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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA
FIRE COMMAND AND CONTROL FACILITY
FIRE SUPPRESSION PROJECT
APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT AND BUDGET
AUTHORIZE USE OF A JOB ORDER CONTRACT
SPECS. 7849; CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 89053
FISCAL YEAR 2023-24
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval of the Fire Command and Control Facility Fire Suppression Project with a total budget of \$1,220,000 and authorization to deliver the proposed project using a Board-approved Job Order Contract.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

1. Find the proposed Fire Command and Control Facility Fire Suppression Project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.
2. Approve the Fire Command and Control Facility Fire Suppression Project, Capital Project No. 89053, with a total project budget of \$1,220,000.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to deliver the project using a Board-

approved Job Order Contract.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to find that the Fire Command and Control Facility (FCCF) Fire Suppression Project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and approve the project, budget, and authorize use of a Job Order Contract (JOC) for construction of the project.

Project Description and Background

The FCCF is located at 1320 Eastern Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90063. It serves as a central hub for receiving emergency calls from various regions within the County, including 59 contract cities, unincorporated areas, as well as the Angeles and Los Padres National Forests. The FCCF was established in 1991 with the purpose of consolidating operations from three separate communications centers located in Los Angeles, San Gabriel Valley, and the Antelope Valley. This centralized approach enhances efficiency and coordination in managing emergency responses throughout the County.

The proposed project consists of renovation of the existing fire suppression system, including the detection systems on the First Floor of the FCCF. The renovation of the system will play a crucial role in ensuring the safety and protection of the facility, as well as safeguarding digital equipment and data with a dry suppression component. In addition, the project will include minor structural improvements and associated electrical work to support the improvements to the overall infrastructure to accommodate the renovation of the fire suppression system.

It is anticipated that construction will begin in July 2024 and be substantially completed in September 2025.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 3, Realize tomorrow's government today, Focus Area Goal F, Flexible and Efficient Infrastructure, Strategy ii, Modernize Infrastructure, by evaluating our current Capital Projects and identifying the need to replace or modernize legacy/obsolete infrastructure. These recommended actions support the Strategic Plan by investing in public safety infrastructure improvements that will enhance the quality and delivery of Fire Department services to the residents of Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The project budget is currently estimated at \$1,220,000. The budget includes construction, change order contingency, plans and specifications, consultant services, permit fees, and County services. The project schedule and budget are included in the Enclosure. The FCCF Fire Suppression Project, Capital Project No. 89053, is currently fully funded by the District's Operating Budget.

Operating Budget Impact

Following completion of the project, Los Angeles County Fire Department will fund the associated maintenance and operational costs with existing budgetary resources from its Operating Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy amended on August 4, 2020, the proposed project consists of the renovation of building systems and are, therefore, exempt from the policy.

The project is subject to the Board Policy 5.270, Countywide Local and Targeted Worker Hiring.

The project supports the Board's Green Building/Sustainable Design Program by reducing construction waste and maximizing the use of sustainable resources during construction that will comply with California Title 24.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project, which involves the renovation of the fire suppression system, is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. The project scope is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria set forth in Section 15301 (a) and (d) and Section 15331 of the State's CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 (d) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The project provides for repair, refurbishment, and alterations of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of an existing use and where replacement features will have the same purpose and capacity.

In addition, based on the project records, the project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource that would make the exemption inapplicable.

Upon the Board's approval of the recommended actions, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code and will post the notice to the County's website in accordance with Section 21092.2.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Public Works utilized a Board-approved, on-call consultant to complete the design and is requesting Board authorization to complete the construction using a Board-approved JOC.

The project scope includes substantial remodeling and alteration work, and Public Works has made the determination that the use of a JOC is the most appropriate contracting method to deliver the project.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The FCCF operates around the clock. All demolition and construction work that may be disruptive to building occupants will be phased and coordinated in advance with all impacted stakeholders so as not to disrupt County operations.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Project Management Division I.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Pestrella" clearly distinguishable.

MARK PESTRELLA, PE

Director

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Enclosures

- c: Department of Arts and Culture (Civic Art Division)
- Auditor-Controller
- Chief Executive Office (Capital Programs Division)
- County Counsel
- Executive Office
- Fire Department

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I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
Construction Documents	May 2023*
Jurisdictional Approvals	December 2023*
Construction Award	April 2024
Construction Start	July 2024
Substantial Completion	September 2025
Project Acceptance	October 2025

*Completed Activity

II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Project Activity	Proposed Budget
Hard Costs	
Construction	\$ 823,000
Change Order Contingency	\$ 129,000
Hard Costs Subtotal	\$ 952,000
Soft Costs	
Plans and Specifications	\$ 35,000
Consultant Services	\$ 34,000
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 12,000
Jurisdictional Review/Plan Check/Permits	\$ 26,000
County Services	\$ 161,000
Soft Costs Subtotal	\$ 268,000
TOTAL	\$1,220,000