

Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Services

Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors: Operational Area Emergency Operations Center

18 August 2009



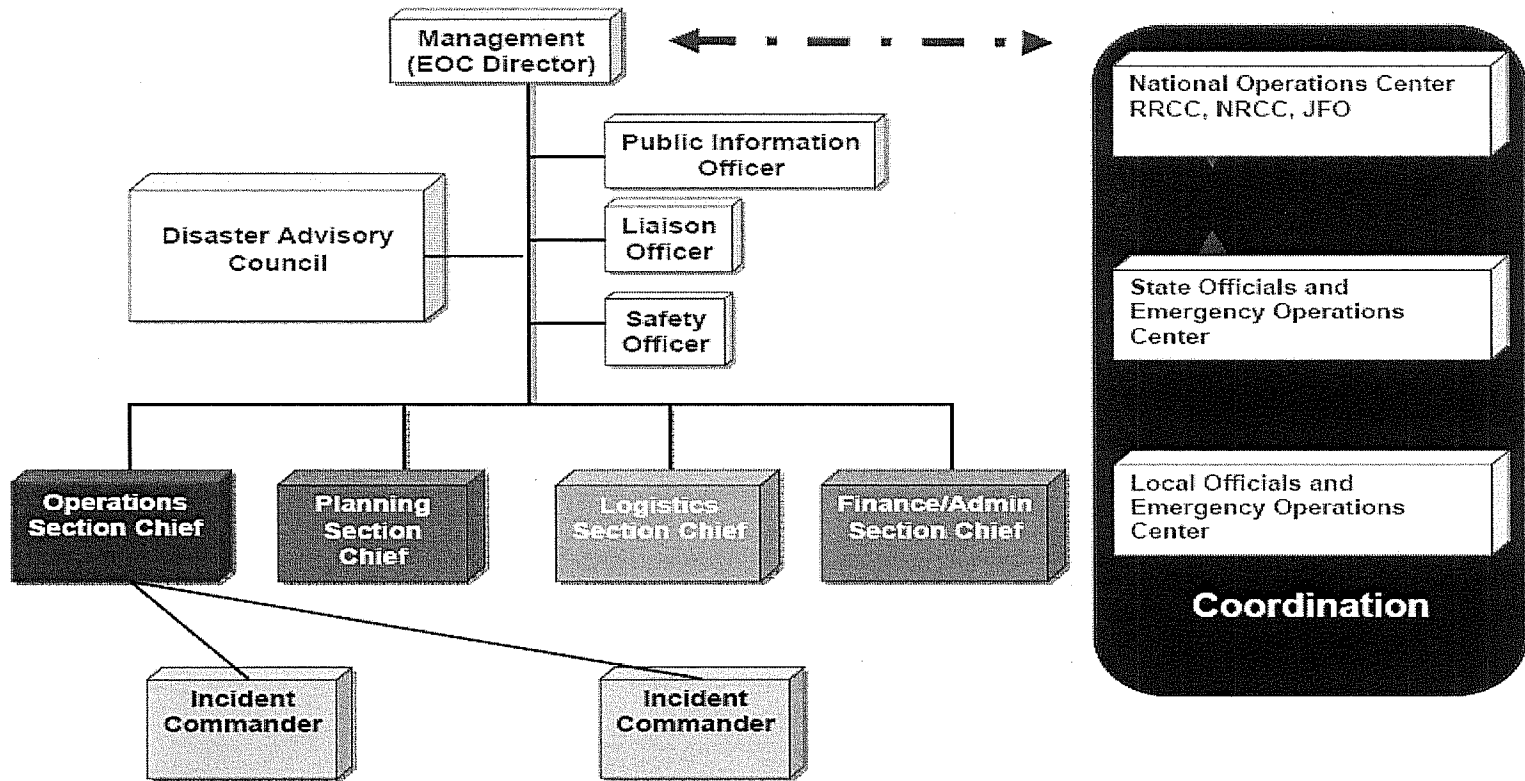
What is an EOC?

