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Regional Fire Communications Facility

Santa Barbara County Fire
Protection District

Board of Supervisors
Presentation

November 16, 2021



Board Action

October 1, 2019

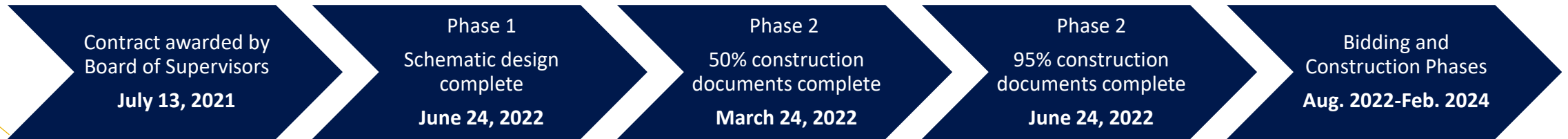
- Directed staff to continue to develop planning efforts to expand the existing Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to accommodate a Regional Fire Communications Facility (RFCF).
- Authorized staff to enter into service level negotiations with regional partners.
- Directed staff to examine a dispatch redundancy plan in northern Santa Barbara County.

Project Assumptions

- Each County Fire Chief is required take formal action respectively to agree to the partnership terms of the RFCF.
- Partners will proportionately contribute to the cost of running the facility.
- Two Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs): primary and secondary. The Sheriff will continue to operate the primary PSAP.
- No impact to the Sheriff's ability to operate the primary PSAP.
- The Sheriff's budget will not be negatively affected.
- No loss of space or functionality at the existing EOC.

RFCF Construction Timeline

(Tentative) 30-Month Timeline



RFCF Construction Costs

Construction – RFCF ~\$11 Million

- Total size: **8,500 sq. ft.**
 - RFCF: 6,300 sq. ft.
 - Call center and JIC: 1,700 sq. ft.
 - Common shared areas: 500 sq. ft.
- Proportionate cost share (between County and RFCF partners for construction and operations)

Construction Project Highlights

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- Essential facility
 - Net Zero Energy (NZE)
 - LEED certified
- Key features
 - State of the art facility
 - Sustainability by design
 - Redundant mission critical systems
 - Dedicated, secure data center
 - Efficient, comfortable 'people systems'

EOC

- Enhancement of the JIC and call center
- No impact to EOC operations
- Integrated design
 - Technological and physical connection to the EOC

RFCF Net Financial Impact

Source of Funds

Other Miscellaneous Revenue	\$	4,900,000
Total Source of Funds	\$	4,900,000

Use of Funds

Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$	3,570,000
Services and Supplies		750,000
Other Charges		220,000
Depreciation Expense		360,000
Total Use of Funds	\$	4,900,000

Net Fiscal Impact	\$	-
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Note:

1. \$3.3 million of the operating cost will be funded by the participating fire agencies
2. \$1.6 million of the operating costs is projected to be funded by ambulance dispatch services (if approved by your Board)

General Fund Budget Gap

- This project has been required to have a neutral impact on the County's General Fund from inception.
- The General Fund Gap analysis is currently being reviewed by KPMG.
 - A draft report has been received by the County
- The KPMG analysis identified several varying staffing models, with three optimized staffing models that have an average fiscal impact of approximately \$1.5M.
 - Further analysis is needed to determine the most efficient and cost-effective model.
- As determined by the CEO's Office, the General Fund Gap will be funded by the Fire District through RFCF revenues or other District sources and efficiencies.

Recommended Actions

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Acting as the Board of Directors for the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District:

- Approve, ratify and authorize the Fire Chief to execute Cooperative Dispatch Agreements with partner fire agencies (Montecito Fire Protection District, Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District, City of Santa Barbara and City of Santa Maria); and
- Authorize the Fire Chief to enter into, on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District, an MOU with the Local Emergency Medical Services Agency that defines dispatch processes for ambulance services and Emergency Medical Dispatch procedures; and
- Provide other direction as appropriate; and
- Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5), which are organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

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Acting as the Board of Supervisors:

- Receive and file the redundant Public Safety Answering Point conceptual plan and direct staff to focus planning efforts on the development of a backup PSAP with the City of Santa Maria; and
- Designate the RFCF, effective when it commences operation, to be the point of dispatch for the contract ambulance provider as permitted in the County of Santa Barbara Emergency Ambulance Agreement Section 4- Paragraph 4.2, Dispatch Requirements;
- Require budget-neutral impact to the County's General Fund for RFCF operations; and
- Provide other direction as appropriate; and
- Determine these actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5), which are organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment, and Section 15262 for feasibility and planning studies for possible future actions which the Board has not approved, adopted, or funded.



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Thank You