



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the public agency named below has completed an Initial Study of the following described project:	
Public Agency:	County of Riverside Facilities Management 3450 14th Street, 2 nd Floor, Riverside, CA 92501
Project Name:	Riverside County Fire Station #49 Lake Tamarisk Replacement Project
Project Location:	The Project site area, including parking and building footprint is on APN 808-170-034 which comprises 1.5 acres of County-owned property. A substation is adjacent to the west and the existing fire station/library is located across Tamarisk Drive to the southwest. Lake Tamarisk, Lake Tamarisk Golf Course and clubhouse are located to the west and southwest respectively. There is additional vacant land adjacent to the to the north and east and low-density residences extending beyond to the east, south, north, and northwest. The project is located within the Desert Center Quadrangle at Latitude 33° 44' 17.5" North and Longitude 115° 23' 30" West.
Project Description:	Fire Station #49 is an existing fire station in the community of Lake Tamarisk. The station regularly requires extensive annual repairs because of the buildings current state and age and because the facility is too small for their current capacities; therefore, replacing it is considered the best option. The Project consists of the construction of a new 8,896 square-foot fire station to replace the existing station. Additional staffing would not be required for the replacement fire station. The participating County agencies in this Project are RCFD and Facilities Management. Existing utilities (e.g., electricity, water, sewer, natural gas, telephone) are located underground along the adjacent roadway frontages and will be interconnected to the project site during finish grading of the site. The project would be constructed on vacant land and no existing structures would require demolition as part of the project. Construction is anticipated to start in the summer of 2022 and would be completed by early 2023.
This Initial Study was completed in accordance with the County's Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of such Initial Study, the County Staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and has, therefore, prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of the County.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The project site IS on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The project site IS NOT on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project IS considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project IS NOT considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project WILL affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project WILL NOT affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	A scoping meeting WILL be held by the lead agency.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A scoping meeting WILL NOT be held by the lead agency.

If the project meets the criteria requiring the scoping meeting, or if the agency voluntarily elects to hold such a meeting, the date, time and location of the scoping meeting are as follows: A scoping meeting will not be held for the project.

Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and are available for public review, located at:

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Available online at: <https://rivcofm.org/Environmental>

Authority address: **County of Riverside Facilities Management, 3450 14th Street, Riverside, CA 92501**

Comments will be received until the following date: from **April 30, 2022 to May 18, 2022**

Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing, to FM prior to this date. Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested.

The Board of Supervisors will consider the project and the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration. If the Board of Supervisors finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration. This means that the Board of Supervisors may proceed to consider the project without the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

