



Office of the City Manager

INFORMATION CALENDAR

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To: PK Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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Subject: Status of Old Fire Station 7 (2931 Shasta Road)

INTRODUCTION

The new Fire Station 7 (3000 Shasta Road) has been operational since October 2006. The plan was to seismically upgrade the old Fire Station 7 (2931 Shasta Road) and use it to store emergency equipment. After further study, the City proposes that the old Fire Station 7 not be retrofitted, and that it be assessed for its value, declared surplus City property and sold.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

After moving into the new Station 7, the City began looking to seismically upgrade the old station for use as a storage facility. The plan was to gut the interior of the building and have all necessary seismic strengthening done. The building would be an open storage facility for one vehicle and smaller emergency supplies. It was determined that this retrofit would cost between \$550,000-\$750,000.

Based on the high cost, the limited benefit of the retrofit, and the on-going issue of maintaining the property, the decision was made to not retrofit the old Station 7. The City proposes that seismic retrofitting not be done and that the property be declared surplus property belonging to the City.

BACKGROUND

During the public process for the design of the new Fire Station 7, it was requested that the new station be reduced by approximately 3,000 square feet. As a trade-off, the Department agreed to keep the old Station 7 for storage of emergency equipment east of the Hayward Fault.

The new Fire Station 7 has more capacity than initially anticipated and has been found to meet the Fire Department's storage needs. In addition, the City is adding a warehouse for storage of emergency equipment in another part of the City, so the need for the old station has been mitigated.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

The City proposes that the remaining Measure G funds be used for continued improvements and/or maintenance of the existing public safety facilities that were upgraded by Measure G. Not all areas of the fire stations were upgraded during Measure G retrofits, and in some cases only partial work was done.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

The \$550,000-\$750,000 savings in Measure G money is restricted in its use, but it can be used for deferred fire station maintenance items such as furnaces and new roofs. To truly understand the fiscal impacts, the City proposes that the property be appraised and that the property be sold as surplus.

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