“The EOC serves as a centralized management center for emergency operations. Here, decisions are made by the emergency management group based upon information provided by the incident commander and other personnel. Regardless of size or process, every facility should designate an area where decision makers can gather during an emergency.”

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)



The EOC Support/Policy of the Incident(s)



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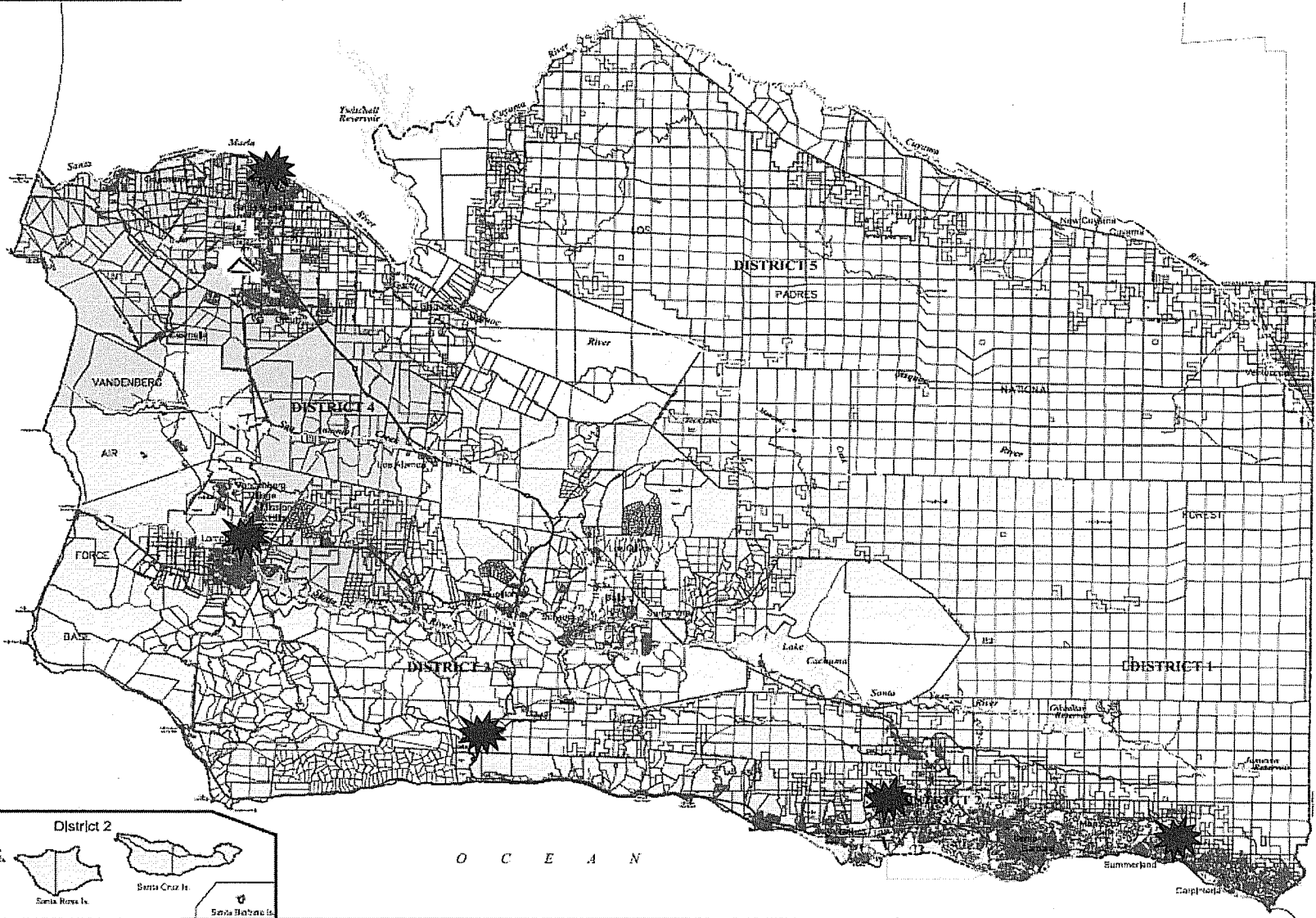


