

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

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2006

FROM:  JAMES DURFEE / ALBERT RICHIE 

SUBJECT: USE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF COLFAX FOR RESTROOMS AT DOWNTOWN PARK

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION: Approve the use of County Park Dedication Fees in the amount of \$75,000 from Recreation Area #3, Colfax Area, for restrooms at Colfax's Downtown Park and authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement on behalf of your Board.

BACKGROUND: The City of Colfax is requesting County Park Dedication Fees to help pay for the cost to purchase and install a 242 square foot public restroom in Downtown Park. Downtown Park is located at the intersection of Main Street and Grass Valley Street in the center of the city. Currently, there is no restroom for the public at Downtown Park, so park visitors have to try to find a restroom they will be allowed to use in one of the nearby private businesses.

Downtown Park includes the historic Downtown Passenger Depot, Roy Toms Plaza, and a large passive area with gardens and grass. The Depot building contains a Museum and a Visitor's Center. Roy Toms Plaza features a new Gazebo, passive seating areas and a display of railroad equipment.

The cost estimate for this project is \$83,800. The City will be responsible for the \$5,800 connection fee and a local contractor has already brought the utilities to the restroom site at no cost to the project (at a value of \$3,000), leaving the balance of this request for Park Dedication Fees at \$75,000.

On April 19, 2006 the Weimar/Applegate/Colfax MAC recommended approval of this funding request and on June 27, 2006 the Placer County Parks Commission also recommended approval.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE: The new restrooms qualify for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA, under Sections 21080 (b) and 15332 because they are a part of an in-fill project within urbanized city limits that does not significantly affect wildlife resources.

FISCAL IMPACT: The available balance of County Park Dedication Fees in Recreation Area #3 is \$223,940, therefore, if this request were approved, there would be no impact upon the County General Fund.

AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OFFICE: USE AGREEMENT

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cc: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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