



**CITY OF SALINAS
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

DATE: NOVEMBER 7, 2017
DEPARTMENT: LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
FROM: CARY ANN SIEGFRIED, DIRECTOR
TITLE: EL GABILAN LIBRARY SCHEMATIC DESIGN COMPLETION

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

No motion is required at this time. This item is a report on the status of completion of the schematic design phase for the new El Gabilan Branch Library.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is an Administrative Report, so no action is required at this time. Staff recommends that the City Council receive and accept the report given by Anderson Brulé Architects, Inc. (ABA) regarding the completion of the schematic design phase for the new El Gabilan Branch Library.

BACKGROUND:

On September 13, 2016, City Council approved a resolution authorizing the City Manager and City Attorney to enter into an agreement for professional services with Anderson Brulé Architects, Inc. (ABA) in an amount not to exceed \$396,212 to plan for improvements to the El Gabilan Branch Library. This contract included three phases: Needs Assessment, Program Development and Schematic Design.

On June 6, 2017, City Council received and accepted a report from ABA regarding completion of the phases related to Needs Assessment and Program Development. Following this meeting, ABA began the Schematic Design phase, using the information gained from the Needs Assessment and Program Development phases. During this phase they conducted outreach, as well as working with staff and stakeholders regarding the translation of needs and program into a schematic design. Three options were developed in response to this work and these options were shared through pop-up outreach, through displays in all libraries and through a community survey. The feedback given from this work indicated a decided preference for Option Three, “The Plaza” concept. This option also meshed with feedback from department management.

On August 9, 2017, the Library and Community Services Commission received and accepted a report given by ABA and approved a motion to proceed with the recommendation to continue

into further schematic design using the single option selected from the three options that had been developed and presented to staff and the public.

ABA's current presentation will review the work done to-date and illustrate selected features of the new library, focusing on the fulfillment of community needs through this new public facility.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

The pre-development work represented here is not by itself a "Project." The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378). In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to activities which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the proposed action and this matter have no potential to cause any effect on the environment, or because it falls within a category of activities excluded as projects pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, this matter is not a project. Because the matter does not cause a direct or foreseeable indirect physical change on or in the environment, this matter is not a project.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Expanding the El Gabilan Branch Library is a FY 2016-17 Key Strategy in support of the City Council Strategic Plan Goal V: Quality of Life.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

ABA has worked with their consultants and with City of Salinas staff members to prepare cost projections that will be carried into the design development phase should it be determined that the project shall proceed into that phase. Work to-date on this project has focused on meeting community needs in the most cost-efficient manner.

ATTACHMENTS:

El Gabilan City Council SD Presentation