

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



ITEM: 3.13
(ID # 29234)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, November 18, 2025

FROM : FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (FM): Riverside County Innovation Center 2nd Floor Emergency Flood Project - California Environmental Quality Act Exempt Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1 Existing Facilities Categorical Exemption, and Section 15061 (b)(3) "Common Sense" Exemption; Declaration of Emergency, Ratify and Approve Purchase Order FMARC0000123974 issued to BluSky Restoration Contractors, LLC, Approval of In-Principle and Preliminary Development Project Budget; District 1. [\$352,000 – Facilities Management Real Estate Fund 47220 (To be Reimbursed by Insurance)] (4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Riverside County Innovation Center 2nd Floor Emergency Flood (RCIC 2nd Floor Flood) Project for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP);
2. Find that the RCIC 2nd Floor Flood Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1 Existing Facilities Categorical Exemption, and Section 15061 (b)(3) "Common Sense" Exemption;
3. Find that an emergency, as defined by Section 1102 of the Public Contract Code, existed at the RCIC located at 3450 14th Street in Riverside, California, and authorize actions taken by the Director of Facilities Management to order any emergency repairs and enter into and administer all necessary agreements and documents that are necessary to respond to the emergency, pursuant to Riverside County Board of Supervisors Resolution 2003-23;

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ACTION:4/5 Vote Required, Policy, CIP


Vincent Yzaguirre 11/5/2025

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: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: November 18, 2025
xc: FM

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

4. Approve a preliminary development project budget in the amount of \$352,000 for the RCIC 2nd Floor Flood Project;
5. Ratify and approve the emergency procurement Purchase Order FMARC0000123973 issued to BluSky Restoration Contractors, LLC (BluSky Restoration) for the emergency remediation services for the Project, without seeking competitive bids in the amount of \$112,500;
6. Authorize the use of Facilities Management (FM) Real Estate Fund 47220 to be reimbursed by insurance, in the amount of \$352,000 for the Project, including reimbursement to FM for incurred emergency project related expenses not covered by insurance; and
7. Direct the Purchasing Agent to issue Purchase Orders in accordance with applicable Board policies to prequalified contractors in an amount not-to-exceed \$200,000 per vendor, per project, per year, or pursuant to an approved and executed contract, the total of all project contracts and purchase orders shall not exceed the approved project budget.

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 352,000	\$ 0	\$ 352,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Facilities Management Real Estate Fund 47220 – 100% (To be Reimbursed by Insurance)			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 2025/26	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: [Approve]

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Riverside County Innovation Center (RCIC) is located at 3450 14th Street in Riverside. The facility has several occupying departments including Facilities Management, Information Technology, Purchasing and Fleet Services, Human Resources, and Flood Control. On October 25, 2025, the facility experienced flooding on the second-floor originating from a failed hydration station located in the hallway. The flooding occurred in the second-floor hallway seeping to the first-floor damaging drywall, insulation, and ceiling tiles below and in a conferencing portion of the RCIC. Facilities Management (FM) issued an emergency declaration pursuant to the authority delegated in Resolution 2003-23 by the Board of Supervisors (Board), allowing immediate action to procure contracts to provide emergency work without competitive bidding.

An approved environmental specialist, Envirocheck, Inc., was immediately procured to perform a hazardous materials assessment and provide a clearance report. BluSky Restoration was also

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immediately procured to assess, mitigate, and remediate the flood damage that had occurred on the second and first floors to prevent further damage within the facility. Failure to immediately address the flooding posed a clear and imminent danger to the health and safety of customers and staff.

The RCIC sustained water damage in the second-floor hallway area, custodial closet and mechanical room, and three offices. On the first floor, the RCIC sustained water damage due to seepage from the second floor to the RCIC main conference room, adjacent kitchenette, storage area, hallway, women's restroom, and mechanical room. BluSky Restoration has mitigated the flood by securing the damaged areas, removing the excess water, wet ceilings, insulation, and drywall and has ensured that all environmental impacts have been addressed, and the facility no longer poses an imminent danger to customers and staff.