Illustration of Multiple Incidents



EOC History: The Grand Jury

1995-1996 Grand Jury

- “The county's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is constructed inadequately to withstand major disasters.”
- “The Board of Supervisors should accelerate and approve planning and funding for a much-needed improved structure to replace the inadequate EOC.”



EOC History: The Grand Jury

(cont.)

1999-2000 Grand Jury

- “The Board of Supervisors should fund a permanent facility for the EOC operations as soon as possible.”



EOC History: The Grand Jury

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2005-2006 Grand Jury

- “The Grand Jury evaluated the EOC’s facilities....Serious deficiencies were found County employees must respond to the site and make it operational.”
- “The Board of Supervisors and County Administration should immediately prioritize the process of identifying a new site for the EOC that meets construction standards for emergency government functions.”



EOC History: The Grand Jury

(cont.)

2008-2009 Grand Jury

- “To manage all the County agencies that might deal with emergencies, it is critical that we establish an EOC that is dedicated, protected, efficient, and large enough to accommodate all necessary personnel.”



EOC History: The Board of Supervisors

October 2006

- “Directed staff to proceed with EOC development at preliminary location of Santa Ynez Airport.”

January 2008

- After analysis of emergency operations chief, “Authorized staff to initiate first phase of schematic design process and return to the Board in July for further direction.”



EOC History: The Board of Supervisors (cont.)

July 2008

- Directed staff to proceed with the planning and design for the Emergency Operations Center. Further directed staff to return to the Board prior to any request for contract approval...”



January 2008: Report of Analysis

- **Looked at Professional EOC Standards**
- **Rated Proposed Sites as:**
 1. **Cathedral Oaks Campus**
 2. **Betteravia Campus**
 3. **Santa Ynez Airport**



Comparison Areas: Betteravia; Santa Ynez Airport; and Cathedral Oaks

	High Priorities	Medium Priorities	Low Priorities
Criteria	EOC Staffing Proximity	Security	Helicopter Access
	Expandable Site	Seismic Stability	Fire/Smoke Risk
	Communications Pipeline	Vehicle Access	Site Safety/Airport Risk
	Utilities		Other Considerations





