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PUBLIC NOTICE
MITIGATED FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
PERMANENT FIRE STATION 5 REBUILD PROJECT

December 3, 2021, City of Santa Rosa

The City of Santa Rosa has completed an Environmental Assessment under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 for a project known as the Permanent Fire Station 5 Rebuild Project.

The project involves the new construction of a permanent replacement of Fire Station 5. No further environmental review of the proposal is to be conducted prior to the Request for Release of Funds (RROF).

The approximately 2.11-acre project site is in the northwest portion of a larger property located at 1400 Fountaingrove Parkway (APN 173-670-022). The site is currently undeveloped and does not have a separate address listed by the city. The proposed project is called the Permanent Fire Station 5 Rebuild Project (Project). The project rebuilds a former fire station that was located on Newgate Court, approximately 4,000 feet northeast of the project site which burned in the 2017 Tubbs Fires. The project is a replacement of a temporary fire station located approximately 4,000 feet southeast from the proposed project site at 3480 Parker Hill Road. Construction of the new fire station would occur in two areas of the parcel. The western portion of the site would be developed with a new 10,763 square-foot, two-story, fire station building. At its tallest point, the fire station would be 29 feet tall. Additional ground disturbance of up to 1.9 acres of previously disturbed and developed public right of way adjacent to the site for utility connections, and intersection and frontage improvements is also proposed. On the east side of the site, a paved parking lot with approximately 20 spaces would be developed. Trees and landscaping destroyed by the Tubbs Fire would be removed. Other proposed improvements to support the new fire station include road median and striping improvements, light signalization changes, and relocation of an aboveground PG&E transformer and access road relocation.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$23,076,518.

The project will be pursuing Federal HUD financing through the CDBG Mitigation program (MIT) totaling \$16,175,080. For the remaining estimated \$6,901,438 funding need, the City is using local funding. A Notice of Intent to RROF will be published if/when HUD funds will be provided to the proposed project by the City of Santa Rosa.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Santa Rosa has determined that this proposal will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 is not required. The California State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) stated in a letter of concurrence: ““The City finds that the Undertaking result in adverse effects to historic properties defined under Section 106.” While the standard finding, pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.4(d)(1), for undertakings that do not involve known historic properties is *No historic properties affected*, the CA SHPO does not object to the City’s *Finding of no adverse effects*, pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.5(b)&(c).”

The reasons for the decision not to prepare an EIS are: 1) the project will have no adverse effects on public health or safety, nor will it have adverse effects on any ecologically sensitive areas; 2) the project is in compliance with Federal, State and local laws pertaining to the protection of the environment and conforms to the Zoning Code Chapter 20-39, Objective Design Standards for Streamlined and Ministerial Residential Developments of the City of Santa Rosa 3) mitigating measures have been required with respect to air quality, biological resources, geology and soils, noise, cultural and tribal cultural resources that adequately address the effects the project is deemed to have or be exposed to. The mitigations are listed at the end of this notice.; and 4) State Historic Preservation Officer did not object to the determination of no historic properties affected by the undertaking within 30 days. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City of Santa Rosa.

The EA and supporting documentation can be accessed electronically at the link below:
Online under the “Departments & Services → Capital Projects → Capital Improvement Program → ProjID 02184” page of the City’s website: <http://cippublic.srcity.org/ProjPages/2184.html>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to:

City of Santa Rosa, Transportation and Public Works Department
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All comments received on or before December 20, 2021 will be considered by the City of Santa Rosa and Clare Hartman, Deputy Director, Planning and Economic Development and NEPA Certifying Officer.

MITIGATION MEASURES

Air Quality

Mitigation Measure AIR-1: To reduce fugitive dust that would be generated during project construction activities, the City and/or its designated contractors, contractor's representatives, or other appropriate personnel to implement the following BAAQMD basic dust control measures.

- Water all exposed surfaces (e.g., staging areas, soil piles, graded areas, and unpaved access roads) two times per day during construction and adequately wet demolition surfaces to limit visible dust emissions.
- Cover all haul trucks transporting soil, sand, or other loose materials off the project site.
- Use wet power vacuum street sweepers at least once per day to remove all visible mud or dirt track-out onto adjacent public roads (dry power sweeping is prohibited) during construction of the proposed project.
- Vehicle speeds on unpaved roads/areas shall not exceed 15 miles per hour.
- Complete all areas to be paved as soon as possible and lay building pads as soon as possible after grading unless seeding or soil binders are used.
- Minimize idling time of diesel-powered construction equipment to five minutes and post signs reminding workers of this idling restriction at access points and equipment staging areas during construction of the proposed project.
- Maintain and properly tune all construction equipment in accordance with manufacturer's specifications and have a CARB-certified visible emissions evaluator check equipment prior to use at the site.
- Post a publicly visible sign with the name and telephone number of the construction contractor and City staff person to contact regarding dust complaints. This person shall respond and take corrective action within 48 hours. The publicly visible sign shall also include the contact phone number for the BAAQMD to ensure compliance with applicable regulations.

