

portions of the Meridian Joint Powers Authority (JPA). It is staffed 24/7 with one fire captain, one fire engineer, one firefighter and one firefighter/paramedic. The station is configured with private sleeping quarters and a restroom for the fire captain. However, the fire engineer, firefighter and firefighter paramedic share an open concept dormitory space, separated by 6' dividing walls. A proposal to modify the open dormitory space to provide separate sleeping quarters, lockers, showers and restroom facilities to accommodate all genders has been on the unfunded Capital Improvement Program list for several years. The recent assignment of a female firefighter to this station makes the needed gender improvements urgent.

Project Scope

The project consists of demolishing the current sleeping quarters, which consist of six individual beds and nightstands, and constructing five (5) sleeping quarters which can each accommodate one (1) single bed, nightstand, lockers and a privacy door. Each room will have its own independent ceiling light, wall power outlet and heating and air conditioning ventilation. Separate restroom and shower accommodations will be provided by designating one (1) of the two (2) common area restrooms for women. It is anticipated that portions of the project, such as construction of the walls, will be competitively bid, with the balance of the work to be performed in house by General Services staff.

The Fire Chief concurs with this report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Currently, Measure Z is projected to end fiscal year 2019/20 with an unallocated fund balance of approximately \$12.9 million (Attachment 3). The estimated cost to complete gender modifications at Orangecrest Fire Station No. 11 to create private sleeping and privacy changing areas is \$100,000. A supplemental appropriation is needed from the unallocated Measure Z fund balance for this project.

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Attachments:

1. Gender Improvements Layout
2. BEC Minutes January 16, 2020
3. Measure Z Spending Plan
4. Orangecrest Fire Station Photo