



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY MANAGER

File #: 18-242

Board Meeting Date: 3/27/2018

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Deborah Bazan, Director of Project Development Unit
Subject: Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Animal Shelter

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution approving the Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Animal Shelter Replacement Project.

BACKGROUND:

All municipalities are mandated by the State of California to provide animal sheltering and welfare services. Since 1951, the County of San Mateo has managed these services for all cities and unincorporated areas within the County. The existing facility, located at 12 Airport Boulevard in San Mateo, is outdated, with a level of deterioration that restricts necessary repairs and upgrades.

In October 2012, a new Animal Shelter Project was presented to the Board of Supervisors. In September 2014, the Board of Supervisors approved a Memorandum of Agreement with all cities in San Mateo County for a proposed new facility that would include an approximately 27,000 square foot animal shelter at a total estimated cost of \$20 million plus a 10% contingency of \$2 million. The new facility would replace the existing building at the current parcel of land and offer services similar to those currently in place which include state-mandated animal control functions of licensing, public animal receiving, domestic animal holding, and euthanasia of severely injured animals.

An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and supporting documents were prepared to determine if the project would result in potentially significant or significant impacts to the environment. On the basis of this Initial Study/MND, it was determined that the proposed action, with the incorporation of the mitigation measures described in the MND, will not have a significant effect on the environment. No comments were received during the public review period, which occurred from July 17th, 2015 to August 17th, 2015.

In September 2015, your Board adopted the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Animal Shelter Project. Since the adoption of the MND, the County has modified project plans to expand the area of disturbance that was considered in the MND.

DISCUSSION:

The February 2018 Addendum evaluates possible new impacts from changes to the project. Based on the results of the evaluation, no new or substantially worsened impacts would result from the proposed modifications to the Animal Shelter Project. The Addendum and the 2015 MND constitute the entirety of the administrative record required for project assessment and approval by the County of San Mateo decision-making entities.

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:

None