Facilities Assessment: Fresno County Public Library (FCPL) Analysis

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Prior Facilities Assessment Report

Heart of the Community (2003) (Staff prepared)

Recommendations were made to complete projects at:

- Caruthers
- Woodward Park
- Laton

And to seek Bond Act Projects in 2004 for:

- Mendota
- Fowler
- Orange Cove
- Tranquillity

Prior Facilities Assessment Report

- Additional branch locations were recommended as follows:
 - Del Rey
 - Miramonte
 - Clovis II and III
 - Cedar Clinton II
 - Millerton New Town
 - West of 99 (Biola/Teague/Highway City)
- No recommended branch closures or assessment of long term maintenance needs.

New Branches

Funded with CA State Library Bond funds (65%) and Measure B / Property Tax (35%)

- Mendota ~ 2007
- Orange Cove ~ 2009
- Tranquillity ~ 2011

Funded by Private Donations and/or Measure B / Property Tax

- Kerman ~ 2002
- Caruthers ~ 2003
- Woodward Park ~ 2004
- Fowler ~ 2008

Funded by Measure B / Property Tax

- West Fresno ~ 2011
- @ School Locations with limited services:
 - Biola ~ 2012
 - Teague ~ 2014
- Sierra Vista ~ 2014
- Betty Rodriguez ~ 2016

Current Assessment – Prepared by Arch-Nexus

Data Driven

- GIS Comparison and Data: 1, 3 and 5 mile concentric rings indicating heaviest usage;
- Population Density; and
- Circulation Reports, Program Attendance.

Human Centered

- Online Surveys
- Visioning Sessions
- Stakeholder Meetings

Purpose of the Current Assessment

- To assess long term Capital Building needs of FCPL.
- To review individual branch operations in order to develop recommendations to consolidate branches and potentially close branches where necessary.
- To determine maintenance needs of existing library branches and prepare 15 year maintenance plan.

Current Assessment Recommendations

Bottom Line of the Current Report

- The report suggests 20 major new building projects and renovations to exceed \$600 million.
 - In lieu of... ten-year maintenance schedule.
- There is an emphasis on moving away from exorbitant and/or long-term leases.
- Recommendation to consolidate 8 branches in tandem with new branch locations.
- The report outlines a minimum standard of 16,000 sq. ft. for branch size.

Current Committed Projects

- Clovis Regional Library ~ 2020-2021
- Reedley Branch Library ~ 2020-2021
- Highway City ~ 99 year land lease, relocate to new Community Center space in 2019. Future construction of 5,000 square foot library branch.
- West Hills Community College District Co-Located ~ 2021-2022

Vendor Recommendations

The following are the vendor's recommendations for renovations/additions, new buildings (bold font), and consolidations by Supervisorial District.

District 1

- West Fresno New Building
- Teague New Building
- San Joaquin New Building (absorbs Tranquillity)
- Mendota Renovation / Expansion (absorbs Firebaugh)
- Kerman New Building*
- Tranquillity Consolidation (absorbed by San Joaquin)
- Easton No recommendations
- Biola No recommendations
- Firebaugh Consolidation (absorbed by Mendota)

District 2

- Fig Garden New Building*
- Gillis New Building*
- Politi New Building (absorbs Pinedale)*
- Pinedale Consolidation (absorbed by Politi)*
- Senior Resource Center No recommendations
- Woodward Park Renovation / Expansion

District 3

Betty Rodriguez – New Building

Central Library - Renovation / Expansion

District 3 cont.

- Talking Book No recommendations
- Literary Service Center No recommendations
- Heritage Center No recommendations
- Mosqueda Consolidation (absorbed by Sunnyside) *

District Four

- Kingsburg New Building*
- Caruthers Renovation / Expansion (absorbs Riverdale)
- Selma New Building*
- Orange Cove Renovation / Expansion
- Parlier New Building
- Reedley New Building*
- Sanger New Building
- Laton No recommendations*
- Riverdale Consolidation (absorbed by Caruthers) *
- Fowler No recommendations

District Five

- Sunnyside New Building (absorbs Mosqueda)*
- Shaver Lake (absorbs Big Creek) *
- Big Creek Consolidation (absorbed by Shaver Lake) *
- Auberry No recommendations*
- Bear Mountain No recommendations*
- Piedra No recommendations*
- Sierra Vista Kiosk No recommendations
- * Received building analytics property condition assessment

Vendor Suggested Consolidations / Closures

- Big Creek consolidates to Shaver Lake
- Firebaugh consolidates to Mendota
- Tranquillity consolidates to San Joaquin
- Riverdale consolidates to Caruthers
- Mosqueda consolidates to Sunnyside
- Pinedale consolidates to Politi
- Laton consolidates as a Kiosk
- Piedra consolidates as a Kiosk

We do not recommend any of these at this time.

