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From: Robert Stone [mstone@smfd.org]
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2005 5:10 PM
To: Craig Araki
Subject: Environmental Report for the City of Sausalito - Public Safety Facilities

Craig, Please accept the following answers to the survey you sent dated November 9, 2005:

- 1) Current staffing at our Sausalito station is between 5 & 6 people per day. The potential maximum staffing for the future would be from 7 to 9.
- 2) 2 - Medium-Heavy Trucks
1 - Heavy-Heavy Truck
2 - Light Trucks
- 3) SMFD provides fire protection, emergency medical services, rescue operations & public education. This project would not create a need for more emergency service personnel or equipment.
- 4) The average response time for the station in question is between 4 to 5 minutes. The current station (located where the new station will be constructed) responded to a total of 1327 calls for service in 2004. 48 fires, 852 medical, 33 hazardous conditions and 394 other responses such as lock-outs, alarms with nothing found, flooding assists, etc.
- 5) The current ISO rating of the SMFD is a 3/5.
- 6) The District is primarily funded through property taxes. In the mid 90's, the District passed a special tax in order to make up for any shortfall that the property taxes may not cover.
- 7) Expanded services would most likely be funded by an increase in the special tax.
- 8) N/A
- 9) N/A
- 10) Less than significant.
- 11) N/A
- 12) 2000 gallons per minute with a flow duration of 2 hours.
- 13) No
- 14) Nothing out of the ordinary.

Please let me know if you need further information.
Sincerely,

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Subject: City of Sausalito Public Safety Facility Project EIR

Dear Mr. Araki;

In response to your letter of inquiry for the above noted project, dated November 9, 2005, I have quoted your questions with a response below each.

1. Does the District have water demand generation rates for the types of uses included in the project (e.g. landscaping, commercial, etc)? If so, please provide this information.

The District has water demand generation rates for a variety of uses, but none for fire or police stations. Given the physical conditions of the two sites, MMWD staff has determined that the best method for determining use is to measure actual demand for the sites. A five-year average (2000-2004) for the fire department building is 0.63 acre-feet. Extremes are 0.67 AF (2003 & 04) and 0.56 AF (2000). Future use is expected to be approximately the same assuming staffing levels would be the same. If staffing levels should increase or if the water using fixtures will increase, then a commensurate increase in water use would be expected. It should be noted that this site has a use entitlement of 0.50 AF per year. If usage runs higher than entitlement MMWD requires the site owner to purchase more water to reflect the actual usage. The price is based upon a present cost of \$28,430 per acre foot.

Since the police department building has not been a functioning unit for a number of years, a water use average for 1990 – 1994 was developed. This average is 0.25 AF per year, with extremes of 0.33 AF (1990) and 0.19 (1994). Water entitlement for the site is 0.09 AF. Again, unless the proposed decrease in square footage will decrease water using fixtures or

staffing, then usage should remain about the same for the proposed structure.

2. Does the District have sufficient supply to service the proposed project? If not, please explain.

The District currently has sufficient supply to service the usage generated by this project as well as enough to satisfy the portion of historic demand that is excess of the current entitlement for the project.

3. Please identify water conservation mechanism that would be applicable to the proposed project as well as the amount of water each mechanism would save.

The water conservation devices required for this project would need to be in compliance with existing State law. New toilets are to use no more than 1.6 gallons per flush; showerheads are to use no more than 2.5 gallons per minute; lavatory faucets are to use no more than 2.5 gallons per minute. Without knowing the volume use rates of existing water fixtures currently installed, it is not possible to determine projected savings.

If proposed landscaping equals more than 1,000 square feet, it will have to meet the standards set for in our Ordinance 385.

Aside from the environmental benefits of saving water, it is also important to note that the MMWD will require the City to pay for the purchase of increased water use entitlement unless it can be clearly demonstrated that use will be reduced to levels of existing entitlement, thus saving the City considerable funds.

4. Does the District foresee any problems relative to increased water treatment capacity associated with the proposed project?

Water treatment capacity, tank storage capacity and pipeline capacity will not be impacted by the construction of this project.

5. Please describe any new infrastructure that would be required to service the project. Where would it be located?

The nearest infrastructure is subsurface water mains in the streets fronting the project site. As long as the project does not intrude upon the public right-of-way it will not be necessary to change the existing water mains.

6. Would any additional staff or equipment be required by the District to provide water service to the proposed project?

The proposed project would not require an increase in staff.

7. According to the CEQA significance criteria, impacts are considered significant if the proposed project would result in demand for additional water supplies, treatment or distribution in excess of the ability of service providers to maintain an acceptable level of service.

Based on this criteria, in your judgment, would the project have a less than significant, potentially significant, or significant impact on the services which your District provides?

This District would not expect even the lowest threshold level of the impact criterion to be exceeded. It would be a less than significant impact.

8. In addition to project-specific impacts of the project, we will also analyze cumulative impacts. A cumulative impact refers to two or more individual effects, which when considered together are considerable, or which compound or increase other environmental impacts. Considering the number of projects that are proposed or approved in the Sausalito area, in your opinion, would the proposed project, in combination with other projects proposed or approved in the Sausalito area, result in a significant cumulative impact to water supplies, treatment or distribution? If so, please explain. Please identify any mitigation that may be applicable (e.g. water conservation, etc.).

This District is not aware of any other projects in the Sausalito area that, when taken together, including this proposed project, would potentially create potential significant impacts to domestic water supply.

As noted earlier, water conservation elements are mandatory and not appropriate as mitigation measures. Waterless urinals and high efficiency toilets are a couple of options that go beyond existing conservation requirements that could be incorporated into the project on a voluntary basis. Such fixtures would not only conserve even more water but would also reduce the cost of an ever more increasing essential commodity.

