



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Public Works



**Date:** August 18, 2015  
**Board Meeting Date:** September 22, 2015  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** James C. Porter, Director of Public Works

**Subject:** Certification and Adoption of Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Animal Shelter Replacement Project

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution certifying and adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, dated July 17, 2015 for the Animal Shelter Replacement Project.

**BACKGROUND:**

Since 1951, San Mateo County has managed animal control field and sheltering services for all cities in the County of San Mateo. The existing facility is obsolete and inadequate to meet the current standards of animal care; and its level of deterioration is such that it is not viable to effect the necessary repairs and upgrades to the current facility.

To address the condition of the County's existing buildings, on February 15, 2013, your Board requested a list of capital improvement projects. On August 6, 2013, the "Five-Year Facilities Capital Plan" (Plan), was presented to your Board.

The Plan included the Animal Shelter Replacement Project (Project): a new approximately 27,000 square foot animal care shelter building, with a total estimated cost of \$20 million. The new facility would replace the existing building, on the existing parcel. The new facility would offer services similar to the services currently offered, including: state-mandated animal control functions of licensing, public animal receiving, domestic animal holding, and euthanasia of severely injured animals.

Your Board approved funding for the Project, during the FY 2013-15 Capital Plan Improvement Budget hearing.

On August 5, 2014, your Board adopted Resolution No. 073345, which authorized an agreement with environmental consultant Circlepoint, to provide as-needed environmental services.

The County, working with Circlepoint, determined that an Initial Study (IS) and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) were required for this Project. Circlepoint completed the IS/MND and prepared the environmental documents necessary for the Project.

The IS/MND were completed and potential impacts were identified in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP). Pursuant to Section 21081.6 of the California Public Resources Code, the potential impact levels would be reduced to less-than-significant impacts through the implementation of specific mitigation measures. A 30-day public review period starting July 17, 2015 was completed on August 17, 2015, in compliance with the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). No comments were received during the public review period.

The IS/MND and technical reports that constitute the record of proceedings upon which this determination was made are available for public review at the County of San Mateo Public Works Department, 555 County Center, Fifth Floor, Redwood City, CA, and online on the Department's website.

**DISCUSSION:**

On the basis of the entire 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 IS/MND and MMRP are available for viewing at: <http://publicworks.smcgov.org/animal-care-shelter-project>, and the mitigation measures will be incorporated into the project design of this design-build Project.

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

Approval of these actions will contribute to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Collaborative Community by advancing projects that provide regional benefits to San Mateo County residents.

**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.