FM recommends the Board approve the RCIC 2nd Floor Emergency Flood Project (Project) and the emergency Purchase Order issued to BluSky Restoration. FM will continue to manage and monitor the remediation and restoration efforts, working closely with County Risk Management, completing the Project documentation, and ensuring the Project meets code, health safety, and regulatory requirements. FM will procure the most cost-effective project delivery for the restoration 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 RCIC 2nd Floor Flood Project may have a significant effect on the environment. The Project is limited to an emergency response to provide maintenance and repairs associated with a water leak at the RCIC facility. The emergency repairs were to an existing county facility that were necessary to maintain services essential to customers and the actions were necessary to mitigate an emergency. The emergency maintenance and repairs were conducted within the existing facility and were performed to meet current standards of safety. Therefore, the Project is exempt as the project meets the scope and intent of the Emergency Projects Statutory Exemption identified in Section 15061 (b)(3) and Class 1 Categorical Exemption identified in Section 15301. 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 RCIC 2nd Floor Flood Project will remediate the damage caused by the flood and restore the facility to safe working conditions to continue providing vital and necessary services to our customers, while ensuring the safety of the facility for clients and staff.

Additional Fiscal Information

The estimated \$352,000 costs associated with this Board action will be 100% funded by FM Real Estate Fund 47220 to be reimbursed by Insurance and are anticipated to be expended within FY 2025/26.

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Attachments:

- Notice of Exemption for the RCIC 2nd Floor Emergency Flood Project
- B-11 Emergency Declaration for the RCIC 2nd Floor Emergency Flood Project
- Purchase Order #FMARC_0000123973 for BluSky Restoration Contractors, LLC

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Melissa Curtis

Melissa Curtis, Deputy Director of Purchasing and Fleet

11/4/2025

Evangelina Gregorio EO

Evangelina Gregorio EO, Principal Mgmt Analyst

11/7/2025

Aaron Gettis

Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel

11/6/2025



To: Vincent Yzaguirre, Director of Facilities Management
From: Stacey Phillips, Deputy Director of Maintenance
Date: October 27, 2025
Subject: RCIC - Emergency Flood Mitigation – RV1078

On the morning of October 26, 2025, at approximately 9:25 a.m., significant flooding was discovered originating from a hydration station located on the 2nd floor of 3450 14th Street, Riverside (RCIC – RV1087). The incident is believed to have occurred overnight on September 25, 2025. Upon discovery, it was observed that water had spread extensively across the 2nd floor and was seeping through the ceiling to the 1st floor, resulting in visible water damage. Staff were immediately notified and responded promptly to assess the situation and begin initial containment efforts. A restoration vendor was contacted and commenced mitigation activities to prevent further damage to the affected areas.

The emergency declaration will not permit a delay and allow work to continue immediately with solicitation for bids.

Therefore, with this memorandum, the Director of Facilities Management, Vincent Yzaguirre, is declaring this to be an emergency pursuant to County of Riverside Board Policy B-11, Section IV *Emergency Action* which states in part:

In the case of emergency (as defined by Public Contract Code Section 1102, "...[which] means a sudden, unexpected occurrence that poses a clear And imminent danger, requiring immediate action to prevent or mitigate the loss Of impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services").

The procurement of necessary equipment, services, and supplies made under this declaration of emergency shall only be for the purpose of meeting the needs created by the emergency and shall be subject to the requirements and reporting procedures described in Chapter 2.5 of the California

Public Contract Code, commencing with Section 22050. Upon utilization of this authority a report will be made to the Board for ratification of all actions which exceed contractual authority of the Director of Facilities Management or the County Purchasing Agent.

Emergency Declaration Requested & Approved By:

Deputy Director Maintenance

Date

Director of Facilities Management

Date

Facilities Management

3450 14th Street, Suite 200
Riverside CA 92501
Main Line: 951.955.3345 Fax: 951.955.4828
Facilities Emergency 24-Hour Line: 951.955.4850

**Project Management Office
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	EA 1 - 1	Emergency Services Labor/supervisor (prevailing wage rates applied) worked performed using weekend labor rates		1.00	EA	23000.00	23000.00	11/29/2025
						Schedule Total	<u>23000.00</u>	
	EA 2 - 1	Emergency Services Equipment / Materials:		1.00	EA	4500.00	4500.00	11/29/2025
						Schedule Total	<u>4500.00</u>	
	EA 3 - 1	Emergency Services Transportation / Disposal		1.00	EA	2500.00	2500.00	11/29/2025
						Schedule Total	<u>2500.00</u>	
	EA 4 - 1	Mitigation Labor / Supervision (Prevailing Wage Rates Applied): Weekend work performed on day 2 10/26/25, work performed 10/26 through 10/30		1.00	EA	68000.00	68000.00	11/29/2025
						Schedule Total	<u>68000.00</u>	
	EA 5 - 1	Mitigation Equipment / Materials		1.00	EA	11500.00	11500.00	11/29/2025
						Schedule Total	<u>11500.00</u>	
	EA	Mitigation		1.00	EA	3000.00	3000.00	11/29/2025
						Schedule Total	<u>3000.00</u>	

