

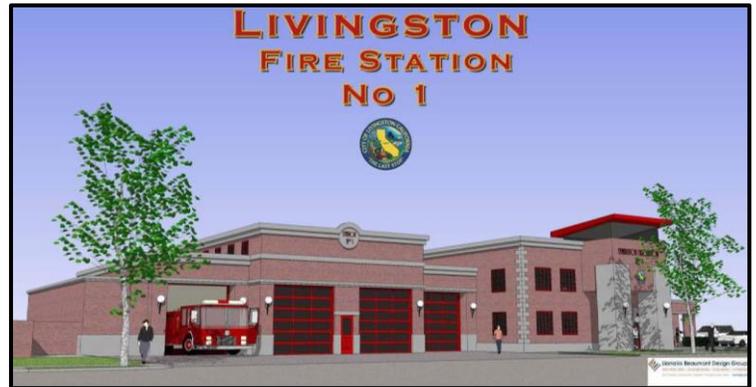
Request: The City of Livingston has prepared preliminary plans to construct a new fire station facility to replace its existing facility constructed in 1950. The anticipated project cost is \$3.5 million.

Description: The Livingston Fire Station is under the administration of the Merced County Fire Department. The County of Merced contracts with the California Department of Forestry for fire protection services in the county including the City of Livingston. The City owns the fire station facility which is operated by a battalion chief, a fire captain, a fire apparatus engineer, and approximately 15 volunteer fire fighters. The Livingston Fire Station is manned with only one full time duty officer and is equipped with two fire engines, one water tender, one squad, and one 55' telesquirt unit.

The Livingston Fire Station serves an area of approximately 10.0 acres including city and unincorporated county lands. The service area is home to roughly 20,000 residents including residential, commercial, and industrial users. The Livingston Fire Crew responds to the following call volumes per year on average:

- Medical aid ~ 900
- Fire protection ~ 250
- Vehicle accident ~ 250
- Miscellaneous call ~ 100
- Total ~ 1,500

Necessity: The City of Livingston desperately needs to add personnel and construct essential facilities to provide adequate fire protection to its existing residents and businesses as well as growth demands. The current fire staffing levels are not ideal but are sufficient to meet the current fire protection needs of the City. The City's existing fire facility is currently not acceptable as it does not offer any opportunities for training or tactical planning. The equipment storage and office space are just about max out. The limited sleeping space is substandard due to mold and rotting conditions. The proposed fire station would provide all of these essential needs including offices, sleeping quarters, restrooms, kitchen, break room, lockers, laundry room, training room, conference room, and increased equipment storage.



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