Biological Resources

Mitigation Measure BIO-1: Employee Education Program. An employee education program shall be conducted, consisting of a brief presentation to explain biological resources concerns to contractors, their employees, and any other personnel involved in construction of the project. The program shall include the following: a description of relevant special-status species and nesting birds along with their habitat needs as they pertain to the project; a report of the occurrence of these species in the vicinity of the project site, as applicable; an explanation of the status of these species and their protection under the federal and state regulations; a list of measures being taken to reduce potential impacts to natural resources, including environmentally sensitive habitats, during project construction and implementation; and instructions if a special-status species is found onsite. A fact sheet conveying this information shall be prepared for distribution to the above-mentioned people and anyone else who may enter the project site. Upon completion of training, employees shall sign a form stating that they attended the training and agree to the conservation and protection measures.

Mitigation Measure BIO-2: Pre-Construction Survey for Nesting Birds. To avoid impacts to nesting birds and violation of state and federal laws pertaining to birds, all construction-related activities (including but not limited to mobilization and staging, clearing, grubbing, vegetation removal, fence installation, demolition, and grading) should occur outside the avian nesting season (that is, prior to February 1 or after September 15). If construction and construction noise occurs within the avian nesting season (from February 1 to September 15), all suitable habitats located within the project's area of disturbance including staging and storage areas plus a 250-foot (passerines) and 1,000-foot (raptor nests) buffer around these areas shall be thoroughly surveyed, as feasible, for the presence of active nests by a qualified biologist no more than five days before commencement of any site disturbance activities and equipment mobilization. If project activities are delayed by more than five days, an additional nesting bird survey shall be performed. Active nesting is present if a bird is building a nest, sitting in a nest, a nest has eggs or chicks in it, or adults are observed carrying food to the nest. The results of the surveys shall be documented. If pre-construction nesting bird surveys result in the location of active nests, no site disturbance and mobilization of heavy equipment (including but not limited to equipment staging, fence installation, clearing, grubbing, vegetation removal, fence installation, demolition, and grading), shall take place within 250 feet of non-raptor nests and 1,000 feet of raptor nests, or as determined by a qualified biologist in consultation with the CDFW, as appropriate, until the chicks have fledged. Monitoring shall be required to ensure compliance with relevant California Fish and Game Code requirements. Monitoring dates and findings shall be documented.

Mitigation Measure BIO-3: General Environmental Protections During Project Construction. (Also see Mitigation Measure GEO-3)

- During construction staging, travel and parking of vehicles and equipment shall be limited to pavement, existing roads, and previously disturbed areas. Ground disturbance and vegetation removal shall not exceed the minimum amount necessary to complete work at the site.
- Temporary work areas shall be restored with respect to pre-existing contours and conditions upon completion of work. The need for restoration work including re-vegetation and soil stabilization shall be evaluated upon completion of work and performed as needed.
 - a) The potential for adverse effects to water quality in aquatic habitat within the project site shall be avoided by implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs), and the project shall require a Stormwater Pollution and Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for construction. These BMPs shall be used to minimize any erosion or other sources of water pollution during construction. These suggested BMPs shall be coordinated with standard CASQA regulations required under City of Santa Rosa construction contracts, as administered by, and at the discretion of the City. Store, handle, and dispose of construction materials and wastes properly to prevent their contact with stormwater.
 - b) Control and prevent the discharge of all potential pollutants - including solid wastes, paints, concrete, petroleum products, chemicals, wash water, sediment, and non-stormwater discharges - to storm drains and water courses.
 - c) Avoid cleaning, fueling, or maintaining vehicles on site, except in a designated area in which run-off is contained and treated.

