

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

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** Date: **SEPTEMBER 26, 2006**
From: **JAMES DURFEE/ALBERT RICHIE**
Subject: **HIDDEN FALLS REGIONAL PARK ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

ACTION REQUESTED/RECOMMENDATION: Approve an Agreement with EDAW, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$350,000 for planning, environmental review and permitting services at Hidden Falls Regional Park, located on Mears Road; and authorize the Director of Facility Services to execute the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: Hidden Falls Regional Park consists of two ranch properties comprising approximately 1200 acres including the 221-acre Didion Ranch and 981-acre Spears Ranch. Both properties were acquired under the Placer Legacy Open Space and Agricultural Conservation Program. The Didion Ranch portion of the Park is expected to open to the public in fall 2006 following completion of trail, access and parking improvements currently under construction. The Agreement before your Board today will provide planning, environmental review, and permitting for the development and operation of the remainder of the Hidden Falls Regional Park.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued to four firms on the list of qualified Environmental Consultants issued under Request for Qualifications 9369. Staff received two responses to this RFP that were evaluated by a three person panel and is now recommending EDAW, Inc. be awarded a contract. The proposed Agreement and scope of work are on file with the Clerk of the Board. In order to proceed, your Board's approval is recommended.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE: A Negative Declaration was approved on November 11, 2003 (EIAQ 3713), and a Minor Use Permit (MUP) was approved on October 13, 2005 for development and operation of the 221-acre Didion Ranch portion of the Regional Park that is currently under construction. This Professional Services Agreement is intended to provide environmental review for development and operation of the remainder of the Regional Park in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Approval of this Agreement is categorically exempt from review pursuant to Section 15306 of the CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT: Sufficient funds are available in the Hidden Falls Regional Park project budget to cover the cost of this Professional Services Agreement.

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AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT CLERK OF THE BOARD'S OFFICE: AGREEMENT WITH EDAW, Inc.

cc: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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