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6 - 1	Transportation / Disposal / Carpet Cleaning						

Schedule Total 3000.00

Item Total 23000.00

PROJECT INFORMATION:

DIR PROJECT ID: 20250606591 for Certified Payroll Records (CPR) reporting
Contractor's DIR Registration: 1000599223
Contractor's License: 1005805
PWC-100 filed: 10/29/2025
Project Name: FM-RE_RCIC-2ndFI-Flood Remediation
Project #: FM08720015049
PR #: PR1170521
County Project Manager: Gerardo Rios
Project Site Address: 3450 14th Street Riverside, CA 92501

This Purchase Order is being issued at the request of County of Riverside Facilities Management, for a Public Works project for the Maintenance division.

This project is in compliance with the Purchasing Policy Manual (most recent version) and PCC22032. BluSky estimate dated 10/29/2025.

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The Contractor shall furnish all labor, materials, parts, equipment, tools, supervision, services, transportation, waste disposal, facilities and other required items necessary to complete the following work in strict accordance with all of the Contract Documents.

PREVAILING WAGES AND LABOR CODE REQUIREMENTS-

This is a public works project subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations. The awarded bidder shall comply with all applicable provisions of the California State Labor Code regarding prevailing wages, Department of Industrial Relations Division of Apprenticeship Standards Labor and other requirements, including but not limited to Labor Code Sections 1771.4, 1773.1, 1774, 1775, 1776, 1777.5, 1813 and 1815.

Notice of Completion shall be finalized by the County Project Manager and provided to the Contractor and Purchasing. (Civil Code 9204)

Insurance Requirements: Without limiting or diminishing the CONTRACTOR'S obligation to indemnify or hold the COUNTY harmless, CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain or cause to be maintained, at its sole cost and expense, the following insurance coverages during the term of this Agreement. As respects to the insurance section only, the COUNTY herein refers to the County of Riverside, its Agencies, Districts, Special Districts, and Departments, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, employees, elected or appointed officials, agents or representatives as Additional Insureds. In regards to Worker's Compensation, the policy shall be endorsed to waive subrogation in favor of The County of Riverside.

Insurance requirements and limits as applicable to the project referenced can be found on the Risk Management website at: <http://riskmgmt.rc-hr.com/ContractLanguage/StandardContractLanguage.aspx>

Applicable payment and performance bonds for projects exceeding \$25,000

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(Civil Code 9550) as well as endorsed certificates of insurance must be received prior to start of project. Collecting bonding documentation and insurance is the responsibility of the PCS and/or County Project Manager prior to issuance of PO. If this PO is received and the above responsibilities have not been met, contact the County Project Manager and/or PCS.

CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless the County of Riverside, its Agencies, Districts, Special Districts and Departments, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives (individually and collectively hereinafter referred to as Indemnitees) from any liability whatsoever, based or asserted upon any services of CONTRACTOR, its officers, employees, subcontractors, agents or representatives arising out of or in any way relating to this Agreement, including but not limited to property damage, bodily injury, or death or any other element of any kind or nature whatsoever arising from the performance of CONTRACTOR, its officers, employees, subcontractors, agents or representatives Indemnitors from this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall defend, at its sole expense, all costs and fees including, but not limited, to attorney fees, cost of investigation, defense and settlements or awards, the Indemnitees in any claim or action based upon such alleged acts or omissions.

With respect to any action or claim subject to indemnification herein by CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall, at their sole cost, have the right to use counsel of their own choice and shall have the right to adjust, settle, or compromise any such action or claim without the prior consent of COUNTY; provided, however, that any such adjustment, settlement or compromise in no manner whatsoever limits or circumscribes CONTRACTOR'S indemnification to Indemnitees as set forth herein.

CONTRACTOR'S obligation hereunder shall be satisfied when CONTRACTOR has provided to COUNTY the appropriate form of dismissal relieving COUNTY from any liability for the action or claim involved.

The specified insurance limits required in this Agreement shall in no way limit or circumscribe CONTRACTOR'S obligations to indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnitees herein from third party claims.

In the event there is conflict between this clause and California Civil Code

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Section 2782, this clause shall be interpreted to comply with Civil Code 2782. Such interpretation shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR from indemnifying the Indemnitees to the fullest extent allowed by law.

PAYMENT TERMS: - For calculating due dates for payment term, the County will use either date that the invoice is received by the County or the date the goods/services are received, whichever is later.

