



## SOUTH SHERMAN FIRE & RESCUE

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April 24, 2013

Mr. Bill Martin

Sherman School District Facilities Committee

School Loop Road

Moro, OR 97039

RE: Possible abandonment of Sherman Elementary School

Mr. Martin:

It had previously come to the attention of South Sherman Fire, City of Grass Valley and Sherman County, that the School District was strongly entertaining the idea of building a one-site facility at Moro for all grade levels and therefore, leaving the school building currently being used in Grass Valley vacant. On December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 a multiple agency meeting including , South Sherman Fire, chief and board members; City of Grass Valley Administrator, Mayor and council member; architect and structural engineer to examine possible adjustments to building for use; Chairman of the Board for Sherman School District; Judge Thompson, Sherman County; principal for Sherman Elementary; Grant writer and possible funder from PARC. We met at the school facility, toured the entire building and had a think tank of possibilities for the site.

South Sherman Fire and Rescue and City of Grass Valley have been trying some kind of collaboration of a mutual use facility for some time; it seemed prudent for us to look into the possible use of an already standing, pretty much state of the art facility, the school building; when we learned that you were needing to present the community with an alternative use, or leave a perfectly good building standing empty.

We would like to continue to pursue that possibility as a group. We have continued to keep all of our options open; but we must make a move at some point to continue our pursuit of a facility. We are asking the school facilities committee if they are, indeed, interested in being part of a collaborative effort to do something positive for our community, knowing that the movement of the school facility will have a big impact on this community.

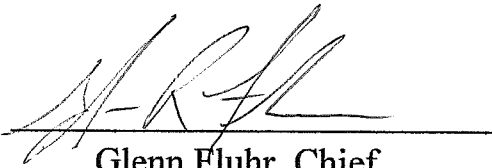
South Sherman Fire and City of Grass Valley have had positive feedback so far, as to the idea of a group effort continuing to utilize a building already built with tax dollars.

Some ideas that have been approached with positive feedback within the community and from outside agencies:

- \* Fire and Rescue building;
- \* City Hall with meeting space for ALL agencies;
- \* Dormitories as part of the Fire and Rescue building that can be rented out with classrooms for driving schools and training facilities for other state/local agencies;
- \* Senior meals being provided through the state of the art kitchen;
- \* Possible food services, deli, etc

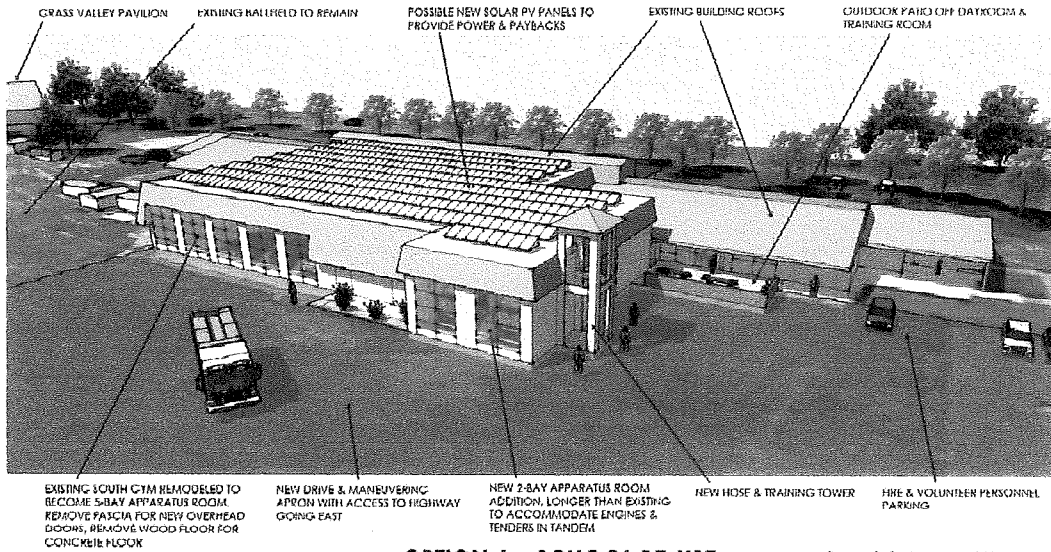
- \* Meeting/conference space
- \* Incubators for possible new businesses

We hope you are also excited about the possible uses for the building. If you are not interested, we would also like to know that as well, so that we can put all of our effort into our other options.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Fluhr', is written over a horizontal line.

Glenn Fluhr, Chief  
South Sherman Fire & Rescue

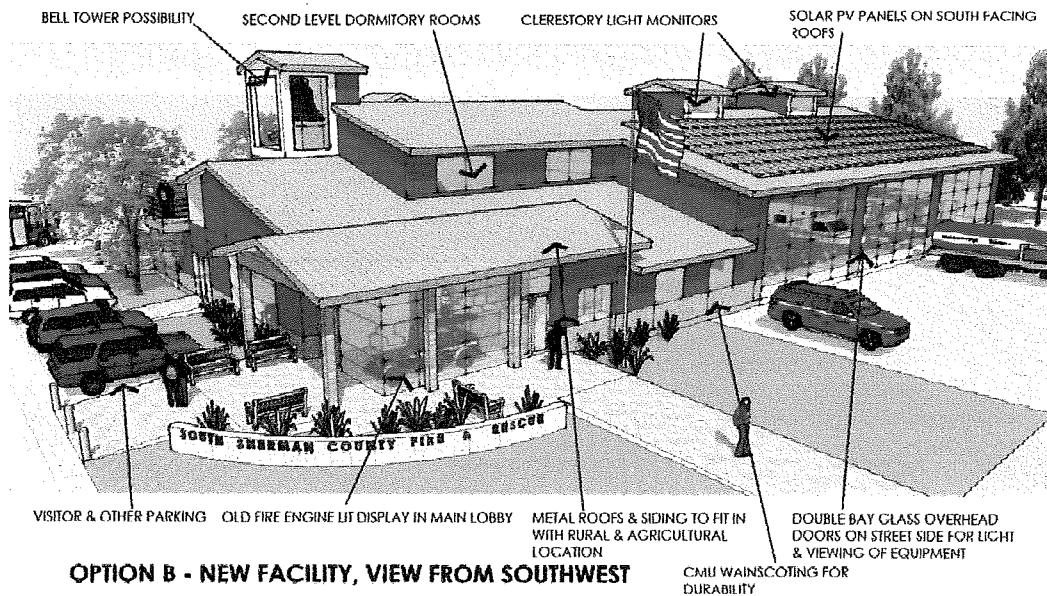
politically strategic move as the school building is one of the newest buildings in the County and the citizens want to see it put to good use.



**OPTION A - SCHOOL RE-USE, VIEW FROM SOUTHEAST**

## SOUTH SHERMAN FIRE & RESCUE FACILITY STUDY

SOUTH SHERMAN COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT SEDER ARCHITECTURE + URBAN DESIGN 10-19-12



**OPTION B - NEW FACILITY, VIEW FROM SOUTHWEST**

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