

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



ITEM: 3.29
(ID # 25398)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, August 27, 2024

FROM : FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND ANIMAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (FM) AND ANIMAL SERVICES: San Jacinto Valley Animal Campus Back-Up Generator Installation Project – California Environmental Quality Act Exempt (CEQA) Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1 - Existing Facilities Exemption and Section 15061 (b)(3) “Common Sense” Exemption; Approval of In-Principle and Preliminary Project Budget; District 3. [\$900,812, 100% Animal Services General Fund 10000]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the San Jacinto Valley Animal Campus Back-Up Generator Installation (San Jacinto Animal Campus Generator) Project for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP);

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ACTION:Policy, CIP


Erin Gettis, Director of Animal Services

7/18/2024

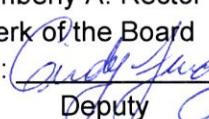

Rose Salgado, Director of Facilities Management

7/18/2024

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel 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: August 27, 2024
xc: FM, Animal Services

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

2. Find that the San Jacinto Animal Campus Generator 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 San Jacinto Animal Campus Generator Project, located at 581 S. Grand Avenue in San Jacinto, California; for the installation of a back-up generator;
4. Approve a preliminary project budget in the not to exceed amount of \$900,812 for the Project;
5. Authorize use of the Animal Services General Fund 10000 in the amount not to exceed \$900,812, 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 are within the approved project budget; and
7. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to a) 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 b) issue Purchase Orders for the sum of all project contracts and/or work orders which shall not exceed the approved project amount of \$900,812.

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 100,812	\$ 800,000	\$ 900,812	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 100,812	\$ 800,000	\$ 900,812	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Animal Services General Fund 10000 - 100%			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 24/25-25/26	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

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BACKGROUND:

Summary

The San Jacinto Valley Animal Campus is located at 581 S. Grand Avenue in San Jacinto, California 92582, and provides complete shelter and adoption needs for mid-county residents and their pets. The shelter does not currently have a backup generator to ensure the continuity of services to local patrons of the facility in the event of an emergency. The scope of the project includes but is not limited to: installation of a new back-up diesel engine generator to connect to the existing electrical system, and reconfiguration of electrical circuits for the data room and the backup generator.

The Project will install the much-needed back-up generator within an enclosure to ensure emergency backup power in the event of a future power outage and/or natural disaster; and will require design services of an electrical engineer to properly size, specify and permit the new generator system.

Facilities Management (FM) recommends the Board of Supervisors (Board) approve the San Jacinto Animal Campus Generator Project and the preliminary project budget in the not to exceed amount of \$900,812. FM will procure the most cost-effective project delivery method in accordance with applicable Board policies to complete the Project.

Pursuant to CEQA, the San Jacinto Animal Campus Generator Project was reviewed and determined to be categorically exempt under State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 Existing Facilities Exemption; and Section 15061(b)(3), "Common Sense" Exemption. With certainty, there is no possibility that the Project may have a significant effect on the environment. The Project, as proposed, is limited to installing a back-up generator in the existing facility. The use of the facility would not change and would not result in an increase in capacity or intensity of use. No direct or indirect impacts would occur. A Notice of Exemption will be filed by FM staff with the County Clerk and State Office of Planning and Research within five days of Board approval.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The San Jacinto Animal Campus Generator Project will enhance the safety of staff and clients and provide continuity of services in the event of a power failure and/or natural disaster.

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Additional Fiscal Information

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

BUDGET LINE ITEMS	BUDGET AMOUNT
DESIGN PROFESSIONAL OF RECORD	82,758
SPECIALTY CONSULTANTS	0
REGULATORY PERMITTING	7,588
CONSTRUCTION	600,000
OTHER CONSTRUCTION	54,600
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION	73,974
PROJECT CONTINGENCY	81,892
PRELIMINARY PROJECT BUDGET	\$900,812

All costs associated with this Board action are 100% funded through Animal Services General Fund 10000. Expenditures for FY 24/25 are estimated at \$100,812; and expenditures for FY 25/26 are estimated at \$800,000.

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Melissa Curtis *Stacy Orton*
Melissa Curtis, Deputy Director of Purchasing and Fleet 6/25/2024 Stacy Orton 8/8/2024

Aaron Gettis
Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel 7/24/2024

FM staff to file

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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

June 18, 2024

Project Name: San Jacinto Animal Shelter Backup Generator Project

Project Number: FM08420013380

Project Locations: 581 South Grand Avenue, west of Spring Street, San Jacinto, California, 92582; Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs): 435-040-005, 435-040-006, 435-030-015, 435-030-010

Description of Project: The San Jacinto Valley Animal Campus is located at 581 South Grand Avenue in San Jacinto, California, 92582, and provides complete shelter and adoption needs for mid-county residents and their pets. The shelter does not currently have a backup generator to ensure the continuity of services to local patrons of the facility in the event of an emergency. The scope of the project includes, but is not limited to, installation of a new back-up diesel engine generator to connect to the existing electrical system, reconfiguration of electrical circuits for the data room and the backup generator.

The Project will install the much-needed back-up generator within an enclosure to ensure emergency backup power in the event of a future power outage and/or natural disaster; and will require design services of an electrical engineer to properly size, specify and permit the new generator system. The installation of the backup generator at the San Jacinto Animal Shelter 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 installation of the backup generator at the San Jacinto Animal Shelter.

- **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 installation of the backup generator at the San Jacinto Animal Shelter is needed to maintain public services and care of the animals in the event of a loss of power at the existing facility. The backup generator would be permitted through the South Coast Air Quality Management District and would operate only in emergencies or to periodic testing to ensure the system is working properly. Typically, the permits limit runtime to 200 hours of operation per year. The improvements to the existing electrical system to connect the backup generator would not expand the capacity of the site and would result in the continuation of public services; therefore, the project is exempt as the improvements meet 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 installation of the backup generator and connection to the existing electrical system at the San Jacinto Animal Shelter 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:  Date: 6-18-2024

Mike Sullivan,
County of Riverside, Facilities Management