

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: Library

BOARD AGENDA #: *B-1

AGENDA DATE: October 18, 2016

SUBJECT:

Approval to Close the Modesto Library on Saturday, November 26, 2016 to Complete Asbestos Abatement of the Basement Floor

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2016-511

On motion of Supervisor DeMartini, Seconded by Supervisor Chiesa
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and Chairman Monteith

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST:


PAM VILLARREAL, Assistant Clerk

File No.

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AGENDA ITEM**

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Urgent Routine AGENDA DATE: October 18, 2016
CEO CONCURRENCE: *DKH* DSM 4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

SUBJECT:

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approval to close the Modesto Library on Saturday, November 26, 2016 in order to complete asbestos abatement of the basement floor.

DISCUSSION:

The Modesto Library basement floor was installed in 1971 using both tiles and adhesives that contain asbestos. Over the years, tiles have broken and been replaced. However, there are no records of which tiles are old and which are new. Therefore, every time a tile is replaced the library must go through the asbestos abatement process. This is both expensive and time consuming. The floor continues to deteriorate over time, and a large number of tiles either need to be replaced or are in imminent need of replacement. These tiles create both tripping hazards and risk of possible exposure to asbestos.

Instead of continuing a piecemeal approach, the General Services Agency (GSA) recommended that the entire floor be removed and repaired. The project was added to the GSA multi-year deferred maintenance plan for the current fiscal year, and the Library began working with GSA to procure bids for the process in July of 2016.

In consulting a number of abatement companies it was concluded that the abatement of the basement floor, where the problem with broken tiles is greatest, could be completed over three days. By completing most of the abatement over the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Library will be able to close for the shortest time possible, ensuring the smallest possible inconvenience to the public. The Saturday following Thanksgiving has traditionally been significantly slower than an average Saturday, with an approximate 30% drop in circulation.

Central Valley Environmental submitted the winning bid for asbestos abatement. The abatement will cost \$39,327.

POLICY ISSUE:

The Library staff recommends that the Board approve this one day closure pursuant to Stanislaus County Code Title 2 Administration; Chapter 2.56 County Office Hours: "All county offices shall be kept open for the transaction of business during such hours and on such days as may be prescribed by the board of supervisors by resolution."

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Closure of the Modesto library on November 26, 2016 has no fiscal impact to the current budget. Part time staff who usually work that day will be repurposed in the week following in order to complete a number of projects related to the emptying of the basement and the reallocation of staff during the two weeks the basement is closed. This constitutes 77 hours of Library Assistant time that will be redistributed.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

Creating a safe working environment for Library staff allows the Library to continue to meet the board goal of Efficient Delivery of Public Services.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Full time staff members who usually work on that Saturday will work a Monday to Friday schedule instead, using that time to help with various aspects of the floor project

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ATTACHMENT(S):

None