

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

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: APRIL 4, 2006

FROM: JAMES DURFEE / ALBERT RICHERT 

SUBJECT: APPROVE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE DIDION RANCH  
STAGING AREA AND BRIDGE, PROJECT NO. 4717B

**ACTION REQUESTED/RECOMMENDATION:** Approve plans and specifications and authorize staff to solicit bids for the Didion Ranch Staging and Bridge, Project No. 4717B.

**BACKGROUND:** Didion Ranch is a 220-acre open space park that was acquired under the Placer Legacy Open Space and Agricultural Conservation Program (Placer Legacy) in December 2004. The approved Minor Use Permit calls for construction of approximately 7 miles of natural surface trails with a staging area, restrooms and an emergency access bridge over Deadman Creek. It is anticipated the trails will connect to the adjoining 980-acre Spears Ranch property that is currently under environmental review for expanded development of the open space park.

Construction of the trail network on the Didion property was completed in fall 2005. The plans and specifications before your Board today will provide for construction of a paved access road, 50-space paved parking lot, equestrian staging area, 60-foot emergency access bridge, utility system and associated amenities. A two-stall permanent restroom facility is included as an additive alternate contingent on available funding. Completion of these items is required before the park can be opened for public use. Staff recommends that your Board approve the plans and specifications and authorize the solicitation of bids.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE:** A Negative Declaration was approved for the Regional Park project on November 11, 2003 (EIAQ 3713), and the Planning Commission approved a revised Minor Use Permit on October 13, 2005. All work to be performed under this contract is consistent with the Negative Declaration and MUP.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The Engineer's Estimate for construction of base bid items is \$916,000. There is currently \$957,815 of available identified funding including \$777,341 currently in the Capital Projects Fund and \$180,474 of Park Dedication Fees. Once actual bids are received, staff will return to your Board with recommendations for contract awards and final project budgets.

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