FIRE HEADQUARTERS

EOC SITE

COMMUNICATIONS/ TELEPHONE SERVICES

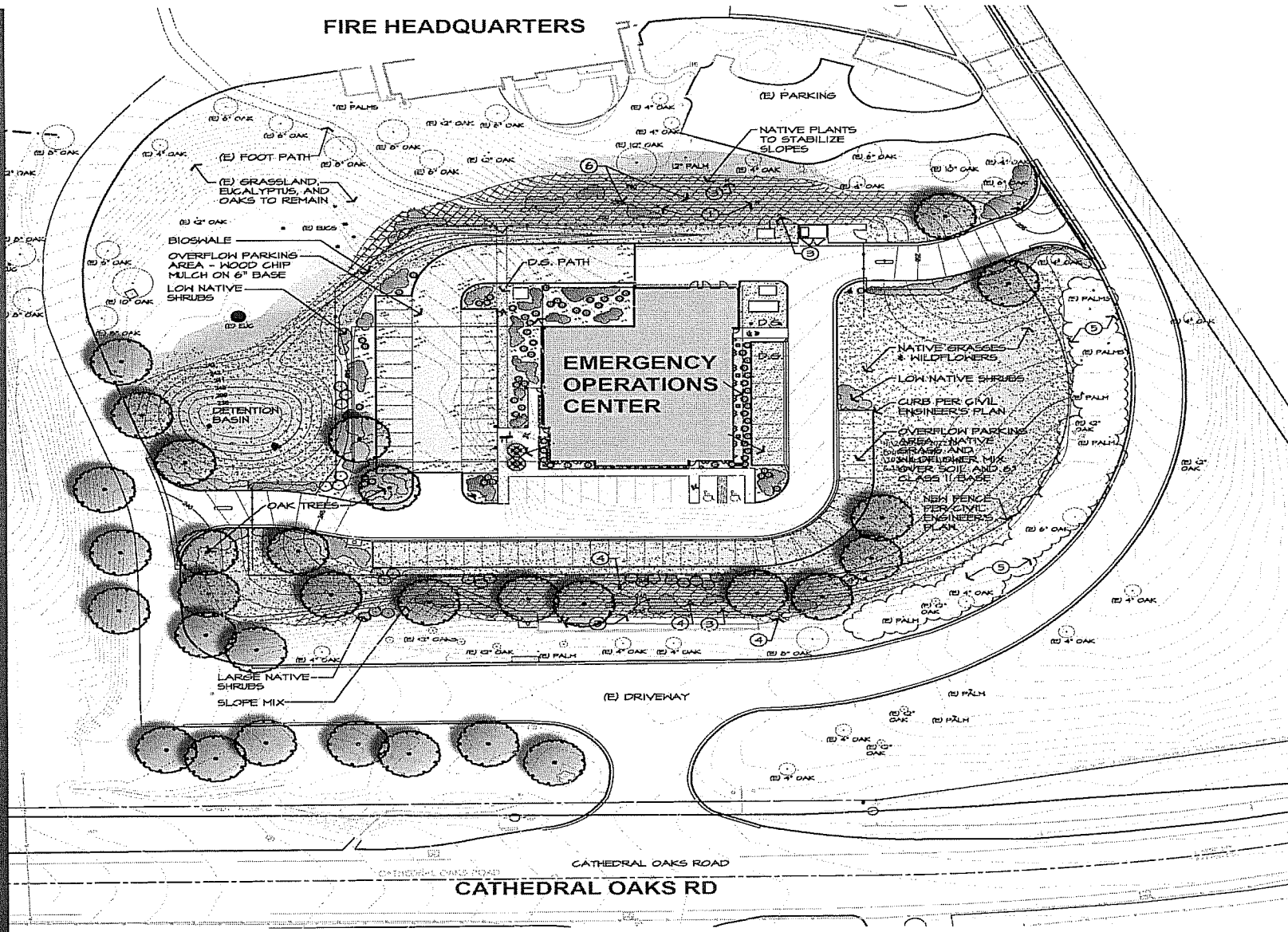