Electronic invoices and payment inquiries can be sent to: FM-Invoices@rivco.org

TO ENSURE PROMPT PAYMENT THE PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER MUST BE REFERENCED ON ALL INVOICES & DOCUMENTS.

In the Event of contradiction, between the County's and the Seller's conditions, the County's conditions shall prevail.

To view County's Terms and Conditions, please refer to <http://www.purchasing.co.riverside.ca.us>

- *116-200 General Conditions
- *116-210 General Conditions-Materials and/or Services
- *116-230 General Conditions-Equipment

The County reserves the right to cancel the unexpended balance of this order at any time.

*This service was processed under Board Policy B11 Emergency section and is exempt from bidding requirements. Email confirming emergency action is attached. Emergency action does not negate the payment and performance bonding and/or DIR project registration. This is the responsibility of the Project Manager.

Authorized Signature



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Packaging Slip showing P.O. number and contents must accompany each shipment. 2. No charge for packaging or drayage will be allowed except when specified in order. 3. No partial billings except when specified in the order. 4. THIS ORDER EXPRESSLY LIMITS ACCEPTANCE TO THE TERMS OF THIS ORDER. ANY ADDITIONAL OR DIFFERENT TERMS PROPOSED BY THE SELLER ARE REJECTED UNLESS EXPRESSLY ASSENTED TO IN WRITING BY THE BUYER. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. MAIL INVOICE TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN BELOW. SHOW PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER AND ORDERING DEPARTMENT. 6. Out of state vendors MUST show CA Board of Equilization Permit Number. Otherwise, sales tax will be deducted. 7. IMPORTANT: Seller shall provide material safety data sheets for each product containing hazardous substances as listed by CA Dir. Ind. Rel. in CA Adm. Code, Title 8, Section 5194 and labor codes 8. If work is to be carried out on county property, vendor shall call purchasing and ascertain amounts and types of insurance required and provide proof of insurance before beginning work. |
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FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

FM-Invoices@rivco.org
Facilities Management Dept
3450 14th Street, Suite 200
Riverside CA 92501
United States

Dispatch Via Email		
Purchase Order FMARC-0000123973	Date 2025-10-30	Revision
Payment Terms Net 30	Freight Terms FOB Destination, Freight Paid	Ship Via BEST WAY
Buyer Miranda Ulm	Phone	Currency

Vendor: 0000262800
BluSky Restoration
Contractors LLC
9110 E Nichols Ave Ste 180
Centennial CO 80112
United States

Ship To: 6327-26000
Facilities Management
FM Purchasing Supply
Svcs
2991 Franklin Avenue
Floor 1st
Riverside CA 92507
United States

Attention: Not Specified

Bill To: FM-Invoices@rivco.org
Facilities Management
Dept
3450 14th Street, Suite
200
Riverside CA 92501
United States

Tax Exempt?	Tax Exempt ID:	Quantity	UOM	Replenishment Option: Standard	PO Price	Extended Amt	Due Date
Line-Sch	Item/Description	Mfg ID					

Approved By:

Miranda Ulm
Procurement Contract Specialist
951-358-6743
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Total PO Amount 112500.00

Authorized Signature

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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

October 30, 2025

Project Name: Riverside County Innovation Center 2nd Floor Emergency Flood Project, Riverside

Project Number: FM08720015049

Project Locations: 3450 14th Street, west of Olivewood Avenue, Riverside, California, 92501, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 219-330-035

Description of Project: The Riverside County Innovation Center facility is located at 3450 14th Street in Riverside. On October 25, 2025, the facility experienced flooding within the second floor of the facility which originated from a hydration station near the men and women's restrooms. Due to the extent of the flooding, the flooding occurred overnight on October 24, 2025. The water swept through the ceiling to the 1st Floor Riverside Conference Room that damaged the ceiling tile and 30 square feet insulation and drywall in the conference room; damaged one storage room and the drywall within the women's restroom. The 2nd floor had water sweep through the hallway drywall, kitchenette, storage room, an office in the Real Estate division and a mechanical room. BluSky Restoration has mitigated the immediate flood by securing the damaged areas, removing the excess water, wet ceilings, insulation, and drywall. The remediation of the flood damage at the RCIC 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 an 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 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 remediation of the water damage at the RCIC.

- **Section 15301 –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 interior improvements at the existing RCIC facility to remediate previous water damage and keep the building functioning and operating safely. 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 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 improvements will not result in any direct or indirect physical environmental impacts. The use of the facility would remain unchanged, continuing to provide public services. 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: 11-4-2025

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