

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

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: **JULY 25, 2006**

From: *JD* **JAMES DURFEE / MARY DIETRICH** *MD*

Subject: **LEASE AGREEMENT – MINING MUSEUM BUILDING AT THE GOLD COUNTRY FAIRGROUNDS**

ACTION REQUESTED/RECOMMENDATION: Approve a Lease Agreement between the County of Placer and the Twentieth District Agricultural Association, for the Mining Museum Building at the Gold Country Fairgrounds, in Auburn; and authorize the Chairman to execute this Lease on behalf of your Board.

BACKGROUND: Since 1977, Placer County has maintained an agreement with the Twentieth District Agricultural Association (Landlord) to lease the Mining Museum Building at the Gold Country Fairgrounds in Auburn. During these 29 years, the Museums Division has developed this 2,988 square foot facility into a popular museum depicting mining and other gold-country related themes. The Landlord continues to effectively maintain this facility and has made a number of improvements including replacement of the roof, installation of a new evaporative cooling system, and heater. Those improvements, coupled with the Division's on-going changes to the exhibits have helped to maintain this Museum as a long-standing favorite with the public.

Given the popularity of this facility, the Museums Division requested the negotiation of a new lease agreement to permit their continued occupancy. In response, Property Management re-negotiated the lease with the Landlord and secured a two-year term that provides for occupancy through June 30, 2008. The provisions contained in this lease are the same as in previous agreements, and the Landlord has agreed to maintain the current rent at \$1,210 per month (in effect since January 2005). To continue occupancy of this facility, your Board must authorize the Chairman to execute this Lease Agreement. A copy of the Lease Agreement is available for review at the Clerk of the Board's Office.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE: The lease of this facility is Categorically Exempt from review pursuant to Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act. This Section provides for activities, including leasing of existing facilities, when there is no expansion of use beyond that previously existing.

FISCAL IMPACT: The rent for this facility will remain at \$1,210 per month through June 2008. This cost has been included in the Museums Division's Fiscal Year 2006/2007 Budget.

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AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE CLERK OF THE BOARD'S OFFICE: GOLD COUNTRY MUSEUM LEASE AGREEMENT

cc: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE
MUSEUMS DIVISION

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