

**MEMORANDUM  
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES  
COUNTY OF PLACER**

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: **APRIL 24, 2012**

From:  **JAMES DURFEE / MARK RIDEOUT** 

Subject: **HIDDEN FALLS REGIONAL PARK TRAIL CONSTRUCTION,  
PROJECT NO. 4717C**

**ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the Plans and Specifications and authorize staff to solicit bids for the Hidden Falls Regional Park Trail Construction Project, with an estimate of probable construction cost of \$190,000.

**BACKGROUND:** Hidden Falls Regional Park is an open space preserve and passive park located between Auburn and Lincoln that will ultimately provide 1,200 acres of public passive recreation. In 2006, the easterly 221 acres opened to the public with 7 miles of multiple use trails, a staging area, restrooms, a waterfall overlook, and an emergency access bridge. Design is complete and funding is available to expand public access to the remaining 979 acres. This development phase includes approximately 20 miles of trails (13 miles new and 7 miles rehabilitated ranch roads), bridges, a waterfall overlook, interpretive signage, riparian enhancements, and picnic facilities.

Staff has now completed the plans and specifications for the 13 miles of new trail, and flagged the trail alignments on site. To reduce project costs, the County hired California Department of Forestry supervised State inmate crews to clear the majority of vegetation from the trail corridor. The proposed unit-cost trail construction contract will retain a contractor who is able to perform the specialized excavation and finish grading for the trail network. This work also includes the construction of native rock fords and culvert crossings where seasonal streams cross trail alignments. Specific funding for this trail construction contract is provided by grants from the California Natural Resources Agency, River Parkway Program, which has a performance period ending in May 2013.

In order to proceed with the Hidden Falls Regional Park Trail Construction Project No. 4717C, it is recommended that your Board approve the plans and specifications and authorize the solicitation of bids.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE:** Environmental review for the development of Hidden Falls Regional Park has been completed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act. A Final Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2007062084) was certified by the Planning Commission with the approval of Conditional Use Permit PCPA 20090391 on January 28, 2010.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The total estimated cost of this construction contract, including contingency, is estimated at \$190,000. There are sufficient funds within the Hidden Falls Regional Park Capital Project Account, No. 04717, to cover the estimated cost. Funding for this trail construction contract is fully provided by the River Parkway Grant Program. Therefore, this request would have no impact on the County General Fund.

AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES: BID DOCUMENTS

JD:MR:JR:DB

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