

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2

SUBJECT: ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT AND AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR SAN PASQUAL FIRE STATION 84 LIVING QUARTERS PROJECT AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 2)

OVERVIEW

The San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD) provides around-the-clock fire protection and emergency medical services to approximately 100,000 residents across 1.5 million acres of unincorporated San Diego County. The SDCFPD includes several isolated and minimally populated communities. One of those communities includes San Pasqual in unincorporated northeastern Escondido. Through a partnership with the City of San Diego's Fire-Rescue Department (City Fire-Rescue), the County maintains the station and City Fire-Rescue provides staffing, vehicles, and equipment to serve County residents in San Pasqual and adjacent City of San Diego communities.

The current station has an apparatus bay and a small three-bedroom modular home for firefighters to reside while on shift. City Fire-Rescue has notified County Fire staff of the potential to increase their staffing from two to four firefighters at the San Pasqual station. However, to meet the existing bargaining unit agreement, each firefighter is required to have their own sleeping room. To accommodate this change, a larger modular home with four bedrooms and two bathrooms would need to be installed. The total estimated cost of the project is approximately \$865,000 with construction expected to begin in Fiscal Year 2025-26. Once the project is completed, County residents will receive additional firefighting and advanced life support resources at no ongoing cost to SDCFPD.

Today's request seeks to find the project is exempt from CEQA, establish appropriations for the project, authorize the Director of Purchasing and Contracting to advertise and award a construction contract for the modular home project, and authorize the Director, Department of General Services to administer the construction contract. Moving forward on this project will be dependent on the City of San Diego adopting a Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget that includes a staffing increase at the San Pasqual station. Should the Board approve today's recommendations, the project can immediately commence once the staffing increase is confirmed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find that the proposed actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as specified under sections 15303, 15304 and 15311 of the CEQA Guidelines.
2. Transfer appropriations of \$865,000 from San Diego County Fire, Services & Supplies, to Contributions to Capital Outlay Fund, Operating Transfer Out, to provide funding for the San Pasqual Fire Station 84 Living Quarters project.
3. Establish appropriations of \$865,000 in the Capital Outlay Fund for Capital Project 1027530, San Pasqual Fire Station 84 Living Quarters, based on an Operating Transfer In from the General Fund. **(4 VOTES)**

4. Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to advertise and award a construction contract and to take any action authorized by Section 401, et seq. of the Administrative Code, with respect to contracting for the construction of the San Pasqual Fire Station 84 Living Quarters Project.
5. Designate the Director, Department of General Services, as the County officer responsible for administering the awarded contract for the construction of the San Pasqual Fire Station 84 Living Quarters Project and authorize the Director, Department of General Services to execute any and all documents necessary for the implementation of the construction contract.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

More than 80 percent of the San Diego County Fire Protection District's (SDCFPD) jurisdictional area qualifies as a disadvantaged unincorporated community, based on a San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission report on the funding, administration, and performance of the former County Service Area No. 135 (now SDCFPD). Furthermore, with 79 percent of the San Diego region's unincorporated area designated as High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. The living quarters project at San Pasqual will offer the necessary space to boost daily staffing levels to four firefighters and provide additional services to rural residents in the SDCFPD and surrounding communities.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed actions in today's request support the County of San Diego's commitment to resiliency and align with the Sustainability Initiative of the County of San Diego's 2025-2030 Strategic Plan by further enhancing the regions fire protection and emergency medical services capabilities to foster safe and resilient communities.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operational Plan for the Capital Outlay Fund. If approved, this request will establish appropriations of \$865,000 in the Capital Outlay Fund for Capital Project 1027530 San Pasqual Fire Station 84 Living Quarters, based on a transfer of existing General Purpose Revenue from San Diego County Fire. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

Noting for the record that this item was heard on April 23, 2025; ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

State of California)
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter

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