Riverside (County); for the installation of manual emergency power transfer switches for portable generators;
4. Approve a preliminary project budget in the not to exceed amount of \$655,417 for the Project;
5. Authorize the use of Emergency Management Department Funds not to exceed \$655,417, including reimbursement to Facilities Management (FM) for incurred project related expenses;
6. Delegate project management authority for the Project to the Director of Facilities Management in accordance with applicable Board policies, including the authority to utilize consultants on the approved pre-qualified list for services in connection with the Project, and are within the approved project budget; and
7. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute pre-qualified consultant service agreements not to exceed \$100,000 per pre-qualified consultant, per fiscal year, in accordance with applicable Board Policies for the Project, and the sum of all project contracts shall not exceed \$655,417.

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 655,417	\$ 0	\$ 655,417	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Emergency Management Department Funds – 100%			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 2020/21	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Emergency Management Department (EMD), in collaboration with Facilities Management, Riverside County Sheriff's Department, CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire and Office of Education identified multiple critical facilities throughout the County that lack power transfer switches. It has been determined that in order to keep these critical facilities functioning properly during a power outage, new manual emergency power transfer switches are required to be installed at these multiple locations.

Facilities Management (FM) recommends the Board approve the EMD Multi Sites Emergency Power Transfer Switches Project and preliminary project budget in the amount not to exceed \$655,417. FM intends to utilize Job Order Contracting (JOC) to expedite the completion of the project, however if an acceptable price cannot be attained an alternative solicitation will be made.

Pursuant to CEQA, the EMD Multi Sites Emergency Power Transfer Switches Project was reviewed and determined to be categorically exempt under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class I Existing Facilities Exemption; and Section 15061(b)(3), General Rule or "Common Sense" Exemption. The Project, as proposed, is limited to the installation of emergency manual transfer switches at existing facilities to keep power available during emergencies. The improvements will not alter the function of the facility or increase the intensity of use. With certainty, there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment because it merely involves minor alterations to existing facilities to provide necessary upgrades to operate during emergencies. A Notice of Exemption will be filed by FM staff with the County Clerk within five days of Board approval.

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Impact on Residents and Businesses

The EMD Multi Sites Emergency Power Transfer Switches Project will ensure the electrical equipment will safely transfer power to the backup generators if the EMD facilities' power were to go offline.

Additional Fiscal Information


The approximate allocation of the preliminary project budget is as follows:

PROJECT BUDGET LINE ITEMS	CATEGORY	PROJECT BUDGET AMOUNT
Architectural Design	1	0
Construction Management	2	0
Construction Contract	3	529,348
Offsite Construction	4	0
Project Management	5	34,720
Fixtures, Furnishings, Equipment	6	0
Other Soft Costs / Specialty Consultants	7	54,250
Project Contingency	8	37,099
Preliminary Project Budget		\$ 655,417

All costs associated with this Board action will be expended in FY 2020/21 and will be 100% funded with Emergency Management Department Funds.

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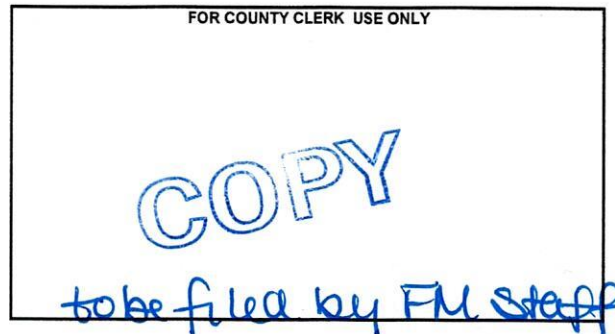

 Suzanna Hickey, Assistant Director of Purchasing and Fleet Service 12/29/2020


 Steven Atkeson 1/24/2021


 Frankie Z. Ezzat, Chief Deputy County Executive Officer 1/28/2021


 Gregory H. Priamos, Director County Counsel 1/21/2021

Riverside County
Facilities Management
3133 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA 92507



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

December 7, 2020

Project Name: Emergency Management Department Emergency Power Transfer Switches Installation Project

