



Judicial Council of California Environmental Review Report for an Exempt Project

From: **Douglas Walthour**, Facilities Operations Supervisor
Phone: (559) 259-1000
Email: Douglas.Walthour@jud.ca.gov

Project Name: Fourth Appellate District Court of Appeal Fire Pump

Other Public Agency Review/permits required – YES

Project Description: Project within the Fourth Appellate District Court of Appeal
The proposed project includes the replacement of the building fire pump, including all associated piping, controller, centrifugal fire pump, batteries, and fuel supply engine within the designated building located at 3389 12th Street, Riverside, CA 92501. There will be ACM testing and demo of the existing fire pump, which will be replaced with a new unit.

All work is anticipated to occur inside the building.

Environmental Impact Analysis

Aesthetics

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

All work is within the Fourth Appellate District Court of Appeal building and will have no effect on Aesthetics.

Agriculture and Forest Resources

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
 Yes No Would any trees be felled? If yes, discuss protection of nesting birds and compliance with FPRs.
 Yes No Would the project convert any prime or unique farmland?
 Yes No Would the project result in the conversion of forest land/timberland to non-forest use?
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

All work is within the Fourth Appellate District Court of Appeal building and will have no effect on Agriculture or Forest Resources.

Air Quality

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
 Yes No The local Air Quality Management District guidelines for dust abatement and other air quality concerns were reviewed for this project.
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

Construction traffic is a temporary impact and does not increase the local air quality emissions. Emissions will be insignificant because they will be comparable to the current emissions from passenger vehicles on the roads used to access the building. The project will not create a significant impact.

Biological Resources

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
- Yes No Will the project potentially effect biological resources?
- Yes No Was a current NDDDB review completed? Results discussed below:
- Yes No Was a biological survey of the project area completed? Results discussed below:
- This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

No Biological Resources are impacted as the project is interior to the Fourth Appellate District Court of Appeal building.

Cultural Resources

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
- Yes No Will the project effect any historic buildings or archaeological site?
- This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

All work is interior to the Fourth Appellate District Court of Appeal building. No historic or other cultural resources would be impacted from this project.

Geology and Soils

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
- This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

All work is interior to the Fourth Appellate District Court of Appeal Building. No effect on geology and soils.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
- Yes No Would the project generate significant greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions?
- Yes No Would these GHG emissions result in a significant impact on the environment?
- Discuss below:
- Yes No Would the project conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases? Discuss below:

Construction work is a temporary impact and would not generate significant greenhouse gas emissions. Equipment use will be limited to standard construction equipment and already counted in the local air quality analysis of emissions.

Hazards and Hazardous Materials

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
- This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

Contractor will follow all local, state, and federal laws and guidelines to prevent any exposure or release of hazardous materials during construction. With adherence to laws and guidelines there is no impact.

Hydrology and Water Quality

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
- Yes No Will the project potentially affect any watercourse or body of water?
- This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

All work is interior to the Fourth Appellate District Court of Appeal Building. No increase in water use.

Land Use and Planning

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
- This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

The project would not divide an established community or cause a significant impact with regard to a land use plan, policy, or regulation. No impact would occur as all work is interior to the Fourth Appellate District Court of Appeal Building.

Mineral Resources

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

No impact would occur to mineral resources as all work is interior to the Fourth Appellate District Court of Appeal Building.

Noise

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

Less than significant impact may occur due to construction noise generated by hammers, power drills and saws. This noise is temporary and would not generate significant or long-lasting impact.

Population and Housing

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

No impact would occur to population and housing as all work is interior to the Fourth Appellate District Court of Appeal Building.

Public Services

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

No impact would occur to public services. No increase in personal to the building.

Recreation

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

All work is interior to the Fourth Appellate District Court of Appeal Building with no impact to recreation resources

Transportation/Traffic

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

Although construction traffic may be increased in the short-term during project implementation, the project does not propose any change to the current transportation routes or a change in the current level of traffic. Impacts will be less than significant.

Utilities and Service Systems

- This topic does not apply to this project and was not evaluated further.
 This topic could apply to this project, and results of the assessment are provided below:

All work is interior to the Fourth Appellate District Court of Appeal Building. No impacts would occur to utilities and service systems

Changes Made to Avoid Environmental Impacts:

N/A

Mandatory Findings of Significance:**YES** **NO**

(a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?

(b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probably future projects)

(c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

Justification for Use of a Categorical Exemption (discuss why the project is exempt, cite exemption number(s), and describe how the project fits the class):

Existing Facilities (SG § 15301) (Class 1), - The proposed project is determined to be Categorical Exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), because it consists of replacement and installation of new fire pump equipment and would not result in a significant cumulative impact due to the continuation of the existing use, would consist of the replacement of existing facilities, would be located on the same site as the structures replaced, would have substantially the same purpose and capacity, and would consist of construction and location of new, small facilities to support fire pump operations. - No exceptions apply which would preclude the use of an exemption for this project.

Conclusion:

After assessing potential environmental impacts and evaluating the description for the various classes of Categorical Exemptions to CEQA, JCC staff has determined that the project fits within one or more of the exemption classes and no exceptions exist at the project site which would preclude the use of this exemption. The Department considered the possibility of (a) sensitive location, (b) cumulative impact, (c) significant impact due to unusual circumstances, (d) impacts to scenic highways, (e) activities within a hazardous waste site, and (f) significant adverse change to the significance of a historical resource. A Notice of Exemption will be filed at the State Clearinghouse.

After assessing potential environmental impacts and evaluating the description for the various classes of Categorical Exemptions to CEQA, JCC has determined that the project does not fit within the description for the various exemption classes or has found that exceptions exist at the project site which precludes the use of a Categorical Exemption for this project. Additional environmental review will be conducted and the appropriate CEQA document used may be a Negative Declaration or a Mitigated Negative Declaration.