



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Sheriff's Office



Date: May 2, 2016
Board Meeting Date: June 28, 2016
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Sheriff Greg Munks

Subject: Coyote Point Shooting Range project remodel and financial gift to cover expenses

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution:

- A) Authorizing and accepting the donation of an indoor firearms training facility and additional site improvements, valued at approximately \$5,200,000, to be installed on County property at the Coyote Point Recreational Facility from the Thomas and Stacey Siebel Foundation (\$3,000,000) and John Arrillaga (approximately \$2,200,000); and
- B) Authorizing the County Manager or his/her designee to execute an agreement with the Thomas and Stacey Siebel Foundation and/or John Arrillaga regarding the donation of an indoor firearms training facility and additional site improvements, valued at approximately \$5,200,000, to be installed on County property at the Coyote Point Recreational Facility; and
- C) Approving the naming of the firearms training facility, upon satisfactory project completion, as the "Siebel San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Firearms Range"; and
- D) Finding that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; and
- E) Finding that the project is exempt from competitive bidding requirements as donors will complete the project at no cost to the County; and
- F) Authorizing and accepting the donation of \$100,000 from Thomas Siebel to be used to support San Mateo County Sheriff's Office personnel firearms training programs as well as the position of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office

Firearms Training Facility Range Master and authorizing the Sheriff or his/her designee to take actions to accept this donation.

BACKGROUND:

The Coyote Point Shooting Range is located in the County's Coyote Point Recreation Area. First opened in 1962, the outdoor range is operated and maintained by the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. It is used predominantly as a law enforcement firearms training facility, and Sheriff's Deputies and officers from other municipal, state, and federal agencies use it to train and to maintain their firearm qualifications. In addition, the range is open to the public three evenings each week under the auspices of the Coyote Point Rifle and Pistol Club. The range is deteriorating and in need of modernization. Two private donors have offered to fund, design, and modernize the facility. The modernization is projected to cost \$5,200,000. The Thomas and Stacie Siebel Foundation have offered to donate \$3,000,000 towards project completion. John Arrillaga has offered to construct the project and to provide any additional funding required for its completion currently estimated at \$2,200,000.

DISCUSSION:

The range, which is now more than 50 years old, is deteriorating and in need of modernization. To reduce noise generated by law enforcement's use of the range and to increase its safety and utility during training, the Sheriff's Office now recommends the remodel of the range to include installation of an indoor training facility on a portion of the existing range grounds. Attachment A to this memorandum is a map which depicts the plans for the range. These plans contemplate building an indoor range on the southwest side of the grounds, with an outdoor pistol range and the outdoor rifle range on the remaining portions of the property.

The indoor shooting range, which would be used only for law enforcement training and other uses as deemed appropriate by the Sheriff or his/her designee, would reduce noise in the area, increase safety, and improve the utility of the overall facility for law enforcement training purposes. The public would continue to have access to the outdoor pistol and rifle range.

While the range remodel is expected to cost several millions of dollars, private donors have volunteered to fund, design, and construct the project. These donors will contract for professional preparation of designs for the facility and privately arrange for remodel of the range facility as designed for the sole purpose of providing it as a gift to the County. Such designs will be subject to County approval.

The Project is exempt from competitive bidding requirements as donors will complete the Project at no cost to the County and requests for competing proposals would be futile, unavailing, and produce no public advantage as the Project could not be completed for a lower cost.

The installation of the indoor firearms training facility and additional site improvements are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as the

Project provides for replacement of an existing facility located on the same site and with the same purpose and capacity as the existing facility and will result in a significant reduction of noise impacts.

The County's receipt of the range facility must comply with Administrative Memo B-3 which provides that all gifts having a value of over \$2500.00 be acknowledged in writing by the department head and referred to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance.

The County Manager's Office received and reviewed an application nominating the Thomas and Stacey Siebel Foundation for recognition of their donation by naming the firearms training facility, upon satisfactory Project completion as determined by the County Manager or his/her designee, the "Siebel San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Firearms Range" and recommends that the Board approve the application.

In addition, Thomas Siebel has generously offered to donate \$100,000 to be used to support San Mateo County Sheriff's Office personnel firearms training programs as well as the position of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Firearms Training Facility Range Master.

Fiscal Impact

The adoption of this resolution will result in no added cost to the County.

Attachments

Attachment A – Map of proposed project
Administrative Memo B-3
Donation Agreement