

**BOARD TRANSMITTAL
MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: MICHAEL J. JOHNSON, AICP
Director of Planning

SUBJECT: California River Parkways Grant Program
Hidden Falls Regional Park Development Application

DATE: October 10, 2006

SUMMARY: The Planning Department is seeking authorization from the Board to submit a California River Parkway Grant Program application in the amount of \$1,968,830 to the California Resources Agency to assist with the development of the 960 acre regional park on the Spears Ranch in the Garden Bar area. The River Parkway Grant Program funded under Proposition 50 provides funds for recreational trails, habitat restoration, conservation, and flood management projects.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no match requirement, although the County's application will identify \$1 million in park improvement funds that have already been allocated by the Board in the Open Space Trust Fund as a match. Total park development costs have been estimated by the Parks and Facility Services Departments at \$5,117,461.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Planning Department recommends that the Board of Supervisors take the following action:

1. Approve the attached resolution authorizing the Director of Planning to sign the grant application for a California River Parkways grant for monies to be dedicated to the Spears Ranch park site.

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BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS: The River Parkway Grant Program funded under Proposition 50 provides funds for recreational trails, habitat restoration, conservation, and flood management projects. The County's application will seek funding for the construction of recreational trails, development of trailside and trailhead facilities, trails linkages and bridges, directional and educational signage, and other park elements. The Department has coordinated with the County Executive Office and Facility Services/Parks on this proposed application. Discussions between County consultant Doug Houston and staff determined that the items below were deemed grant-eligible and will be included in the application. Costs were provided by the Parks Department.

Item	Request
CEQA Document	\$100,000
Design	\$300,000
Trails	\$383,750
Picnic Area/Shelter	\$87,000
Pond Boardwalk	\$50,000
Rest Stops	\$85,000
Restroom	\$75,000
Fountain	\$5,150
Signage	\$60,000
Fencing/Gates	\$72,930
Bridges (3)	\$450,000
Fuels Management	\$200,000
Water Management	\$100,000
Total:	\$1,968,830

The park site is adjacent to the 236-acre Didion Ranch property that is currently under development into a regional park. The two park sites will be connected.

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ACTION REQUESTED: The Planning Department recommends that the Board of Supervisors take the following action:

1. Approve the attached resolution authorizing the Director of Planning to sign the grant application for a California River Parkways grant for monies to be dedicated to the Spears Ranch park site.

Respectfully submitted,



MICHAEL J. JOHNSON, AICP
Director of Planning

Exhibits: Authorizing Resolution

cc: Mary Herdegen, County Executive's Office

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**Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Placer, State of California**

In the matter of:

Resol. No: _____

**APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR
THE CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM UNDER
THE WATER SECURITY, CLEAN DRINKING WATER, COASTAL
AND BEACH PROTECTION ACT OF 2002 (Proposition 50)**

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____, by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Bill Santucci
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:
Clerk of said Board

Ann Holman

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided Funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the Resources Agency has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicants governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the Project

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ATTACHMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Placer County Board of Supervisors:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Hidden Falls Regional Park Development Project,
2. Certifies that Applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application, and
3. Certifies that Applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project(s) consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so, and
4. Certifies that it will comply with the provisions of Section 1771.8 of the State Labor Code regarding payment of prevailing wages on Projects awarded Proposition 50 Funds, and
5. If applicable, certifies that the Project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained, and
6. Appoints the (designate position, not person occupying position) Planning Director, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project(s).

