



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

February 12, 2019

Mr. Charles Ching
Community and Economic Development Director
City of San Pablo
13831 San Pablo Avenue
San Pablo, CA 94806

Re: Fire Station 70 Construction Project and Related MOU

Dear Mr. Ching,

The Fire Station 70 project has reached a critical milestone. As you know, we advertised for bids in November 2018, and the subsequent bid opening was held on January 17, 2019. Alten Construction of Richmond, CA is the apparent low bidder at \$9,778,000.

The total project budget including architectural, construction management, construction, County Capital Project Management fees, furnishings and contingencies is \$13,000,000. Given the total project budget, we anticipate utilizing the full \$4,500,000 pledged by the City in the Memorandum of Understanding.

Listed below are a few of the critical milestones that have preceded the bid opening:

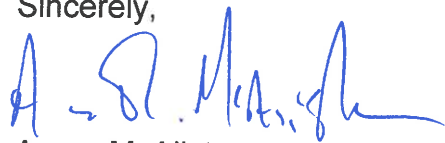
- On February 9, 2016, the Board directed the Fire Chief to develop a funding agreement with the City of San Pablo for the replacement of Fire Station 70 including plans, specifications, cost projections and construction documents.
- On November 8, 2016, the Board approved a Consulting Services Agreement with Loving Campos Associates, Architects, Inc., for architectural services including construction drawings.
- On May 9, 2017 the Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District and the City of San Pablo for the joint funding and construction of fire station 70 to be located at 1800 23rd Street in San Pablo CA.
- On September 12, 2017 the Board found the Fire Station 70 project, as described in the initial study of environmental significance for the project, exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines section 15332 as infill development.

The Fire District has completed the required due diligence and we are prepared for the City of San Pablo to transfer the property to the District in order for us to begin construction. Subject to approval of the Board of Directors at the March 12, 2019 meeting, the District finds the project feasible. The Board will consider an item on that date to award the bid to Alten Construction.

This plan is also contingent on the City of San Pablo Planning Commission relaxing one condition of approval regarding utilities. There will be one pole required for us to supply power to the project. While the project utilities will be undergrounded, the supply must come in this manner. Obtaining power in the alternative is a cost prohibitive plan. We appreciate the City's cooperation in this regard.

I will plan on being present when this matter returns to your City Council. Please let me know if there is anything else I can provide for that purpose. Lastly, we will plan a groundbreaking ceremony as soon as practical and will definitely coordinate with the City of San Pablo. I look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,



Aaron McAlister
Assistant Fire Chief