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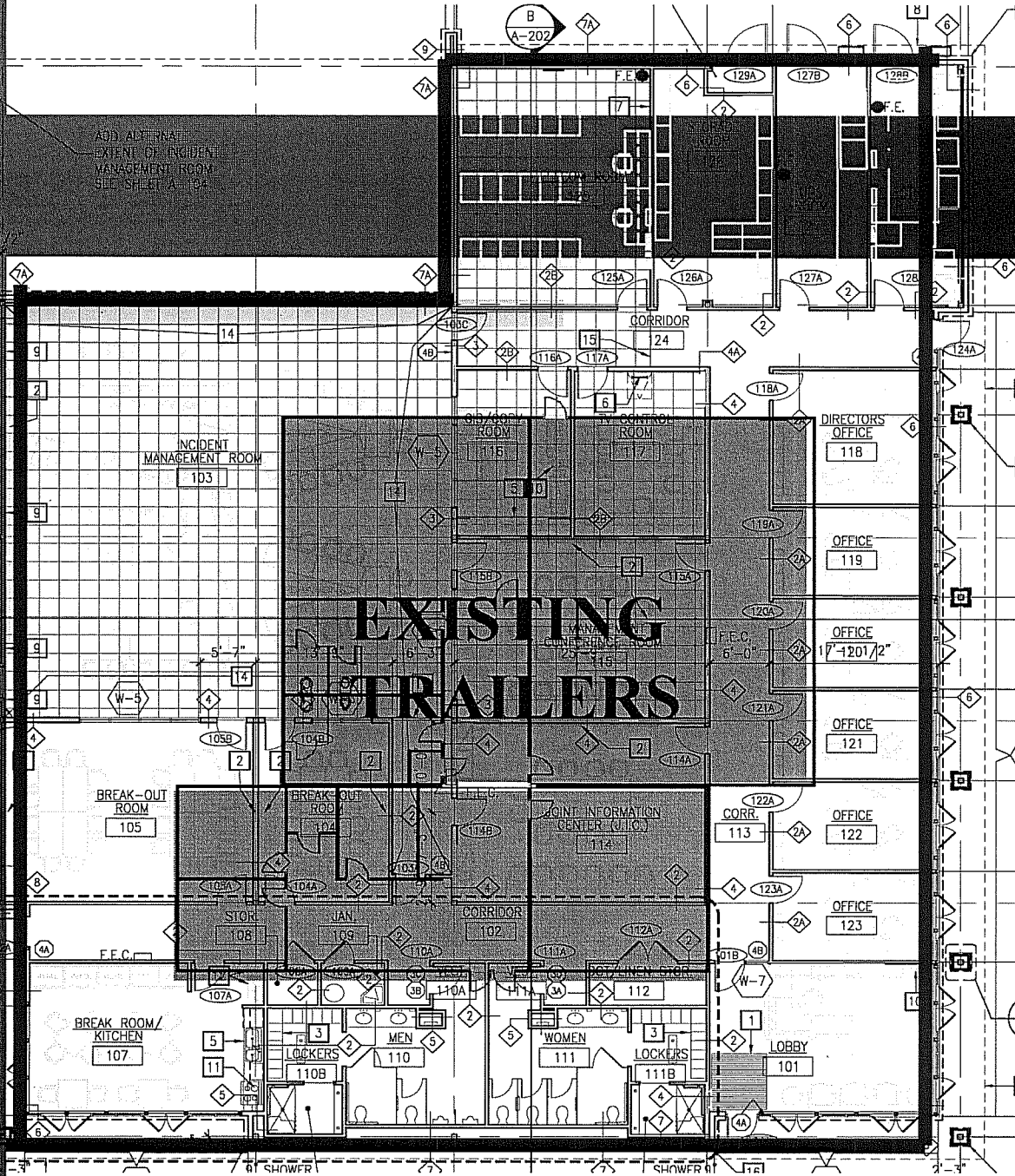