- d) Perform clearing and earth moving activities during dry weather to the maximum extent practical.
- e) Delineate clearing limits, easements, setbacks, sensitive or critical areas, buffer zones, trees, and discharge courses with field markers.
- f) Remove spoils promptly and avoid stockpiling fill materials when rain is forecast. If rain threatens, stockpiled soils and other materials shall be covered with a tarp or other waterproof material.
- g) Limit construction access routes and stabilize designated access points.
- h) Deposit trash and construction related solid wastes into a covered receptacle to prevent contamination and dispersal by wind.
- i) Maintain sanitary facilities on the project site at all times.
- j) Take measures to collect or clean any accumulation or deposit of dirt, mud, sand, rocks, gravel, and debris on the surface of any street, alley, or public place or in public storm drain systems. The removal of aforesaid shall be done by street sweeping or hand sweeping. Water shall not be used to wash sediments into public or private drainage facilities.
- k) Cease all grading work immediately in the event of rain.
- l) Prepare and implement an erosion control plan during the wet season (September 15 through April 15). The following measures are suggested to be included in the plan:
 - o During the rainy season, the project site shall be maintained to minimize sediment-laden run-off to any storm drainage system, including existing drainage swales and water courses.
 - o Inlet protection shall be installed to prevent sediment from entering the storm drain system where applicable.
 - o Weed and net/filament free straw rolls shall be placed at the toe of barren slopes and along the down slope perimeter of the project site to capture sediment in storm runoff.
- Develop a hazardous spill plan prior to construction. The plan shall describe what actions would be taken in the event of a spill. The plan shall also incorporate preventative measures to be implemented, such as vehicle and equipment staging, cleaning, maintenance, and refueling; and contaminant (including fuel) management and storage. In the event of a contaminant spill, work at the site shall immediately cease until the contractor has contained and mitigated the spill. The contractor shall immediately notify appropriate authorities. Adequate spill containment materials, such as oil diapers and hydrocarbon cleanup kits, shall always be available on site. Containers for storage, transportation, and disposal of contaminated absorbent materials shall be provided at the project site.
- A SWPPP that complies with the statewide General Permit administered by the State Water Board for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System shall be developed and implemented to protect the water quality of aquatic habitats that lie in or adjacent to the project site. Appropriate erosion and sediment control and non-sediment pollution control (i.e., sources of pollution generated by construction equipment and material) BMPs shall be prescribed in the

SWPPP, and erosion and sediment control material included in the SWPPP shall be certified as weed-free.

- After construction is completed, a final cleanup shall include removal of all stakes, temporary fencing, flagging, and other refuse generated by construction.

Mitigation Measure BIO-4: General Biological Resource Protections During Project Construction.

- Tree Protection. Tree protection shall be implemented in compliance with the City's Tree ordinance(s).
- Designation of Work Area. Prior to project activities, a qualified biologist shall clearly delineate any vegetation and/or habitat areas to be avoided near planned project work. Any trees to be preserved must have protective fencing installed in accordance with recommendations of a qualified arborist or biologist.
- Construction Site Sanitation. Food items may attract wildlife onto the construction site, which would expose them to construction-related hazards. The construction site shall be maintained in a clean condition. All trash (e.g., food scraps, cans, bottles, containers, wrappers, and other discarded items) shall be placed in closed containers and properly disposed of.
- Wildlife Entrapment. The contractor shall avoid the use of monofilament netting, including its use in temporary and permanent erosion control materials. All holes greater than one-foot deep must be covered overnight to prevent the entrapment of wildlife. Where holes or trenches cannot be sealed, escape ramps that are no greater than 30 percent slope shall be positioned such that entrapped wildlife shall be able to escape. The escape ramps should be at least one-foot wide and covered/fitted with a material that provides traction.
- Species Discovery. If an animal is found at the work site and is believed to be a protected species, work must halt, and the project biologist shall be contacted for guidance. Care must be taken not to harm or harass the species. No wildlife species shall be handled and/or removed from the project site by anyone except a qualified biologist.

Cultural Resources

Mitigation Measure CUL-1: Conduct Archaeological Sensitivity Training for Construction Personnel. A qualified professional archaeologist shall be retained who meets U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications and Standards to conduct an archaeological sensitivity training for construction personnel prior to commencement of excavation activities. The training session shall be carried out by a cultural resource professional with expertise in archaeology, who meets the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications and Standards. The City and/or qualified professional archaeologist shall propose a date for scheduling the training at the pre-construction meeting with City staff. The City shall notify the construction personnel at least 48 hours before holding the training and keep a log of all attendees. The training session shall include a handout and shall focus on how to identify archaeological resources that may be encountered during earthmoving activities, the procedures to be followed in such an event; the duties of archaeological monitors; and the general steps a qualified professional archaeologist would follow in conducting a salvage investigation, if one is necessary. The archaeologist shall coordinate with the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria on the training schedule and content.

