County of Riverside
Facilities Management
3450 14th St., Riverside, CA

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

October 28, 2025

Project Name: Amendments No. 1 to the Countywide Fire, Life, and Safety Inspection and Certification Agreements with Rapid Fire Safety & Security LLC, Redline Fire Protection Services, Inc., and SPD Fire Inc. for Fire, Life, and Safety Services

Project Number: 7200300000

Project Location: Riverside Countywide

Description of Project: The County currently relies on specialized inspections and certifications for Fire, Life and Safety Compliance across more than 300 County owned facilities and sites. Through this action, the County will ensure that it continues to meet its safety compliance obligations and ongoing safety measures across all County owned facilities.

Agreements were entered into with each of the three awarded bidders to ensure there was immediate coverage and services provided to County properties, personnel, and the public. Amendments to the Agreements are needed to extend the period of performance for Fire, Life and Safety Services through the remainder of the fiscal year 2025/26.

Facilities Management recommends the Board of Supervisors ratify and approve the Amendments to the Professional Services Agreement Amendments for Rapid Fire Safety & Security LLC, Redline Fire Protection Services Inc., and SPD Fire Inc. for Fire, Life and Safety Inspection and Certification Services through June 30, 2026, with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods. The Amendments No. 1 to the Countywide Fire, Life, and Safety Inspection and Certification Agreements is identified as the proposed project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). No direct or indirect physical environmental impacts are anticipated.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Riverside County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Riverside County Facilities Management

Exempt Status: State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Existing Facilities Exemption, and Section 15061(b) (3), General Rule or "Common Sense" Exemption. Codified under California Code of Regulations Title 14, Article 5, Sections 15301 and Section 15061.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA specifically by the State CEQA Guidelines as identified below. The project will not result in any specific or general exceptions to the use of the categorical exemption as detailed under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. The project will not cause an impact to an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern nor would the project involve unusual circumstances that could potentially have a significant effect on the environment. The project would not result in impacts to scenic highways, hazardous waste sites, historic resources, or other sensitive natural environments, or have a cumulative effect to the environment. No significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur with the Amendments to the Fire Life Safety Inspection and Certification Agreements for the continued provision of Countywide Fire, Life, and Safety services.

- **Section 15301 (d)–Existing Facilities:** This Class 1 categorical exemption includes the operation, repair, maintenance, leasing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities, provided the exemption only involves negligible or no expansion of the previous site's use. The approval of the Amendments do not allow for new construction and are limited to maintenance activities and improvements on existing facilities The improvements to the existing County facilities are routine inspections and maintenance repairs to keep facilities safe and operational and would not expand the capacity of the site and would result in the continuation of public services; therefore, the project is exempt as the improvements meet the scope and intent of the Categorical Exemption identified in Section 15301, Article 19, Categorical Exemptions of the CEQA Guidelines.

- **Section 15061 (b) (3) – "Common Sense" Exemption:** In accordance with CEQA, the use of the Common Sense Exemption is based on the "general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment." State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b) (3). The use of this exemption is appropriate if "it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment." *Ibid*. This determination is an issue of fact and if sufficient evidence exists in the record that the activity cannot have a significant effect on the environment, then the exemption applies and no further evaluation under CEQA is required. See *No Oil, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles* (1974) 13 Cal. 3d 68. The ruling in this case stated that if a project falls within a category exempt by administrative regulation or 'it can be seen with certainty that the activity in question will not have a significant effect on the environment', no further agency evaluation is required. With certainty, there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment. The Amendments for the continued provision of Countywide Fire, Life, and Safety services will not lead to any direct or reasonably indirect physical environmental impacts. The direct effects of the Amendments will have purely administrative impacts. In addition, no significant indirect effects would occur from the approval as the Amendments do not allow for new construction and are limited to provision of Fire, Life, and Safety services at existing facilities, which are exempt under CEQA. Therefore, in no way, would the project as proposed have the potential to cause a significant environmental impact and the project is exempt from further CEQA analysis.

Signed:  **Date:** 10-28-2025

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