



FAQ for the new *Tomales Fire Station*



How much will the project cost and where are the funds coming from?

Currently, the project is estimated to cost \$8 million. The County of Marin has set aside approximately \$8 million for the project through the use of Certificates of Participation funding, a form of refinancing previous bonds.

Why does the Tomales Fire Station need to be replaced?

- The current station was planned in the 1960s and opened in 1971.
- The equipment used in the 1960-70s was considerably smaller than modern fire apparatus.
- The current facility does not meet essential building standards and is at serious risk of failure in the event of an earthquake.
- In 1971, the department staffed the station with one on-duty firefighter. Today's station is staffed with two on-duty personnel, augmented by two to three seasonal personnel and 12 volunteers. The quarters to house this volume of personnel are grossly inadequate.
- Today's modern fire service also enjoys greater diversity including women, which the station is not designed to properly accommodate.
- The 46-year-old building is not energy efficient.

How was the size and scope of the proposed station determined?

A detailed programming process was conducted to comprehensively research all the required factors that a modern fire station needs in order to meet industry operational standards. The design specifics are still being determined by the design team.



How will the new fire station improve emergency services to residents?

- Contemporary emergency infrastructure can withstand a disaster and remain functional, allowing emergency responders to support the community in times of a disaster.

- Emergency responder vehicles will be parked indoors, away from the elements, ensuring functional longevity and operational readiness.
- Ability to house reserve equipment will ensure community protection in cases where first-line equipment is committed to other incidents.
- Flexibility in the facility's design will allow it to accommodate future changes and advancements to emergency services.
- Oil/water separation of run-off, bio-retention facilities, energy efficient building systems, and native species planting will improve the environment.
- Apparatus bays will be properly sized for new equipment creating a safe environment for fire fighters and allow faster response times.

When would the new station be ready?

The design team is currently working on design development drawings. Construction is expected to begin in spring of 2018 and be completed by spring 2019.



Where will the station be relocated during construction?

A temporary fire station, housed at a separate location, will be fully operational during the entire construction period. The location has yet to be finalized.

Who do you contact for more information on the project?

Please contact us at tomalesfirestation@marincounty.org

