

DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

BY: Supervisor Bibby

PHONE: 966-3222

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Discussion and possible direction to staff relative to a possible Bridgeport Fire Station

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

A meeting was held on November 12, 2009 at the Board of Supervisors Chambers regarding a Bridgeport Fire Station. Concern was expressed relative to the language of the draft first amendment of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R). Additional concerns were discussed such as water impacts, design review, maintenance, lighting, noise, future use, history of subdivision, etc. Discussion was held relative to providing more information such as a site plan and design of structure and the overall process.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Financial Impact? () Yes (X) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes () No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$ _____		List Attachments, number pages consecutively _____
Additional Funding Needed: \$ _____		_____
Source:		_____
Internal Transfer _____		_____
Unanticipated Revenue _____ 4/5's vote		_____
Transfer Between Funds _____ 4/5's vote		_____
Contingency _____ 4/5's vote		_____
() General () Other _____		_____

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 09-583 Ord. No. _____
 Vote - Ayes: _____ Noes: _____
 Absent: _____
 () Approved
 Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

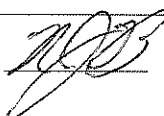
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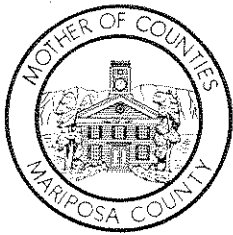
Requested Action Recommended
 _____ No Opinion
 Comments: _____

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____
 Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
 County of Mariposa, State of California

By: _____
 Deputy

CAO: 



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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: SUPERVISOR BIBBY
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*
SUBJECT: Discussion and Possible Direction to Staff Relative to the Possible Bridgeport Area Fire Station

RESOLUTION 09-583

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on December 1, 2009

ACTION AND VOTE:

Supervisor Bibby;

Discussion and Possible Direction to Staff Relative to the Possible Bridgeport Area Fire Station

BOARD ACTION: Supervisor Bibby initiated discussion and advised of the meeting that was held with the property owners relative to the proposed site and the issues that were raised. Jim Wilson, Fire Chief, stated he agreed with the summary of the meeting provided by Supervisor Bibby. Supervisor Cann advised that he attended the meeting and he noted that it would take a majority of the property owners to agree to a change in the CC&Rs (Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions) for the property to be used for a fire station; however, he feels that in order to move forward the community should be supportive. Rick Benson provided input relative to being able to encumber future Boards. Discussion was held.

Input from the public was provided by the following:

Mark Long stated he is not a property owner in the subdivision and he does not know why this is being discussed as he feels that the County owns a piece of property that it was given for a fire station; and he presented a map and draft site plan.

Jim Fritze stated he owns property near the proposed site, and he noted his neighbors have expressed concern to him with locating the fire station in the Bridgeport Subdivision. He advised that he would see the proposed station out of his bedroom window. He purchased land in this subdivision because of the CC&Rs and the protections they provide; he commented on the vote of property owners in support and opposed to this; and he stated he is concerned with the large metal building, equipment, siren noise, and impact to surrounding property values. He advised that he is not against a fire station, but feels alternative sites should be reviewed, including the parcel the County already owns and the parcel that Sidney Radanovich discussed earlier.

Carl Gala stated he is a neighboring property owner to the subdivision and he feels that an alternative location should be used that will not impact the area. He disagrees with putting the station in a residential area and is concerned with aesthetics and impacts from operations at the station.

Ed Hart stated he owns the subject property and advised of the informal vote they took: 14 support and 9 oppose. He commented that the property could be used for animal rescues during fire emergencies.

Jim Pruitt stated he is a retired Fire Captain from Los Angeles and he understands the concerns. He advised of a similar experience he encountered with replacing an older fire station with a new structure in a residential area. He feels that this station is needed and noted that response times are important for fires and medical calls.

Dawn Afman stated she supports this station and she understands there are concerns. She commented on her recent tour of the Angora Fire and she noted that structures burned even though the vegetation was cleared. She noted that the station is needed for medical calls as well as for fires. She does not understand why we are not more positive; and she advised that she brought a person with her who lives next to a fire station.

Pat Garcia stated she lives in Ponderosa Basin and they do not have a noise problem with their fire station. They have a lot of grateful residents and there is a house next door to the station.

Sidney Radanovich commented on the new architectural designs for barns and suggested that this be considered.

Discussion was held. Supervisor Bibby asked the Fire Chief to provide input on the status of the property that was donated to the County by the Longs; and she noted there were concerns with map act issues, location of the rentals and terms and conditions, and issues with the size of the parcel. He also referred to consideration of the property owned by the School District. Jim Wilson provided input on the parcels and issues, citing criteria and boundaries for the station area. Supervisor Bibby commented on using Tobacco Settlement Funds for this station. Supervisor Allen stated he would like to see a final determination by staff relative to the parcel donated by the Long family, and he feels it should be returned if it is deemed not suitable for the County's use. He stated he would like to look at the property that Sidney Radanovich discussed earlier; and he wants to see a solution reached. Supervisor Turpin agreed with getting a determination on the Long parcel. Rick Benson asked for formal action by the Board relative to continuing to pursue purchase of the property in the Bridgeport Subdivision; and he advised that the previous action would still stand to pursue all other options. (M)Cann, (S)Allen, Res. 09-583 was adopted directing the County Administrative Officer to disengage the County from the process for the parcel in the Bridgeport Subdivision/Ayes: Unanimous. Supervisor Bibby asked staff to address the Long parcel as discussed; and Rick Benson advised that a report will be brought back to the Board for formal action to be taken.

Cc: Richard J. Benson, CAO
Steven W. Dahlem, County Counsel
Jim Wilson, Fire Chief
Dana Hertfelder, Public Works Director
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