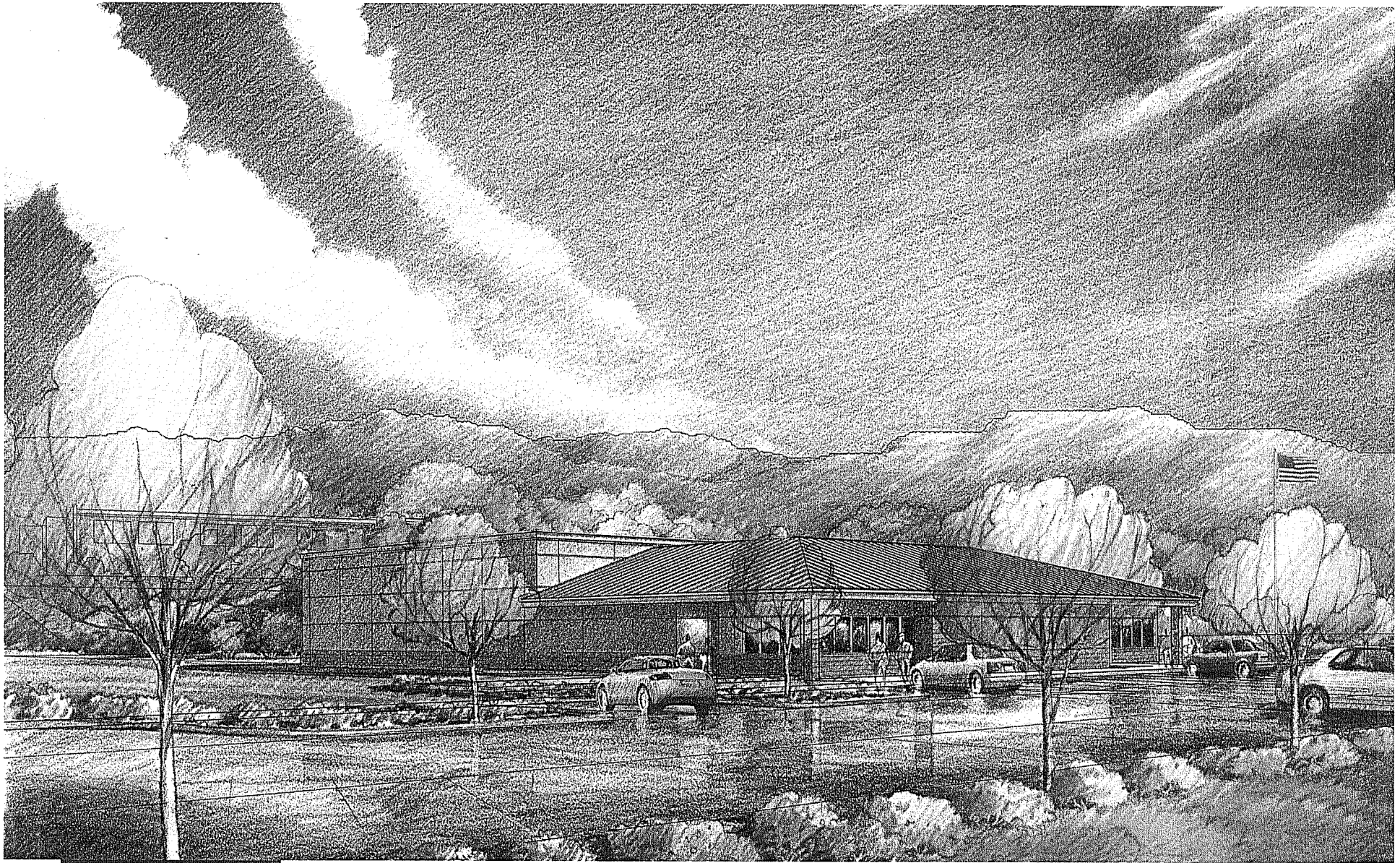
Cathedral Oaks Site



ADD ALTERNATE
EXTENT OF INCIDENT
MANAGEMENT ROOM
SEE SHEET A-104

EXISTING TRAILERS





EOC Project Budget

Description	Amount
Site selection	284,864
Capital Projects Management	303,043
AE Fees	729,593
CEQA, commissioning, constructability	78,000
Construction	5,012,200
Data/phone	70,000
Permits, connection & other fees	249,324
Testing, Printing, surveying	60,000
Contingency	471,122
Total Project	\$7.2M



Highlights

Overtime, through the CIP, the Board has placed funding for the EOC in the Capital Fund.

- No new debt or deficit spending**
- One time use of funding**
- Not drawn from contingency or reserves**
- No impact to operating budget**
- Annual building operating costs at approx. \$80,000**



Highlights (cont.)

- **Local construction appears eager for projects – the right time for the project**
- **As previously directed, OES has continued to explore additional sources of funding.**



Recommendations

- **Continue to proceed with any additional permitting**
- **Proceed with EOC Bid**
- **Return to Board with Report on EOC Bids and Award of Construction (Dec. 2009)**
- **Receive funds from supporting grants as appropriate.**

