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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Michael Stoltz for Robert Peterson - Director
Public Works
REPORT BY: Janet Walker, Associate Civil Engineer, 259-8383
SUBJECT: Juvenile Courts at 2350 Old Sonoma Road Entrance Project and Minor Modifications - Approval of Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Advertise for Bids

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Public Works requests approval of plans and specifications for the "Juvenile Courts at 2350 Old Sonoma Road Entrance Project and Minor Modifications," PW 07-09, authorization to advertise for sealed bids and opening of the bids at a time, date and location to be published by the Director of Public Works pursuant to Section 20150.8 of the Public Contract Code.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This project provides for the reconfiguration of the entryway for the Juvenile Court Room at 2350 Old Sonoma Road and for carpeting, painting, and seating reconfiguration.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes
Is it currently budgeted? No
What is the revenue source? Funds for this project will come from two sources:

- | General Fund, Appropriations for Contingencies; and
- | Courts Construction Fund

It is anticipated that staff will return to the Board for award of the contract mid February 2007. At that time appropriate adjustments to the Capital Improvement budgets will be requested.

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	This project is to address safety concerns which have been raised by employees and the public.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	None
Consequences if not approved:	This project cannot proceed and the safety concerns will not be addressed.
Additional Information:	Based on the project estimates, a maximum of \$50,000 from the General Fund, Appropriations for Contingencies has been approved by the County Executive Office to fund the necessary reconfiguration of the entryway. The remaining project costs, such as carpeting, painting, and seating reconfiguration, will be funded from the Court Construction Fund. Staff will be returning to the Board with the bid award for the remodeling project and approval of the necessary budget transfer to cover the County's portion of the costs associated with the project.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Categorical Exemption Class 1: It has been determined that this type of project does not have a significant effect on the environment and is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. [See Class 1 ("Existing Facilities") which may be found in the guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act at 14 CCR §15301; see also Napa County's Local Procedures for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act, Appendix B.]

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Courtroom located at 2350 Old Sonoma Road is used for juvenile court proceedings. Juvenile court proceedings include two types of cases:

1. Juvenile Dependency cases where the County, through the offices of the County Counsel and Health and Human Services, bring legal proceedings to protect children at risk of abuse and neglect at the hands of their parents. The parents of the children are represented by counsel, often by court appointed counsel if the parties are indigent. Because these proceedings may result in placing children in foster care or alternate family placements, and on occasion, may even result in termination of the parental rights of parents, the court hearings for these cases are highly charged, emotional and potentially explosive.
2. Juvenile Delinquency proceedings where minors charged with criminal behavior are adjudicated and sanctioned. The cases may involve issues such as mental illness, substance abuse, violent criminal behavior and gang involvement.

County and Court employees are involved in these proceedings along with dependents, parents, and guardians. Since the Courtroom's construction in the early 1990's safety concerns regarding this facility have been raised principally in two areas:

1. Lack of sufficient space in the lobby to install and operate security equipment to detect weapons and contraband.
2. Lack of space to seat in separate areas the litigants, victims, witnesses, government employees and court

staff.

With the completion of the Juvenile Justice Center and the relocation of Probation staff away from the former office space adjacent to the Juvenile Court facility, a new location has been identified for the public to enter the court facility. This new public entrance contains sufficient space for installation and operation of a magnetometer which the Superior Court has purchased and will operate with its own staff. Relocation of the public entrance will also allow for better separation of the various groups attending court hearings.

Staff will be returning to the Board with the bid award for the remodeling project and approval of the necessary budget transfer from the General Fund, Appropriations for Contingencies to cover the County's portion of the costs associated with the project. At that time staff will also submit for approval a space license agreement between the Superior Court and the County which will allow the Court use of the former Probation space for security screening at the new public entrance and access to the Court facility through an existing interior entrance.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey