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DATE: January 28, 2025

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

GENERAL SERVICES – AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE AND AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT(S) FOR NEW STAND-ALONE WORKOUT SHEDS AT SEVEN FIRE STATIONS (DISTRICTS: 2, 5)

OVERVIEW

Fire Stations located throughout the unincorporated area of San Diego County in Harbison Canyon, Deerhorn, Lake Morena, Julian, Ranchita, Shelter Valley, and Intermountain have a need for dedicated fitness space to support the health, safety, and overall wellness of staff. A dedicated fitness space at these remote locations will help firefighters maintain optimal fitness, reduce injury risks, enhance overall performance, and ensure they are prepared to serve their respective communities. Currently, staff at these locations utilize the station vehicle bay as a makeshift fitness area. Installing new stand-alone workout sheds will allow firefighters to have a space intended for fitness activities and reduce negative health impacts associated with their work.

Today's request is for the Board of Supervisors to authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to advertise and award a construction contract or contracts for the installation of stand-alone workout sheds at each of the following Fire Stations: FS-24 Harbison Canyon; FS-37 Deerhorn; FS-42 Lake Morena; FS-56 Julian; FS-58 Ranchita; FS-62 Shelter Valley; and FS-85 Intermountain. If approved, construction is expected to begin in Spring 2025, with an estimated completion in Summer 2025.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find that the proposed projects for the installation of stand-alone workout sheds at the following fire stations: FS-24 Harbison Canyon, FS-37 Deerhorn, FS-42 Lake Morena, FS-56 Julian, FS-58 Ranchita, FS-62 Shelter Valley, and FS-85 Intermountain are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303, 15304 and 15311.
2. Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to advertise and award a construction contract or contracts and to take any action authorized by Article XXIII, Section 401, et seq. of the Administrative Code, with respect to contracting for the installation of stand-alone workout sheds at each of the following fire stations: FS-24 Harbison Canyon, FS-37

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Deerhorn, FS-42 Lake Morena, FS-56 Julian, FS-58 Ranchita, FS-62 Shelter Valley, and FS-85 Intermountain.

3. Designate the Director, Department of General Services as the County Officer responsible for administering the construction contract or contracts for the installation of stand-alone workout sheds at each of the following fire stations: FS-24 Harbison Canyon, FS-37 Deerhorn, FS-42 Lake Morena, FS-56 Julian, FS-58 Ranchita, FS-62 Shelter Valley, and FS-85 Intermountain.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The authorization and award of a construction contract or contracts for the installation of stand-alone workout sheds at County Fire Stations would contribute to the County of San Diego's Strategic Plan Equity Goal of Health by focusing on system approaches that ensure equal opportunity for health and well-being, and Empower Goal of Workforce by investing to support programs and services to ensure continuity of operations.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The authorization and award of a construction contract or contracts for the installation of stand-alone workout sheds at County Fire Stations would contribute to the County of San Diego's Strategic Plan Sustainability Goal of Resiliency to help ensure the capability to respond and recover to immediate needs for individuals, families, and the region.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operational Plan for the Major Maintenance Capital Outlay Fund (MMCOF) and San Diego County Fire. If approved, this request will result in combined estimated costs of \$2,220,000 for the following MMCOF projects: 1026220 Harbison Canyon FS-24 (\$475,000), 1026110 Deerhorn FS-37 (\$335,000), 1026112 Intermountain FS-85 (\$90,000), 1026108 Julian FS-56 (\$335,000), 1026111 Lake Morena FS-42 (\$345,000), 1026113 Ranchita FS-58 (\$335,000), and 1026856 Shelter Valley FS-62 (\$305,000). The funding source is available prior year General Fund fund balance and existing current year General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

If approved, these recommendations will have a positive impact on the business community. Many of the funded projects will involve construction projects implemented by private construction firms selected through a competitive bid process.

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

N/A

BACKGROUND

Seven San Diego County Fire Stations in the unincorporated area of the County need dedicated workout spaces. Installing stand-alone workout sheds at FS-24 Harbison Canyon, FS-37 Deerhorn, FS-42 Lake Morena, FS-56 Julian, FS-58 Ranchita, FS-62 Shelter Valley, and FS-85

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Intermountain will ensure County Fire staff are prepared to serve their respective communities. Currently fitness and gym equipment are located within the Fire Station vehicle bay area. The new stand-alone workout sheds will allow the site personnel to clear the main facility for fire equipment while also maintaining a dedicated space for fitness activities. Installing new, workout sheds, that are separate from the apparatus bays, would allow firefighters to have a space intended for fitness activities and reduce negative health impacts associated with their work.

Contract #568547 with Roesling Nakamura Terada Architects Inc., was issued for technical assistance in developing design documentation necessary for installation of stand-alone workout sheds at multiple Fire Station locations in San Diego County. Roesling Nakamura Terada Architects Inc. was engaged only to provide planning and design services for this project, and a construction contract is now needed to perform the installation of the workout sheds.

Today's action would authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to advertise and award a construction contract or contracts for the installation of stand-alone workout sheds at multiple fire station locations in San Diego County. If approved, construction is expected to begin in Spring 2025, with estimated completion in Summer 2025.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

The construction of stand-alone workout sheds at fire stations located throughout San Diego County is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15301, 15303, 15304, and 15311. The project is exempt pursuant to Section 15301 because it involves interior and exterior alterations that will not expand the existing fire station use and an addition to an existing station that is less than 2,500 square feet and less than 50 percent of the floor area of each fire station. Pursuant to Section 15303, the project is exempt because it involves electrical line extensions and installation of one small, accessory structure not exceeding 2,500 square feet in floor area. The project is exempt pursuant to Section 15304 Minor Alteration to Land as it involves the minor trenching and backfilling and minor alteration of land and vegetation on slopes less than 10 percent that does not include the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. Section 15311 is applicable because the project involves a minor structure accessory to each existing fire station.

None of the exceptions to the exemptions described in Section 15300.2 prohibit the use of the categorical exemption for the proposed project and there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project involves unusual circumstances, including future activities, resulting in or which might reasonably result in significant impacts which threaten the environment. Any uses beyond existing uses of the property will be subject to funding and environmental review.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

Today's proposed action supports the Community Strategic Initiative of the County of San Diego's 2025-2030 Strategic Plan by supporting the health and wellness of Fire Station personnel to provide safety for all communities. The advertisement and award of a construction contract or contracts for the installation of seven stand-alone workout sheds at fire stations throughout the County will keep the facilities efficiently operational and maintain a healthy fighting force.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ebony N. Shelton', written in a cursive style.

EBONY N. SHELTON
Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT

Attachment A Notice of Exemption