FCPL's Recommendations

- Maximize current space:
 - Modular spaces and services provided with a more robust digital collection; and
 - Community partners increased space and new buildings.
- Continue to develop a preventative maintenance schedule.
- Leases
 - Lease to own; and

 Review current leases for potential additional space and better lease options.

Leased Facilities

Branch	Square Feet	Leased	Year Built	Remodeled
Auberry	5,024	Leased	1978	1996
Big Creek	375	Leased	1936	n/a
Biola	1,104	Leased	2003	n/a
Fig Garden	9,929	Leased	1995	2002
Firebaugh	1,581	Leased	1954	n/a
Gillis	6,263	Leased	1975	2010
Kerman	4,370	Leased	2002	n/a
Kingsburg	4,500	Leased	2000	n/a
Mosqueda	2,156	Leased	2005	2005
Piedra	1,800	Leased	1999	1997
Pinedale	1,274	Leased	1974	n/a
Politi	5,016	Leased	1974	2010
Reedley	5,000	Leased	1997	1997
Riverdale	2,190	Leased	1968	2002
Senior Resource	795	Leased	1977	2007
Shaver Lake	1,000	Leased	1976	n/a
Sierra Vista	n/a	Leased	2014	n/a
Sunnyside	18,033	Leased	1965	2000
Talking Book	2,640	Leased	1977	2007
Teague	976	Leased	1998	n/a
West Fresno	6,873	Leased	2010	n/a

Owned Facilities

Branch	Square Feet	Owned	Year Built	Remodeled
Bear Mountain	7,510	Owned	1994	n/a
Betty Rodriguez	13,969	Owned	2015	n/a
Caruthers	6,050	Owned	2003	n/a
Central	82,716	Owned	1959	n/a
Clovis	8,627	Owned	1976	n/a
Easton	3,120	Owned	1982	n/a
Fowler	8,660	Owned	2008	n/a
Laton	1,563	Owned	1904	2003
Mendota	12,576	Owned	2007	n/a
Orange Cove	10,072	Owned	2009	n/a
Parlier	3,778	Owned	1987	2007
San Joaquin	2,996	Owned	1983	2005
Sanger	8,994	Owned	1967	1999
Selma	7,272	Owned	1978	2007
Tranquillity	3,484	Owned	2011	n/a
Woodward Park	22,050	Owned	2004	n/a

Financial Overview as of June 30, 2019

The Impact of Measure B

Doubled hours, programs and services:

- 1/8 of a cent sales tax providing funding directly to libraries. Originally approved by voters in 1998 and again in 2004. Most recently readopted in 2012 with 73% approval. Measure B will expire in 2029.
- Measure B funds have also supplemented new building projects and renovations.
- It is a welcome and unattended side effect of growth, but unsustainable.
- The Library also receives property taxes that constitute approximately 40% of overall revenue.

Financial Outlook: Commitments

New Clovis Library (22,000 sq. ft.) Architect Fees Facility Startup (FFE) Total	14,080,000 1,224,000 <u>1,606,000</u> \$16,910,000
New Reedley Library (11,000 sq. ft.) Estimated Architect Fees Facility Startup (FFE)	7,040,000 750,000 <u>803,000</u> \$8,593,000
New Highway City Library (5,000 sq. ft.) Estimated Architect Fees Facility Startup (FFE)	3,200,000 500,000 <u>365,000</u> \$4,065,000
10% of Operations Reserve (Measure B Recommendation)	\$3,100,000
Recommended Yearly Preventative Maintenance Cost	\$1,311,290
Total Commitments and Costs	\$ 33,979,290

Financial Outlook: Fund Balance

Estimated CAFR Fund Balance as of 6/30/19	\$35,052,000
Total Commitments	<u>(\$33,979,290)</u>
Remaining Fund Balance	\$1,072,710