

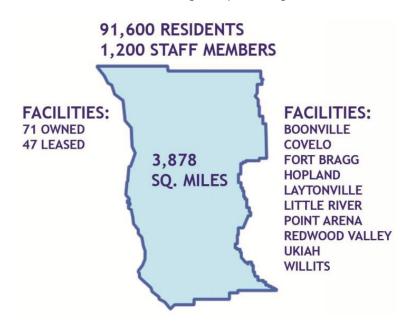
FACILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT



INTRODUCTION

Mendocino County is making strong efforts to improve services, reduce facility operations costs and improve the overall condition of facilities owned by the County. An analysis of the 118 owned, leased and operated facilities led to proposing specific project investments to meet current and future needs. Analysis included onsite observations and assessments, discussions with County staff, review of photos and review of existing reports. The process involved identification of facilities the County should retain and renovate and those facilities that either are too expensive, too difficult or too inefficient to renovate and serve future needs. The location, number, size and condition of work environments and public facilities were defined. Opportunities for physical improvements took into consideration a wide range of planning factors.

Mendocino County provides services to the public including infrastructure management, social services including temporary assistance, benefits and building permits. The County government provides these services with the assistance of over 1.200 staff members and from more than 71 owned and 47 leased facilities. The majority of County services are located centrally to the County population in the City of Ukiah. Limited services are



provided in various smaller communities with secondary hubs in Fort Bragg and Willits. Mendocino County serves more than 91,600 residents throughout the County's 3,878 square miles of area.

Facilities owned by the County are generally in poor condition. County facilities are at various levels of deterioration largely due to general deferred maintenance as well as Mendocino County's hard environmental conditions. The leased County service facilities also require significant improvements. The dispersion of County employees is not ideal with many instances of a lack of efficient work spaces. The County continues to invest in a wide range of projects to provide ADA compliant facilities and services at various locations.

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The Facility Needs Assessment is comprised of three main components:

- 1. Facilities Strategic Plan
- 2. Facility Condition Assessments
- 3. Space Needs Assessments

FACILITIES STRATEGIC PLAN

Illustrated throughout this document are Mendocino County's facility needs and recommended implementation action to be undertaken over the next 15 years. The proposed projects presented as solutions provide a future for Mendocino County that is aligned with current government operations and obligations for physical changes to better serve public needs.

The Strategic Plan combines the findings of the Condition Assessments and the Space needs Assessments into one document separated into three phases of facilities that will require action in the next 15 years.

The summary serves to inform community members of the benefits that expenditure on these much-needed capital projects would bring to Mendocino County. The Facilities Strategic Plan works to address County goals and objectives for facility investments and future improvements. Assessments of current working conditions and needs of various County departments were complied. The facility condition assessments provide documentation of significant need to improve conditions at most County facilities. Now is the right time to make these physical improvements to Mendocino County's infrastructure. The condition of County facilities will continue to deteriorate and while existing facilities may be able to serve the County for the next five to ten years, eventually new construction will be required.

FACILITY CONDITION ASSESSMENTS

The facility condition assessment process involved analysis of all County owned and leased spaces. The assessment team visited each facility and observed the physical condition of building elements including site exterior envelope, roofing, structure, interior elements and mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems. County facilities staff accompanied the assessment team on most visits and provided further historical and condition information about specific aspects or issues including those that could not be physically observed by the project team. No destruction of finishes took place during assessments. Two-page assessment reports for each of the facilities were prepared. A rating system was used to outline conditions of each building element on a 5-point

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scale, with "1" given to a component in critical condition and a "5" given to a component in excellent condition or newly installed. Each assessment report includes a building description supplying general building information such as year built (if available) and square footage. A condition checklist outlining the ratings of assessed elements is included along with a summary of findings and a summary of recommendations. A selection of photos taken during the assessment process makes up the remainder of each assessment report. Below is an example Report for Building 26, Admin West.



Five Key components of Deferred maintenance reviewed:

- ADA Compliance General review of accessibility for each facility. A
 comprehensive County-wide review of ADA compliance should be undertaken
 and a Transition / Barrier removal plan should be implemented.
- **2. Electrical Systems** The assessment team reviewed the type of electrical panels to prioritize the replacement of dangerous and obsolete equipment
- **3. Mechanical Systems** The assessment team reviewed the type and approximated ages of mechanical systems at each facility.
- 4. Roofing Systems The type approximate age of roofing systems was recorded. Additional information was collected from Facilities on how often certain roofs require repairs.
- Exterior / Weatherization Systems The overall exterior systems conditions were reviewed.



SPACE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

An analysis of the space needs for each department was performed to gain an understanding of what is necessary for each department to provide services efficiently. The space needs assessment compares the space needed for each department and the actual area occupied. Information was gathered with the assistance of staff from each department using the following methods:

- Space Requirement Surveys Three types of surveys were completed by a representative from each department: general information, Workstation survey (for each type of staff work space needed) and a Support Area Survey.
- **2. Staff Interviews** Upon completion of the Space Requirement Survey, a staff representative from each department was interviewed to go through the information provided in the surveys and discuss future needs of the department.
- **3.** Tours of existing facilities After the staff interviews the space needs assessment team toured the existing facilities with a staff representative.

The result of the space needs assessment efforts is an Architectural Space Program. This document defines the spaces necessary for each department to function properly and adds grossing factors to determine the amount of gross building area should be needed for each department. This area is compared to the actual amount of area occupied as a measure of how efficiently each department is organized at their current facilities.

