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File No. 13-1103

INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION and PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Van Nuys Fire Station No. 39 California Environmental Quality Act Compliance and Project Approval (W.O. E170094B).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that, on the basis on the whole record, there is no substantial evidence that the Van Nuys Fire Station No. 39 project will have a significant effect on the environment; that the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City of Los Angeles; that the documents constituting the record of proceedings in this matter are located in Council File No. 13-1103 in the custody of the City Clerk; and ADOPT the Mitigated Negative Declaration (W.O. E170094B).
2. ADOPT the Mitigation Monitoring Program for the Van Nuys Fire Station No. 39 project.
3. APPROVE the Van Nuys Fire Station No. 39 project to be located on the 14600 block of Oxnard Street (Work Order No. E170094B) as described in the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board of Public Works reports that the project has a budget of approximately \$20,200,000 with funding from the surplus Proposition F Fire Facilities General Obligation Bond Program savings, program contingency, and accrued interest.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

Oppose Proposal: Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on June 18, 2014, the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee considered an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Board of Public Works report relative to the Van Nuys Fire Station No. 39 California Environmental Quality Act Compliance and Project Approval (Work Order No. E170094B). A Negative Declaration for this item was heard previously at a meeting held on September 4, 2013, in which the item was continued to further explore issues concerning the project. At the meeting held on June 18, 2014, the committee considered a Mitigated Negative Declaration that the Bureau of Engineering prepared in response to community concerns. The Board of Public Works reports that the proposed project would be located on the 14600 block of Oxnard Street within the Van Nuys-North Sherman Oaks Community Plan Area and within Council District No. Six. The City is proposing to construct a replacement fire station on two vacant lots located on the corner of Oxnard Street and Vesper Avenue in Van Nuys.

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The existing City Fire Station No. 39, located at 14415 Sylvan Street (approximately 0.5 mile northeast), cannot house the additional resources needed to meet present and future demands for fire protection services. The City has acquired the property under consideration as instructed by Council (Council file No. 12-1579). The proposed project will use accrued interest and savings from Proposition F, approved by voters on November 7, 2000. The replacement fire station will include an approximate 18,533-square-foot facility and other associated improvements. Disposition of the existing Fire Station No. 39 at 14415 Sylvan Street has not been determined at this time.

Until such a determination is made, the Department of General Services would maintain the buildings. After having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations as contained in said Board of Public Works report, dated May 14, 2014. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BUSCAINO:	YES
PRICE:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES

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