

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



**ITEM: 3.18**  
(ID # 23795)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, February 27, 2024

**FROM :** FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE :

**SUBJECT:** FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (FM) AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - Southwest Justice Center 3rd Floor Paint and Carpet Replacement Project - California Environmental Quality Act Exempt Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 and Section 15061 (b)(3), Approval of In-Principle and Preliminary Project Budget, District 3. [\$571,965 - 100% District Attorney General Fund 10000]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Southwest Justice Center 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Paint and Carpet Replacement (SWJC 3<sup>rd</sup> FI Paint and Carpet Replacement) Project for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP);

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**ACTION:**Policy, CIP

  
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1/30/2024

  
Rose Salgado, Director of Facilities Management

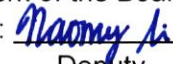
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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: February 27, 2024  
xc: FM, DA

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

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;
3. Approve in-principle the SWJC 3<sup>rd</sup> FI Paint and Carpet Replacement Project located at 30755-D Auld Road in Murrieta, California; to repaint and replace carpet throughout the office space;
4. Approve the preliminary project budget in the not to exceed amount of \$571,965 for the Project;
5. Authorize use of the District Attorney General Fund 10000 in the not to exceed amount of \$571,965, 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, or her designee, 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 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 \$571,965.

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 500,000	\$ 71,965	\$ 571,965	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 500,000	\$ 71,965	\$ 571,965	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> 100% District Attorney General Fund 10000			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> No	
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 23/24 - 24/25	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The Office of the District Attorney occupies the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Southwest Justice Center located at 30755-D Auld Road in Murrieta, CA 92563 as of 2001. Due to the aged and worn-out carpet and paint finishes, the original flooring needs replacement to ensure safe and effective long-term operations, and walls will require re-painting due to the worn-out paint. The scope of work to the Project includes but is not limited to: replacement of worn out carpet, and patch and paint throughout the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor office environment. All work will be completed in compliance with applicable building codes and health and life safety requirements.



**Riverside County**  
**Facilities Management**  
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FM staff to file

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

December 28, 2023

**Project Name:** Southwest Justice Center (SWJC) Office of District Attorney (DA), Third Floor Painting and Flooring Project, Murrieta

**Project Number:** FM08220013230

**Project Location:** 30755-D Auld Road, west of Leon Road, Murrieta, California, 92563; Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): 963-080-013

**Description of Project:** SWJC, located at 30755-D Auld Road in Murrieta, California 92563, was completed in 2001. The DA occupies the 3rd Floor. Although the facility is regularly maintained, the high-intensity use of the original flooring is in need of replacement to ensure safe and effective long-term operations. The scope of the Project will include new flooring throughout the 3rd Floor office space, as well as interior paint. All work will be completed in compliance with applicable building codes and health and life safety requirements. The painting and flooring on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the SWJC DA office 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.

**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 painting and flooring replacement on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the SWJC DA.

- **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 tenant improvements to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the SWJC, including painting and flooring replacement. 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 painting and flooring replacement will not result in any direct or indirect physical environmental impacts. The improvements would occur within existing facility, would not alter the footprint and are being completed to create a compliant and functional facility. The use of the facility for public 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: 12-28-2023

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