



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: PUBLIC WORKS

File #: 16-551

Board Meeting Date: 9/12/2017

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 the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration for the San Mateo Medical Center - Water Tank Replacement Project

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the certification of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, dated May 2017, for the County of San Mateo, San Mateo Medical Center, Water Tank Replacement Project.

BACKGROUND:

The existing water tank is located on a sloping hillside adjacent to the San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) campus parking lot. The water tank was constructed in 1938, before California had well-established seismic codes and before acute-care general hospitals were under Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) jurisdiction. The tank has undergone significant deterioration over the past seven decades.

DISCUSSION:

The Department plans to construct a new replacement tank in the southwestern corner of the SMMC parking lot behind the existing tank, which would remain fully operational during construction of the new tank. Upon completion of the new tank, the existing tank would be demolished. The new water tank would be constructed in compliance with current seismic building standards, and would comply with the OSHPD Emergency Water Supply requirements for hospitals for 2030, which requires hospitals to have an on-site water supply sufficient to continuously operate essential acute-care general hospital buildings on the campus for 72 hours in the event of an emergency.

The County, working with environmental consultant Circlepoint, determined that an Initial Study (IS) and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was required for this project. The IS/MND has been completed and potential impacts were identified in a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP).

The eight mitigation measures identified in the Initial Study are listed in the IS/MND. A Mitigation

Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) is also included. The public review period occurred from Monday, April 10, 2017 to Monday, May 1, 2017 and no comments were received during that time. On the basis of the Initial Study and the whole record, it has been determined that the proposed action, with the incorporation of the mitigation measures, would not have a significant effect on the environment.

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

Approval of this action will contribute to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by constructing a seismic code compliant water tank, and one which can supply sufficient water to continuously operate essential acute-care general hospital buildings on the campus for 72 hours in the event of an emergency.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Water Tank Replacement Project is included in the County's FY 17/18 Adopted Capital Improvement Program with a budget of \$1,915,759.

There is no fiscal impact associated with adopting the resolution certifying the IS/MND. Implementing mitigation will occur during the construction phase.