Project Number: FM08200010689

Project Locations: Fleet Riverside Orange St, 4293 Orange St., Riverside, CA 92501 APN 215-291-008, 215291-007, 215-291-010; Pedley Fire Station 9270 Limonite Ave, Riverside, CA 92509 APN 163-021-009; SCF 1627 S. Hargrave St., Banning, CA 92220 APN 543-170-018, 543-170-030, 543-180-010, 543-180-011, 543-170-025, 543-170-024; Fleet Hemet 824 N. State St., Hemet, CA 92543 APN 439-100-006, 439-100-040, 439-100-041, 439-100-004; Palm Desert Sheriff Station 73705 Gerald Ford Dr, Palm Desert, CA 92211 APN 694-310-004; Fleet Cabazon 50208 Main St, Cabazon, CA APN 526-023-020; Fleet Indio 82775 Plaza Ave, Indio, CA APN 614-050-060; Fleet Blythe 226 Bernard W St., Blythe, CA APN 845-122-033; Fleet Riverside (RV Garage) 4066 County Circle Dr., Riverside, CA APN 145-200-002; Perris Sheriff Station (Fleet Services) 309 San Jacinto Ave, Perris, CA APN 311-190-008; Fleet Moreno Valley 25241 Cottonwood Ave, Moreno Valley, CA AON 479-200-036; Cois Byrd Detention Center 30755 Auld Rd., Murrieta, CA APN 963-08-013; Fleet Jurupa Valley (Rubidoux Fleet) 5293 Mission Blvd., Jurupa Valley, CA APN 179-300-004, 179-300-013, 179-300-006, 179-300-010, 179-300-008, 179-300-017, 179-300-001, 179-300-014, 179-300-007, 179-300-016, 179-300-015; Murrieta Fire Station 38900 Clinton Keith Rd, Murrieta, CA APN 904-080-007; Banning Fire Station 49575 Orchard Rd, Banning, CA APN 545-107-060; Corona Fire Station 3777 Neece St, Corona, CA APN 135-021-036; North Shore Fire Station 99065 Corvina Rd, North Shore, CA APN 723-222-013; Blythe Fire Station 140 W Barnard St., Blythe, CA APN 845-123-020; Homeland Fire Station 25730 Sultanas Rd., Homeland, CA APN 457-340-027; Perris Fire Station 1565 Steel Peak Rd, Perris, CA APN 343-220-034; Thermal Sheriff Station 86625 Airport Blvd, Thermal, CA APN 759-060-024; San Geronio Middle School 1591 Cherry Ave, Beaumont, CA 92223 APN 404-230-003; Murrieta Mesa High School 24801 Monroe Ave, Murrieta, CA 92562 APN 949-200-005, 949-200-004, 949200-003, 949-200-030; Temescal Canyon High 28755 El Torro Rd., Lake Elsinore, CA 92532 APN 389-210-039; Hamilton High School 57430 Mitchell Rd., Anza, CA APN 575-050-047; Desert Mirage High School 86150 66th Ave, Thermal, CA 92274 APN 751-070-031

Description of Project: The Emergency Management Department (EMD) occupies multiple sites throughout Riverside County. It has been determined that in order to keep EMD facilities portable electrical backup generators functioning properly, new emergency manual transfer switches are required to be installed at multiple locations.

The proposed Emergency Management Department Emergency Power Transfer Switches Installation Project includes the installation of manual transfer switches at various EMD facilities to maintain uninterrupted power supply. The installation of the transfer switches is identified as the proposed project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The operation of the facilities will continue to provide public services and will not result in an expansion of existing use. No additional direct or indirect physical environmental impacts are anticipated.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Riverside County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Riverside County Facilities Management

Exempt Status: State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15301 Existing Facilities Exemption; and 15061(b) (3), General Rule or "Common Sense" Exemption, Codified under Title 14, Articles 5 and 19, Sections 15061, and 15301.

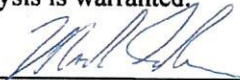
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Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA specifically by the State CEQA Guidelines as identified below. The project will not result in any specific or general exceptions to the use of the categorical exemption as detailed under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. The project will not cause an impact to an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern nor would the project include unusual circumstances which could have the possibility of having a significant effect on the environment. The project would not result in impacts to scenic highways, hazardous waste sites, historic resources, or other sensitive natural environments, or have a cumulative effect to the environment. No significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur with the The installation of the transfer switches at EMD facilities.

- **Section 15301 –Existing Facilities:** This Class 1 categorical exemption includes the operation, repair, maintenance; leasing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities, provided the exemption only involves negligible or no expansion of the previous site’s use. The project, as proposed, is limited the installation of transfer switches to existing utility systems at existing EMD facilities to maintain uninterrupted power supply. The use of the facilities would continue to provide public services and would not result in a significant increase in capacity or intensity of use. Therefore, the project is exempt as it meets the scope and intent of the Categorical Exemption identified in Section 15301, Article 19, Categorical Exemptions of the CEQA Guidelines.
- **Section 15061 (b) (3) – “Common Sense” Exemption:** In accordance with CEQA, the use of the Common Sense Exemption is based on the “general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.” State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b) (3). The use of this exemption is appropriate if “it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.” *Ibid*. This determination is an issue of fact and if sufficient evidence exists in the record that the activity cannot have a significant effect on the environment, then the exemption applies and no further evaluation under CEQA is required. See *No Oil, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles* (1974) 13 Cal. 3d 68. The ruling in this case stated that if a project falls within a category exempt by administrative regulation or 'it can be seen with certainty that the activity in question will not have a significant effect on the environment', no further agency evaluation is required. With certainty, there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed improvements will not result in any direct or indirect physical environmental impacts. The use of the facilities would remain unchanged, continuing to provide public services. Therefore, in no way, would the project as proposed have the potential to cause a significant environmental impact and the project is exempt from further CEQA analysis.

Based upon the identified exemptions above, the County of Riverside, Facilities Management hereby concludes that no physical environmental impacts are anticipated to occur and the project as proposed is exempt under CEQA. No further environmental analysis is warranted.

Signed: _____



Date: 12-8-2020

Mike Sullivan, Senior Environmental Planner
County of Riverside, Facilities Management