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



ITEM: 3.30 (ID # 25467) MEETING DATE: Tuesday, August 27, 2024

FROM : FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (FM) AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT: Riverside County Fire Department El Cariso Station 51 Replacement Project - California Environmental Quality Act Exempt (CEQA) Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction Exemption and Section 15061 (b)(3) "Common Sense" Exemption; Approval of In-Principle and Preliminary Project Budget; District 2. [\$750,000, 100% American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund 21735] (4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

 Find that the Fire Department El Cariso Station 51 Replacement Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction Exemption and Section 15061 (b)(3) "Common Sense" Exemption;

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ACTION: Policy, CIP, 4/5 Vote Required

8/6/2024 Rose Salgado, Director of Facilities Managemen

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, Fire

Kimberly A. Rector Clerk of the Board By

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RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- Approve the Riverside County Fire Department El Cariso Station 51 Replacement (Fire Department Station 51 Replacement) Project for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP);
- 3. Approve in-principle, the Fire Department El Cariso Station 51 Replacement Project, located at 32353 Ortega Hwy in Lake Elsinore, California; for the removal and replacement of the existing modular;
- 4. Approve a preliminary project budget in the not to exceed amount of \$750,000 for the Project;
- Authorize the use of Federal Funds American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund 21735 in the amount not to exceed \$750,000, including reimbursement to Facilities Management (FM) for incurred project related expenses;
- 6. Approve and direct the Auditor Controller to make the budget adjustment as shown on Schedule A;
- 7. 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
- 8. 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 \$750,000.

FINANCIAL DATA	IANCIAL DATA Current Fiscal Year:		Next Fiscal Year:		Total Cost:		Ongoing Cost	
COST	\$	750,000	\$	0	\$	750,000	\$	0
NET COUNTY COST	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% American Rescue					Budget Adjustment: Yes			
Plan Act (ARPA) Fund 21735					For Fiscal Year: 24/25			

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Riverside County Fire Department El Cariso Station 51 is a fire station located at 32353 Ortega Hwy in Lake Elsinore, California, 92530 and consists of a double-wide modular unit

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totaling 960 square feet, purchased and placed on site in 2003. The age of the modular is 22 years old and requires replacement.

Based on the budget and funding schedule, Facilities Management (FM) and Fire have determined the best option to complete the Fire Department El Cariso Station 51 Project is replacement with a new modular unit of the same size. The scope of the Project will include but is not limited to: demolition of the existing double-wide modular unit, install a new modular unit including a laundry room, kitchen, day room, three bedrooms, two bathrooms (one with shower), and storage closet.

The station's personnel will be temporarily relocated to Fire Department Lakeland Village Station 11 to provide services until the replacement of the El Cariso Station 51 is completed.

Facilities Management (FM) recommends that the Board approve the Fire Department Station 51 Replacement Project and the preliminary project budget in the not to exceed amount of \$750,000. FM will procure the most cost-effective project delivery method and award a construction contract in accordance with applicable Board policies to expedite delivery of the Project.

With certainty, there is no possibility that the Fire Department El Cariso Station 51 Replacement Project may have a significant effect on the environment. The Project, as proposed, is limited to the demolition and replacement of the existing modular unit. The new modular unit would be located on the same footprint, have substantially similar capacity, and would result in the continued use as a fire station. Therefore, the Fire Department El Cariso Station 51 Replacement Project is exempt as the project meets the scope and intent of the "Common Sense" Exemption identified in Section 15061 (b)(3), Class 2 – Replacement or Reconstruction Exemption identified in Section 15302. A Notice of Exemption will be filed by FM staff with the County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse within five days of Board approval.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The Project will provide the Fire Department with a facility that meets their current needs and will allow them to better serve the community of El Cariso.

Additional Fiscal Information

All costs associated with this Board action will be 100% funded by Federal Funds - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus Relief Fund 21735. Expenditures for FY 24/25 are estimated at \$750,000.

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SCHEDULE A

Facilities Management Budget Adjustment Fiscal Year 24/25

INCREASE IN ESTIMATED REVENUE: 21735 -7200800000 -763520 Fed-American Rescue Plan Act	<u>\$750,000</u>
TOTAL INCREASE IN ESTIMATED REVENUES:	<u>\$750,000</u>
INCREASE IN APPROPRIATIONS: 21735 -7200800000 - 542040 Buildings - Capital Projects	<u>\$750,000</u>
TOTAL INCREASE IN APPROPRIATIONS:	<u>\$750,000</u>

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FM staff to file

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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

June 28, 2024

Project Name: El Cariso Fire Station 51 Replacement Project, Lake Elsinore

Project Number: FM08270013735

Project Location: 32353 Ortega Highway, west of South Main Divide, Lake Elsinore, California 92530, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 386-090-012

Description of Project: The Riverside County Fire Department El Cariso Station 51 is a fire station located at 32353 Ortega Hwy in Lake Elsinore, California, 92530 and consists of a double-wide modular unit totaling 960 square feet, purchased and placed on site in 2003. The age of the modular is 22 years old and requires replacement.

Based on the budget and funding schedule, Facilities Management will determine the best option to complete the Fire Department Station 51 Replacement Project through conventional construction or replacement with a new modular unit. The scope of the project will include, but is not limited to, demolition of the existing double-wide modular unit, and replacement wit a new building on the same footprint that would result in the same use and capacity. The construction of the replacement fire station is identified as the project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). No 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, 15302 (b) Replacement or Reconstruction Exemption, and Section 15061(b) (3), General Rule or "Common Sense" Exemption, Codified under Title 14, Articles 5 and 19, Sections 15302, and 15061.

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 replacement of the El Cariso Fire Station 51.

- Section 15302 (b) –Replacement or Reconstruction: This Class 2 categorical exemption consists of the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. Under (b), replacement of a commercial structure with a new structure of substantially the same size, purpose, and capacity is exempt. The project, as proposed, is the replacement of the existing 960-squire foot modular building would result in the installation of a substantially similarly sized structure on the same footprint resulting in the same purpose, and capacity. The existing facility supports the provision of public services and the replacement would have the same purpose as the existing infrastructure. Therefore, the installation of the replacement fire station is exempt as it meets the scope and intent of the Categorical Exemption identified in Section 15302, 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 CEOA 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 replacement fire station will not result in any direct or indirect physical environmental impacts. The new structure would not alter the existing building footprint, function or use of the sites, or have any substantial physical effects. The use and operation of the facility will be substantially similar to the existing uses and will not create any new environmental impacts. No alterations and no impacts beyond the ongoing, existing use of the site would occur. 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 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: 6-28-2024

Mike Sullivan County of Riverside