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Supervisors Approve Expanded Plans for High Desert Government Center

SAN BERNARDINO – The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today approved a plan to increase the size of the planned High Desert Government Center scheduled to be built in Hesperia. The facility, which was originally planned as a 55,000-square-foot building, will now be constructed as a nearly 67,000-square-foot building.

“The construction of the new government center is critical to the future of public service in the High Desert,” said Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, who represents the region. “The facility will provide services in a facility that is closer and more conveniently located for the more than 400,000 residents who live in the High Desert. Expanding on our original plans will also ensure that we have room to grow in the future.”

After the completion of space planning studies conducted for the facility, it became apparent that the original design was too small to accommodate the many departments to be housed in the building.

The new government center is anticipated to house several County departments, including: Agriculture/Weights and Measures, the Board of Supervisors, Fire Marshal, Human Resources, Land Use Services, Public Health (Environmental Health Services), Assessor, Public Works, Registrar of Voters, Treasurer/Tax Collector, and Veterans Affairs.

Supervisor Mitzelfelt, also a member of the California Seismic Safety Commission, also secured several design features to ensure higher earthquake survivability with respect to the building and its ability to continue to function following a major earthquake.

The government center will be constructed on 4.42 acres of land donated by the City of Hesperia adjacent to its new City Hall and library and is being built in conjunction with the construction of a new city police station. The City is planning several street improvements in the area that will prevent gridlock and improve access to the new center, which is expected to complete the downtown civic center and spur economic activity in the area.

Construction is expected to be complete next year.