

Background:

Project Description

Section 1065 of California's Title 15 Regulations, governing all correctional facilities within the state of California, mandates that a minimum of three hours of exercise over a 7-day period be allotted to each inmate housed in a correctional facility. The Main Adult Detention Facility's (MADF) R Housing Module ("R mod") currently has a single recreation yard for inmate exercise. The inmates housed in this housing module are mentally and emotionally compromised individuals who could represent a danger to themselves or others, making it unwise to allow recreation yard access to more than one person at a time. Taking into account the amount of time it takes to prepare some inmates for leaving and returning to their cells, the fact that no more than one inmate at a time can be allowed in the existing recreation yard without creating a potentially dangerous situation, and the 50 inmate capacity of the module, it becomes apparent that it is not possible to accommodate the above Title 15 requirement in this module without additional recreation yard space. To solve this problem Staff proposes to subdivide the existing recreation yard into two equal sections to allow more than one inmate to exercise at a time. This not only makes compliance with Title 15 regulations possible, but also helps to promote both inmate and staff safety. The construction of a dividing wall in the MADF R Housing Module recreation yard will help insure that the facility remains in compliance with Section 1065 of California's Title 15 Regulations.

Funding

The funding in the amount of \$95,000 was approved as part of the FY 2008/09 Capital Budget under Index #111393. However, shortly after funding approval, the project was put on hold by the Sheriff Department while they explored other options for compliance with Title 15 requirements and made a final assessment as to their classification requirements. Various operational modifications were explored, however none of those modifications were deemed to address the problem for the long term. Staff is prepared to move this project forward at this time and we have updated the project cost estimate.

Attachments:

Resolution Budgetary Adjustment

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote:

Background: (Continued)

Newly obtained cost estimates from sources that have performed similar work indicate that the existing funding is inadequate to cover project costs. Material and labor increases reflect a 20% increase in the estimated construction cost. With the addition of adequate contingencies, the total revised project estimate came to \$136,000. This represents an estimated funding shortfall of \$41,000. Staff has reviewed the material and labor costs provided in the above estimates. Based on the special nature of the wall required by the detention facility environment and the increases in the costs for materials since the similar project was completed in the Mental Health Module, Staff found the proposed costs to be fair and reasonable.

As previously stated this project has legal and operational implications which create a need for it to go forward. Staff has identified a completed Capital Improvement Project (MADF Steam Boiler Controls, Project #6800 funded under Index #111492) that has sufficient and available fund balance to cover the additional costs required by MADF Exercise Yard Phase 2 project. Staff recommends that \$41,000 of that available balance be used to fund the MADF Recreation Yards Phase 2 project funding shortfall.

Schedule

If this funding transfer is approved, we anticipate that the MADF Recreation Yards Phase 2 project could go forward in October or November of 2009.

Requested Board Actions:

Adopt a resolution authorizing a budgetary adjustment to FY 2009/10 Final Budget for the MADF Recreation Yards Phase 2 project, in the amount of \$41,000