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PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION OLD JUVENILE HALL JUSTICE CENTER DEMOLITION

Subject: Old Juvenile Hall Justice Center Demolition Project

Project Description: The County proposes to abatement, demolition, remove, and dispose of the former 21,275 square foot, 56-bed Old Juvenile Hall Justice Center facility. Upon the completion of demolition and cleanup activities, a new 13-foot security chain link fence will be installed around the perimeter of the property. No onsite development is proposed at this time. The existing garden, located within the northern portion of the site, will continue to be maintained and utilized by the Department of Probation.

Three ornamental trees are anticipated to be removed near the new security fence; trees immediately adjacent to the existing structures may need to be pruned to allow equipment access. The County anticipates pruning and removing of up to three trees prior to demolition activities and before the bird nesting period. Prior to the initiation of demolition activities tree protection signs will be placed on all trees that are identified for preservation.

The proposed project includes removal and disposal of asbestos-containing floor tile and mastic, drywall and joint compound, ceramic tile underlayment roof mastic, roofing and lead waste. Demolition activities will also follow procedures contained in the Hazardous Materials Abatement Work Plan (see attached Initial Study). All waste generated from abatement activities will be disposed of according to all local, State, and Federal regulations.

Environmental Setting: The proposed project is situated in a developed area of west-central Redding west of the Sacramento River. Development within the vicinity includes a mix of County owned facilities, such as the Department of Probation and Shasta County Health and Human Services and residential uses south along Radio Lane. The project site is located at 2680 Radio Lane (APN 048-140-007), approximately 2,000 feet east of State Route 273 (SR-273) in the City of Redding. The County's new juvenile rehabilitation facility is located immediately to the east of the project site. The City of Redding General Plan designates the proposed project site as "PF-I" (Public Facilities or Institutional). The project site is zoned "PF" (Public Facilities).

The former juvenile hall facility was constructed circa 1953. Portable classrooms and maintenance sheds were completed after. The site is relatively flat and is situated at approximately 480 feet above mean sea level and is occupied by the County's former juvenile hall facility, which consists of administrative buildings, paved parking areas for staff and visitors, inmate classrooms, a basketball court, a garden, and a grass field for recreation. Most of the project site has been previously developed or altered from its natural state. Numerous ornamental trees and shrubs have been planted around buildings, and turf grasses have become established in the former recreation areas. The Old Juvenile Hall Justice Center has been abandoned since the construction and transfer of operations to the new juvenile rehabilitation center located immediate to the west at 2684 Radio Lane.

Findings and Determination

The Shasta County Department of Public Works (County) conducted an Initial Study (attached), which determined that the proposed project could have significant environmental effects. Subsequent revisions in the project proposal create the specific mitigation measures identified below. The project avoids or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effects identified, and the preparation of an environmental impact report will not be required. There is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before the County, that the project may have a significant effect on the environment. If there are substantial changes that alter the character or impacts of the proposed project, another environmental impact determination will be necessary.

The project includes measures to mitigate potentially significant impacts related to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, noise, traffic, and tribal cultural resources. Prior to approval of the project, the lead agency may conclude, at a public hearing, that certain mitigation measures identified in the Mitigated Negative Declaration are infeasible or undesirable. In accordance with CEQA Section 15074.1, the lead agency may delete those mitigation measures and substitute other measures which it determines are equivalent or more effective. The lead agency would adopt written findings that the new measure is equivalent or more effective in mitigating or avoiding potentially significant effects and that it, in itself, would not cause any potentially significant effect on the environment.

- 1. Based on the whole record (including the Initial Study and any supporting documentation) and the mitigation measures incorporated into the project, the County has determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration is appropriate. All potentially significant impacts would be reduced to less than significant.**
- 2. The Mitigated Negative Declaration, with its supporting documentation, fully incorporated herein, reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the lead agency, which is the County of Shasta.**

Documentation

The attached Initial Study documents the reasons to support the above determination.

Mitigation Measures

See attached Initial Study.

Public Review Distribution

Draft copies or notice of this Mitigated Negative Declaration were distributed to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)
City of Redding Department of Public Works
Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)
Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)
Native American Heritage Commission
Office of Historic Preservation
Shasta County Clerk
State Clearinghouse


Public Review

Draft document referred for comments on September 27, 2023.

No comments were received during the public review period.

Sincerely,

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