If you should have any questions or comments please contact me at 415-945-1586 or emcguire@marinwater.org.

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Re: Environmental Report for the City of Sausalito Public Safety Facility Project

Dear Mr. Araki:

In your letter dated November 9, 2005, you requested that we provide your firm information regarding "provision of law enforcement services" in the city. I am responding to this request with reference numbers corresponding to your original letter as follows:

1. The Sausalito Police Department began when the City of Sausalito incorporated in the year 1893. The Sausalito Police Department is a full-service agency providing law enforcement services to the residents, businesses, and visitors. Our geographical boundaries include the northern city limits at Bridgeway and Gate 6 Roads, the southern boundary includes the parcel of #2 Alexander Avenue. Our eastern border represents land east of Bridgeway that includes underwater parcels in Richardson Bay. The western city limits extends to State Highway 101 and in part west of Highway 101 up to the border with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). There are 5 exits from Highway 101 that lead into Sausalito.

The police department has been predominantly run out of a single building within the city limits. There are currently 23 Police Department employees and 21 Police Volunteers utilizing the Police Department's temporary building. The number of employees and volunteers could change slightly in the coming years. We do not expect any increases or decreases of employees or volunteers of more than 20% over the next 20 years due to the size and grow limitations of the City. The City's size is 2.2 square miles with an estimated resident population of nearly 8,000 people. The population served by the Sausalito Police Department is estimated to average around 15,000 people on a typical day due to the amount of traffic, businesses, and tourism in the City. The northern end of Sausalito borders with Marin City. Marin City is an unincorporated town in Marin County. There are an approximately 6,000 residents in Marin City. Many Marin City residents frequently travel to Sausalito to shop, attend schools, and utilize City property and private businesses within the City of Sausalito.

2. The Sausalito Police Department provides a multitude of services to its residents and visitors. These services include but are not limited to; criminal investigations, civil investigations, background investigations, recruitment of personnel, internal investigations, evidence processing and storage, surveillance, crime prevention,

document management, general patrol services, vacation house checks, alarm responses, traffic control, accident investigation, traffic safety education, maintaining public order, special event coordination, civil disturbances, rescues, missing person investigations, lost and found property controls, abandoned vehicle abatement, juvenile investigations, citizen academy classes, and Volunteers In Public Safety (VIPS) coordination and services.

3. Pursuant to the 2006 fiscal year budget of the City of Sausalito, the Sausalito Police Department is authorized to staff 17 sworn personnel. Sworn staff are allocated as 1 Chief of Police, 1 Captain, 4 Sergeants, 1 Detective, and 10 Patrol Officers. There are 6 non-sworn personnel allocated as 2 Administrative Aids, 3 Parking Enforcement Officers, and 1 part-time parking clerk. The City of Sausalito does not use a formula for quantifying the number of personnel to a ratio of the resident population. Staffing levels are based on the workload, providing 24/7 policing services safely, and public safety service needs by the community.

In quantifying the “potential” maximum number of staff for the future, I reflect back to the early 1980’s, when the Sausalito Police Department staffed 25 sworn personnel, and 15 non-sworn personnel. Future needs of this community could focus on a concentrated traffic enforcement and parking unit, a full service investigative and intelligence unit, active training unit, a crime prevention unit, an area for a multitude of volunteers, youth intervention services, potential growth with State or Federal grants, partnerships with other public agencies to use office space part-time or fulltime, or other programs addressing future needs of this community.

4. There is no recent study pursuant to the response time of the Sausalito Police Department. With the staffing levels we have today, response times vary based upon a multitude of variables. One recent example lists an “in-progress” felony in which there was nobody available to respond. Our 2 on-duty officers were busy performing duties out of the Sausalito City Limits. In this instance, the first unit to respond arrived in 7 minutes. If there were available staff on-duty, an “in-progress” crime should not have a response time beyond 5 minutes, and in most cases, not beyond 3 minutes.
5. The funding sources for police services come from the City of Sausalito general fund. This comprises of a variety of revenue sources that includes property taxes, sales taxes, transient occupancy taxes, fines and forfeitures, business license fees, grant funds, reimbursements, etc.
6. There is not much room for new development within the current city limits. However, the City of Sausalito could look toward extending service boundaries some time in the future that would create a need to expand police services. State mandates to provide a Housing Element could cause population increases and housing development on infill lands in a few years.

7. There is a need to create service standards related to existing and new development for public safety needs, but there currently is none.
8. At a minimum, the current staffing level of police employees and volunteers will be required to adequately serve the City of Sausalito from the new police building. Undecided future growth of equipment and people should be planned for in the new building covering the next 30 years. There are currently 17 total police vehicles. The vehicles include; 6 marked patrol vehicles, 4 unmarked vehicles, 4 parking enforcement vehicles, 1 radar trailer, 1 Jeep to pull the radar trailer, 1 V.I.P.S. vehicle. All of these vehicles would be considered “light automobiles.”
9. There is a parking plan for the Caledonia Street area that will increase the over-all parking availability in order to offset the increased parking demand for the new Police Building. We are in need of adequate parking to serve the needs of our customers, our staff’s private cars, and City vehicles. We are also in need of a professional and modern public safety building that includes the latest technology and adequate work spaces in order to provide a quality service to residents and visitors of the City of Sausalito.
10. There is no question #10.
11. I do not know of any significant criteria or service needs that would impact this project negatively. The operation of the Police Department will be favorably enhanced by the development on this project.
12. There is no significant cumulative impact based upon the criteria posed in this question.