

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

TO: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE: **JUNE 13, 2006**

FROM: *MD for* **JAMES DURFEE / ALBERT RICHIE**

SUBJECT: **USE AGREEMENT WITH THE OPHIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

ACTION REQUESTED/RECOMMENDATION: Approve the use of Park Dedication Fees in the amount of \$65,000 to renovate the playground area at the Ophir Elementary School, and authorize the Chairman to execute the Use Agreement.

BACKGROUND: The Ophir Elementary School District is requesting County Park Dedication Fees to help pay for the costs to grade an area to locate playground equipment, to purchase and install the new playground equipment, and for the placement of bark and construction of a new walkway. The project will encompass two play areas for primary ages (5-8) as well as intermediate ages (8-13).

The total cost estimate for this project is \$95,000. In addition to the \$65,000 being requested from the County, the School District will provide project management services valued at \$4,000 and the Ophir community will contribute a total of \$26,000.

When Park Dedication Funds are utilized for a project, the County requires the requesting agency to enter in to a Use Agreement. This Use Agreement will insure the School District's responsibility for keeping the recreational facilities open and available to the general public after school hours. The Agreement also requires that the School District will be responsible for maintaining the renovated recreational facilities to an attractive and safe standard, will provide insurance, will pay for utilities, and be responsible for covering project related costs such as permits, surveying, design changes and overruns.

On March 16, 2006, the Newcastle/Ophir Municipal Advisory Council recommended approval of this request to replace the playground area at Ophir Elementary School and on May 9, 2006, the Placer County Parks Commission also recommended approval. A copy of the Use Agreement is available for review at the Clerk of the Board's Office.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE: This project is Categorically Exempt from CEQA pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Existing Facilities, which provides for the repair or minor alteration of existing public structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is currently \$118,095 of Park Dedication Fees available in Recreation Area #15, Ophir-Newcastle Area. Approval of this request will have no impact upon the County General Fund.

AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE CLERK OF THE BOARD'S: USE AGREEMENT – OPHIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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cc: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE
FACILITY SERVICES ACCOUNTING DIVISION

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