



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Public Works



Date: March 10, 2015
Board Meeting Date: April 14, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works

Subject: Certification of the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration for the San Mateo County Emergency Management and Motor Pool Relocation (CEDAR) Project County Project No. PC010

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, dated April 7, 2015, for the San Mateo County Emergency Management and Motor Pool Relocation Project.

BACKGROUND:

The County Emergency Management and Motor Pool Relocation (CEDAR) Project includes the redevelopment of the Redwood City Government Campus site (Project Site 1) to accommodate the new Emergency Management Center, (EMC) building. As part of this project component, the existing Motor Pool facility would be demolished onsite and relocated to the Corp Yard (Project Site 2). The EMC will be defined as an Essential Services Facility per the California Building Code, and will be designed to maximize building operation after extreme environmental events such as earthquakes, flooding, wind, and storms. The relocated Motor Pool facility includes site improvements and construction.

Your Board approved funding for the CEDAR Project during the FY 2013-15 Capital Improvement Budget hearing. On August 5, 2014, your Board adopted Resolution No. 073345, which authorized an agreement with Circlepoint, to provide as-needed environmental services. The Department authorized a task order for Circlepoint to prepare the environmental documents necessary for the project.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed project consists of substantial infrastructure, including telecommunication, information technology (IT), electrical power, and building conditioning systems. The EMC will be a facility that will co-locate various County

government agencies for effective coordination of emergency response and recovery efforts. Site improvements include the construction of a new two- to four-story building, approximately 35 feet tall, including an underground basement/tunnel which would connect into the existing underground basement/tunnel system within the County Government Center. The new EMC building would total approximately 35,000 square feet and would include an at-grade, striped parking lot for employee and user parking with the option of some new, perimeter landscaping.

Circlepoint determined that an Initial Study (IS) and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was required for the project. The IS/MND has been completed and identified potential impacts. Those effects will be reduced to less-than-significant levels through the implementation of specific mitigation measures as identified in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) pursuant to Section 21081.6 of the California Public Resources Code. A 30-day public review period was completed in compliance with the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

On the basis of IS/MND, it has been determined that the proposed action, with the incorporation of the mitigation measures described in the MMRP, will not have a significant effect on the environment. No comments were received during the public review period, which occurred March 6, 2015 through April 6, 2015. Therefore, on the basis of the whole record, there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment and this MND reflects the lead agency's independent judgment and analysis. For these reasons, Staff recommends adoption of the MND and MMRP. The technical reports that constitute the record of proceedings upon which this determination is made are available for public review at the County of San Mateo Public Works Department office at 555 County Center – Fifth Floor, Redwood City, CA 94063, between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

The IS/MND is also available for review at: <http://publicworks.smcgov.org/emergency-management-center-cedar-project-notice-intent-adopt-mitigated-negative-declaration>. A hard copy of the IS/MND is available for review in the Department of Public Works. The IS/MND and MMRP, are attached as Exhibits "A" and "B" to the Resolution.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

Approval of this action contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of Safe Neighborhoods by ensuring that the public's safety as well as that of first responders is met by providing a new facility that meets current "essential services" building design standards.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with certifying the IS/MND. Implementing mitigation will occur through normal construction practices and will not substantively impact project costs.