



CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 21, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Pete Carr, City Manager

SUBJECT: **Public Safety and City Hall Facilities** (Discussion/Direction)

BACKGROUND:

The City in 2019 closed escrow on real property on Sixth Street at Colusa Street, determined to be suitable for a future public safety center (PSC) facility. The space was also designated for a future water storage tank and well. The new location for Police would free up City Hall space on 4th Street.

Later in 2019, Staff recommended using the Winters PSC as a model for our PSC project, with many desirable features and a readily available design. An architect engaged for this purpose showed the City how such a PSC could be laid out on our parcel, and suggested cost estimates to be considered – which at that time were rapidly spiraling upward. Part of the City's impetus to refinance its pension debt (accomplished in 2020) was to free up operational capital to invest in a PSC.

A pandemic, drought and major water project diverted City attention. Staff has continued to consult with resources like USDA, 3CORE and CPF (Capitol Public Finance) to seek funding assistance. This topic was most recently reviewed by Council in September 2022 at which time Council directed Staff to keep a PSC planned for the north end of the subject parcel, water facilities to the south end.

At the same time, repairs are needed on the current firehouse, and opportunities to relocate City Hall would provide space and time for the Police Department.

ANALYSIS:

Plans for a PSC necessarily impact and inform decisions about City Hall as well as Police and Fire Department facilities. Near-term needs and long-term planning are factors. City manager will review the project concept, progress in planning, and issues with funding. Council may wish to explore options.

RECOMMENDATION:

Direct staff as to preferences and priorities for facilities planning.

FISCAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION:

N/A