Mitigation Measure CUL-2: Prepare a Cultural Resources Treatment Plan. Prior to any ground disturbing activities for the proposed project, a qualified archaeologist shall prepare a Cultural Resources Treatment Plan for review by and in consultation with the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria and approval by the City. The plan shall address the treatment of any discovered resource, along with subsequent laboratory processing and analysis.

Mitigation Measure CUL-3: Cease Ground-Disturbing Activities and Implement Treatment Plan if Archaeological Resources Are Encountered. In the event archaeological resources are unearthed during ground-disturbing activities, all ground-disturbing activities within 50 feet of the find shall be halted so that the find can be evaluated. Ground moving activities shall not be allowed to continue until a qualified archaeologist has examined the newly discovered artifact(s) and has evaluated the area of the find. This examination shall be done in coordination with the Tribal Cultural Monitor(s), Tribal Heritage Preservation Officer(s) (THPO). All archaeological resources unearthed by project construction activities shall be evaluated by a qualified professional archaeologist who meets the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications and Standards. In the event that the newly discovered artifacts are determined to be prehistoric, the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria and Lytton Rancheria shall be contacted and consulted.

The discovery of prehistoric artifacts shall require that a Tribal Cultural Monitor be present for ground disturbing activities to resume. The specifications for this requirement shall be described in the Cultural Resources Treatment Plan listed in Mitigation Measure CUL-2.

A lead agency engages in Consultation with the Local Native American Tribes to identify Tribal Cultural Resources, the significance of Tribal Cultural Resources, and to determine how any resources are to be protected. All Native American artifacts (tribal finds) shall be considered as a significant Tribal Cultural Resource, pursuant to PRC 21074 and the Treatment Plan described in CUL-2 shall be followed if any tribal finds are discovered. If appropriate, the archaeologist and THPO may introduce archaeological and Tribal Cultural monitoring on the site. An archaeological report shall be written detailing all archaeological finds and submitted to the City and the Northwest Information Center This shall be done in consultation with the Tribe's THPO.

Geology and Soils

Mitigation Measure GEO-1: Compliance with California Building Code (CBC). All construction activities shall meet the CBC regulations as adopted by the City of Santa Rosa. Construction plans shall be subject to review and approval of the City prior to the issuance of grading and building permits, and actual construction shall be subject to inspection by the City.

Mitigation Measure GEO-2: Submit a Geotechnical Investigation. A registered engineering geologist or geotechnical engineer shall be retained to prepare detailed, construction-level geotechnical investigations, prior to City issuance of grading permits, to guide the construction of all project grading and excavation activities. The detailed, construction-level geotechnical investigations shall be performed for the development site. Subsurface conditions shall be explored, and laboratory tests conducted on selected soil samples to establish parameters for the design of excavations, foundations, shoring, and waterproofing. Recommendations from the

investigations shall be incorporated into all plans for project grading, excavation, soil support (both temporary and long-term), and utility construction, to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.

Mitigation Measure GEO-3: Erosion and Sediment Control Plan or Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan. (Also see Mitigation Measure BIO-3) The Contractor or Design Build Entity shall submit an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, or Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) prepared by a registered professional engineer or qualified stormwater pollution prevention plan developer as an integral part of the grading plan. The Plan shall be subject to review and approval of the City prior to the issuance of a grading permit. The Plan shall include all erosion control measures to be used during project construction and operation, including runoff control, sediment control, and pollution control measures for the entire site to prevent discharge of sediment and contaminants into the drainage system. Post-construction measures include maintenance of the bioretention areas, and vegetative landscaping. The Plan shall include the following measures as applicable:

- a) Throughout the construction process, ground disturbance shall be minimized, and existing vegetation shall be retained to the extent possible to reduce soil erosion. All construction and grading activities, including short-term needs (equipment staging areas, storage areas, and field office locations) shall minimize the amount of land area disturbed. Whenever possible, existing disturbed areas shall be used for such purposes.
- b) All drainage ways, wetland areas, and stream areas shall be protected from silt and sediment in storm runoff using appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) such as silt fences, diversion berms, and check dams. Fill slopes shall be stabilized and covered when appropriate. All exposed surface areas shall be mulched and reseeded. All cut and fill slopes shall be protected with hay mulch and/or erosion control blankets, as appropriate.
- c) During construction, all erosion control measures shall be installed according to the approved plans prior to the onset of the rainy season but no later than October 15. Construction erosion control measures shall remain in place until the end of the rainy season but may not be removed before April 15. The City and/or Design Build Entity shall be responsible for notifying construction contractors about erosion control requirements.
- d) Example design standards for erosion and sediment control include, but are not limited to, the following: avoiding disturbance in especially erodible areas; minimizing disturbance on slopes; using berms, swales, ditches, vegetative filter strips, and catch basins to prevent the escape of sediment from the site; conducting development in increments; and planting bare soils to restore vegetative cover.
- e) The City shall also develop an inspection program to evaluate if there is any significant onsite erosion as a result of rainfall. If problems arise at the site after rainfall, the Contractor or Design Build Entity shall enhance methods to manage onsite erosion.

