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



ITEM: 3.25 (ID # 24381) MEETING DATE: Tuesday, April 30, 2024

FROM:

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT:

**SUBJECT:** FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (FM) AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT: Ben Clark Training Center Prop Tower Rust Mitigation and Repair Project - California Environmental Quality Act Exempt Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Existing Facilities and 15061 (b)(3) Common Sense Exemptions, Approval of In-Principle and Preliminary Project Budget; District 1. [\$144,538 - 100% Riverside County Fire Department General Fund 10000]

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

1. Approve the Ben Clark Training Center Prop Tower Rust Mitigation and Repair (BCTC Prop Tower Repair) Project for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP);

4/12/2024 Rose Salgado, Director of Facilities

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**ACTION:Policy, CIP** 

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Gutierrez 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:

April 30, 2024

XC:

FM, Fire

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Kimberly A. Rector Clerk of the Board

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#### **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, Existing Facilities Exemption and Section 15061 (b)(3) "Common Sense" Exemption;
- Approve in-principle the BCTC Prop Tower Repair Project located at 16902 Bundy Avenue, in Riverside, California; to remove the severely rusted steel and weld in new steel for the 3-story fire prop tower;
- 4. Approve the preliminary project budget in the not to exceed amount of \$144,538 for the Project;
- Authorize the use of Riverside County Fire Department General Fund 10000 in the not to exceed amount of \$144,538, including reimbursement to Facilities Management (FM) for incurred project related expenses;
- 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 \$144,538.

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:		Next Fiscal Year:		Total Cost:		Ongoing Cost		
COST	\$	144,538	\$	0	\$	144,538	\$	0	
NET COUNTY COST	\$	144,538	\$	0	\$	144,538	\$	0	
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% Riverside County Fire Department						Budget Adjustment: No			
General Fund 10000					For F	iscal Year: 2	23/24		

### C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

# BACKGROUND:

#### Summary

The Riverside County Fire Department uses a 3-story prop tower for training purposes at the Ben Clark Training Center located at 16902 Bundy Avenue, in Riverside, California, 92518. The prop tower is severely rusted and poses a danger to the cadets and their equipment during the

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live fire drills. The scope of the project includes but is not limited to: removal of the severely rusted steel and replacement and welding in of new steel.

Facilities Management (FM) recommends the Board approve in-principle the BCTC Prop Tower Repair Project and the preliminary project budget in the not to exceed amount of \$144,538. FM will procure the most cost effective and efficient project delivery method and award in accordance with applicable Board policies.

With certainty, there is no possibility that the BCTC Prop Tower Repair Project may have a significant effect on the environment. The Project, as proposed, is limited to the refurbishment of an exterior steel structure. The use of the facility would continue to provide training services and would not result in a significant increase in capacity or intensity of use. Therefore, the BCTC Prop Tower Repair 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 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 BCTC Prop Tower Repair Project will provide a safe prop tower for the training of Fire Department cadets.

## **Additional Fiscal Information**

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

BUDGET LINE ITEMS	PROJECT BUDGET			
DESIGN PROFESSIONAL OF RECORD	0			
SPECIALTY CONSULTANTS	0			
REGULATORY PERMITTING	0			
CONSTRUCTION	102,350			
OTHER CONSTRUCTION	12,231			
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION	16,817			
PROJECT CONTINGENCY	13,140			
PRELIMINARY PROJECT BUDGET	\$ 144,538			

All costs associated with this Board action will be 100% funded by Riverside County Fire Department General Fund 10000 and will be expended in FY 23/24.

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Meghan Hahn, Director of Procurement

3/27/2024

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Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deput Counsel 4/18/2024

FOR COUNTY CLERK USE ONLY

Riverside County
Facilities Management
3450 14th Street, Riverside, CA 92501

FM staff to file

### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

February 29, 2024

Project Name: Ben Clark Training Center (BCTC) Fire Prop Repair Project

Project Number: FM08270012565

Project Locations: 16902 Bundy Avenue, south of Van Buren Boulevard, Riverside, California 92518; Assessor's Parcel

Number (APN): 94-110-005

**Description of Project:** The Riverside County Fire Department uses a 3-story prop tower for training purposes at the BCTC located at 16902 Bundy Avenue, in Riverside, California, 92518. The prop tower is severely rusted and poses a danger to the cadets and their equipment during the live fire drills. The scope of the project includes, but is not limited to, removal of the severely rusted steel and replacement and welding in of new steel. The repairs and improvements to the fire prop tower is defined as the proposed project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The operation of the site will continue to provide public services at the existing facility and will not result in a significant 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 Section 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 improvements and repairs to the damaged fire prop tower at BCTC.

- Section 15301 (d)—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 improvements and repairs to the damaged fire prop tower at BCTC are needed to restore and maintain an appropriate level of fire training s. The facility provide fire training to various agencies and organizations throughout the region, and the improvements to the existing fire prop facility to maintain training activities are exempt as they meet the scope and intent of the Categorical Exemption identified in Section 15301, Article 19, Categorical Exemptions of the CEOA 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 improvements and repairs to the damaged fire prop tower at BCTC will not result in any direct or indirect physical environmental impacts.

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: Mall Date: 2-29-2024

Mike Sullivan, County of Riverside, Facilities Management