

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



**ITEM: 3.19
(ID # 17430)**

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, December 07, 2021

FROM : FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM :


SUBJECT: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (FM) AND RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM: Riverside University Health System Medical Center Emergency Communications Room Air Conditioning Replacement Project - California Environmental Quality Act Exempt, Approval of In-Principle and Project Budget, District 5. [\$359,352 - 100% RUHS Enterprise Fund 40050]


RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Riverside University Health System Medical Center Emergency Communications Room Air Conditioning Replacement (RUHS Emergency Communications Room AC Replacement) Project for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP);
2. Find that the 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

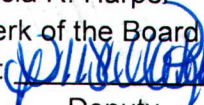

Rose Salgado, Director of Facilities Management 11/5/2021


Jennifer Cruikshank, Chief Executive Officer - Health System 11/9/2021

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, 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: December 7, 2021
xc: RM, RUHS

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 emergency declared RUHS Emergency Communications Room AC Replacement Project located in Moreno Valley, California; for the replacement of the end-of-life air conditioning equipment in the Penthouse located on the roof of the facility;
4. Approve a project budget in the not to exceed amount of \$359,352 for the Project;
5. Authorize the use of RUHS Enterprise Fund 40050 in the amount of \$359,352, for the emergency work, including reimbursement to Facilities Management (FM) for incurred emergency project related expenses;
6. Authorize the Director of Facilities Management, or her designee, to administer all necessary agreements in accordance with applicable Board policies;
7. 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
8. 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 this project, and the sum of all contracts shall not exceed \$359,352.

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 359,352	\$ 0	\$ 359,352	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: RUHS Enterprise Fund 40050 - 100%			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 2021/22	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Riverside University Health System (RUHS) Medical Center's existing central plant air conditioning system is no longer able to provide adequate cooling to the Emergency Communications Room. The communications room houses equipment that is part of the county wide Public Safety Enterprise Communication (PSEC) system, food service, patient information systems, and patient educational systems. The radio communications system is critical to the Medical Center, Sheriff's Department, County Fire, and other County departments operations. It is used by the Hospital's Emergency Department personnel for communication with ambulatory, paramedic and helicopter services who transport patients with so many of those communications relating to the transport of trauma patients to the Medical Center's Emergency Department Trauma Center.

The high temperatures in the communications room have been documented raising concerns about imminent failure of the equipment, therefore a standalone air conditioning system connected to the Medical Center's emergency power system will be installed.

On July 14, 2021, an emergency declaration was made pursuant to the authority delegated in Resolution 2003-23 by the Board, allowing Facilities Management (FM) to take immediate action to procure contracts to provide emergency work for the Project. Facilities Management recommends the Board approve in principle the RUHS Emergency Communications Room AC Replacement Project and the project budget in the not to exceed amount of \$359,352 to ensure that the communication equipment retains operational safety.

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BACKGROUND:

Summary (Continued)

With certainty, there is no possibility that the RUHS Emergency Communications Room AC Replacement Project may have a significant effect on the environment. The Project, as proposed, is limited to interior modifications within the Communications Room to provide an independent cooling unit within the area and connect to emergency power so that critical communication equipment can continue to function and avoid potential shutdowns from high temperatures. The use of the facility would continue to provide public services and would not result in a significant increase in capacity or intensity of use. Therefore, the RUHS Emergency Communications Room AC Replacement Project is exempt as the project meets the scope and intent of the Common Sense Exemption identified in Section 15061 (b)(3), and Class 1 Existing Facilities I Exemption identified in Section 15301. A Notice of Exemption will be filed by FM staff with the County Clerk within five days of Board approval.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The RUHS Emergency Communications Room AC Replacement Project is imperative to the safety of the community by avoiding equipment failure of PSEC and other emergency radio systems. These radio systems are critical to County wide emergency communications for the Hospital and Public Safety departments.

Additional Fiscal Information

The approximate allocation of the project budget is as follows:

BUDGET LINE ITEMS	BUDGET AMOUNT
DESIGN PROFESSIONAL OF RECORD	49,410
SPECIALTY CONSULTANTS	0
REGULATORY PERMITTING	5,466
CONSTRUCTION	251,858
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION	19,950
PROJECT CONTINGENCY	32,668
PROJECT BUDGET	\$ 359,352

All costs associated with this Board action will be 100% funded through RUHS Enterprise Fund 40050 and will be expended in FY 2021/22.

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Suzanna Hackley, Assistant Director of Purchasing and Fleet Service

11/3/2021



Meghan Hahn, Senior Management Analyst

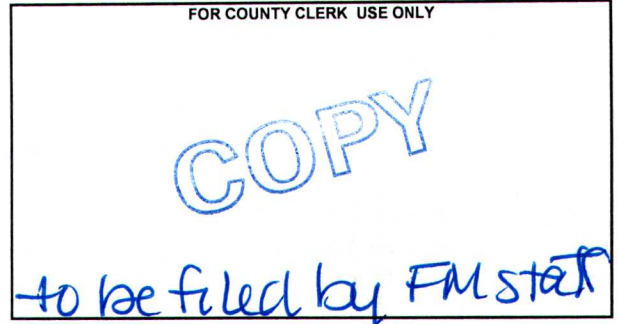
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Gregory V. Priamos, Director County Counsel

11/10/2021

Riverside County
Facilities Management
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

October 19, 2021

Project Name: Riverside University Health System Medical Center (RUHS-MC) Emergency Communications Room Air Conditioning Replacement

Project Number: FM08430011183

Project Location: 26520 Cactus Avenue, west of Nason Street, Moreno Valley, County of Riverside, California; Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): 486-280-037

Description of Project: The existing air conditioning system located in the Emergency Communications Room at RUHS MC is currently served by the facility's central utility plant. The recent Central Plant upgrade has placed additional loads on the Medical Center's air conditioning system (AC). The added load is escalating the system to end-of-life much sooner than previously anticipated and is no longer providing adequate cooling for the critical emergency radio equipment located within the Communications Room.

The Communications Room houses emergency County wide radio head end equipment that is part of the Public Safety Enterprise Communication (PSEC) system and other emergency radio systems. The radio communications equipment located within this room is subject to failure at higher temperatures. These radio systems are critical to both County wide emergency communications for the Medical Center, Sheriff's Department, County Fire, and other County departments. The Medical Center communications system is used by the Hospital's Emergency Department personnel for communication with ambulatory, paramedic and helicopter services who transport patients. The Medical Center's Emergency Department is a Trauma Center, so many of the communications are related to the transport of trauma patients. The Communications Room also houses other systems used directly for patient care such as food service, patient information systems, and patient educational systems.

A new AC replacement system is needed in the Emergency Communications Room to be a stand-alone system and connected to the hospital emergency power system to provide cooling to this room in the event of a utility power interruption. The installation of AC in the Emergency Communications Room is identified as the proposed project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The operation of the facility will continue to provide public services and will not result in a change or expansion of existing use. No additional direct or indirect physical environmental impacts are anticipated.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Riverside County Facilities Management

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; 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 installation of AC in the Emergency Communications Room of the RUHS MC.

- **Section 15301 (b)–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 to the installation of AC in the Emergency Communications Room to prevent existing communication equipment from operational failure due to heat. 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 installation of AC in the Emergency Communications Room will not result in any direct or indirect physical environmental impacts. The improvements would occur within existing facility, would not alter the footprint and is being completed to create a compliant and safe health facility. The use of the facility for public health services would remain unchanged. 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: 10-19-2021

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