



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY MANAGER

File #: 19-108

Board Meeting Date: 1/29/2019

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: 4/5th

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works
Subject: Appropriation Transfer Request for \$2,000,000 for SMMC Retrofit Water Tank

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request for \$2,000,000 from Non-Departmental Services to Department of Public Works for the San Mateo Medical Center Retrofit Water Tank.

BACKGROUND:

The existing water tank at San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) is located on a sloping hillside adjacent to the SMMC campus parking lot. The water tank was constructed in 1938, before the State adopted comprehensive seismic codes and before the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) assumed jurisdiction over acute care hospitals. The tank has deteriorated significantly over the past seven decades.

DISCUSSION:

The Department of Public Works (DPW) 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 require 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 Department issued a formal call for bids on September 10, 2018. Due to the complexity of the project and the current construction climate, qualified contractors showed little interest in bidding the project. The department extended the bid opening date for an additional 30 days to October 10, 2018. Unfortunately, no bids were received. After reviewing options, deadlines, and regulatory permits currently in place, the department chose to deliver the project using the Job Order Contracting (JOC). The JOC estimate has exceeded the engineering construction cost estimate. However, given the current condition of the water tank, it is imperative that it be replaced

expeditiously.

The project is ready for construction and requires additional funding to execute the Job Order. If executed at the end of January 2019, the anticipated date of completion for the projects will be August 2019, approximately two months behind the original schedule.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ATR provides \$2 million from Non-Departmental Services needed to fully fund the project. This funding is budgeted in Non-Departmental Services and does not result in an increase to Net County Costs.