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