Request: The City of Livingston has prepared preliminary plans to construct a new fire station facility to replace its current fire station built in the 1950s. A new facility is estimated to cost up to $6 million. Other options include converting an existing building into a fire station; this will cost up to $3 million.

Description: Currently, the Merced County Fire Department (MCFD) contracts with Cal Fire for fire protection services in Livingston. This arrangement provides the Livingston Fire Department with a Battalion Chief, Captain, and Engineer. The department is augmented by 20 volunteer firefighters. The station’s fire apparatus includes: a city engine, brush truck, and a 55’ ladder truck. The City of Livingston owns the current 70-year-old Fire Station.
Necessity: In 2018, the Livingston Fire Department responded to over 1700 calls. The current fire station no longer meets the needs of firefighters and the community and can no longer support an effective fire department. The current station does not have space for meetings, trainings, or tactical planning. Fire apparatus bays are not large enough to support current fire vehicles and storage space has been exhausted. The station’s existing sleeping quarters are in unhealthy and unacceptable conditions due to building mold and rot. Fire vehicle equipment is also outdated. The last city engine was purchased 18 years ago in 2001. The 55’ ladder truck is inadequate to respond to high rise buildings including new business and hotels reaching three floors.

The Livingston Fire Department needs assistance to provide appropriate fire protection services and keep up with demands and growth in the community.

Beneficiaries:
• Livingston residents and businesses
• Merced County
• Livingston firefighter personnel
• Merced County firefighter personnel
• Cal Fire personnel
• State of California

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