Mitigation Measure GEO-4: Conduct Paleontological Sensitivity Training for Construction Personnel. A professional paleontologist who meets the qualifications set forth by the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology shall be retained and shall conduct a paleontological sensitivity training for construction personnel prior to commencement of excavation activities. The City and/or qualified professional paleontologist shall propose a date for scheduling the training at the pre-

construction meeting with City staff. The City shall notify construction personnel at least 48 hours before holding the training and keep a log of all attendees. The training shall include a handout and focus on how to identify paleontological resources that may be encountered during earthmoving activities and the procedures to be followed in such an event, the duties of paleontological monitors, notification, and other procedures to follow upon discovery of resources, and the general steps a qualified professional paleontologist would follow in conducting a salvage investigation if one is necessary.

Mitigation Measure GEO-5: Cease Ground-Disturbing Activities and Implement Treatment Plan if Paleontological Resources Are Encountered. If paleontological resources are unearthed during ground-disturbing activities, ground-disturbing activities shall be halted or diverted away from the vicinity of the find so that the find can be evaluated. A buffer area of at least 50 feet shall be established around the find where construction activities shall not be allowed to continue until appropriate paleontological treatment plan has been approved by the City. Work shall be allowed to continue outside of the buffer area. The City shall coordinate with a professional paleontologist, who meets the qualifications set forth by the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology, to develop an appropriate treatment plan for the resources. Treatment may include implementation of paleontological salvage excavations to remove the resource, along with subsequent laboratory processing and analysis or preservation in place. At the paleontologist's discretion and to reduce construction delay, the grading and excavation contractor shall assist in removing rock samples for initial processing. Paleontological monitoring may be required as part of the treatment plan.

Hydrology and Water Quality

Implementation of Mitigation Measure GEO-3 would result in less than significant impacts with respect to hydrology and water quality.

Noise

Mitigation Measure NOISE-1: Construction Noise Control Best Management Practices: The City and Design Build Entity shall incorporate the following construction noise best management practices into all applicable project bid, design, and engineering documents:

- 1) Construction work hours shall be limited to the hours of 7 AM to 7 PM, Monday through Friday, and 8 AM to 6 PM on Saturdays. No construction shall be permitted on Sundays and Federal and state holidays.
- 2) Heavy equipment engines shall be covered, and exhaust pipes shall include a muffler in good working condition.
- 3) Stationary equipment such as compressors, generators, and welder machines shall be located as far away from surrounding residential land uses as possible. The project shall connect to existing electrical service at the site to avoid the use of stationary, diesel- or other alternatively-fueled power generators, if feasible.
- 4) Impact tools such as jack hammers shall be hydraulically or electrically powered wherever possible to avoid noise associated with compressed air exhaust from pneumatically powered tools. When use of pneumatic tools is unavoidable, it shall be ensured the tool will not exceed a decibel limit of 85 dBA at a distance of 50 feet. Pneumatic tools shall also include a noise suppression device on the compressed air exhaust.

- 5) No radios or other amplified sound devices shall be audible beyond the property line of the construction site.

Transportation

Mitigation Measure TRANS-1: The City and Design Build Entity shall review the detailed design plans for the fire station to ensure consistency with General Plan transportation policies T-J-1, T-J-4, T-K-3, T-K-4, T-L-1, T-L-4, T-L-5, and T-L-8.

Tribal Cultural Resources

Implementation of Mitigation Measures CUL-1, CUL-2, CUL-3, and the following mitigation measures would result in less than significant impacts with respect to tribal cultural resources.

Mitigation Measure TCR-1: The Design/Build Entity shall provide a weekly construction update to the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer of the Federal Indians of Graton Rancheria during any ground disturbing activities. This update shall include a photo log of the construction.

Mitigation Measure TCR-2: An archaeologist on the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria's preferred list shall be retained to provide spot monitoring of ground disturbing activities.