

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

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: **SEPTEMBER 9, 2008**

From: ^{MD} **JAMES DURFEE / ALBERT RICHIE**

Subject: **NORTH FORK AMERICAN RIVER TRAIL, PROJECT NO. 4753**
CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS AGREEMENT

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION: Approve a Blanket Purchase Order Agreement with the California Conservation Corps (CCC) in an amount not to exceed \$904,983.82 to provide trail construction activity related to the North Fork American River Trail; and, upon review by Risk Management and County Counsel, authorize the Purchasing Manager to execute the Blanket Purchase Order Agreement (BPO).

BACKGROUND: On August 26, 2008, your Board adopted an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the North Fork American River Trail Project (Project). The Project is a multi-use trail within the Auburn State Recreation Area (ASRA) beginning near the confluence of the North and Middle Forks of the American River with a 14.2 mile alignment along the south side of the North Fork American River Canyon to the Ponderosa Crossing near Weimar.

The CCC has specialized experience constructing natural surface trails, and has made a significant contribution to the County's trail development program over the past ten years including clearing, hand shaping, rock walls, boardwalk, and kiosk construction on various trail sections throughout the County including Hidden Falls Regional Park.

Work performed by the CCC under this BPO will include vegetation removal, switchback construction, timber bridges, rock wall construction, finish grading, interpretive kiosks, and other amenities in accordance with the North Fork American River Trail Plan approved by your Board on August 26, 2008. The work items included in this BPO correlate to various items funded by the Proposition 40 grant, which is a major funding source for this Project. Additionally, as part of this BPO, the Corps members will be required to comply with the terms of the Mitigation and Monitoring Reporting Plan and other provisions contained in the Project's Environmental Impact Report and federal environmental documentation. The Project is expected to take approximately three years to complete.

The CCC is a Department of the State of California Resources Agency intended to provide work training for young adults. As such, contracting with the CCC is exempt from the bidding requirements of the Public Contract Code. This not-to-exceed BPO also allows the County to utilize other options, such as volunteer labor or inmate crews, as they become available to construct portions of the project and reduce costs. In addition, the CCC is exploring opportunities to secure matching labor cost contributions to further reduce costs to the County.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: On August 26, 2008, your Board adopted Resolution No. 2008-254 certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report and adopting the corresponding Findings of Fact for the North Fork American River Trail Project. The work associated with this Project is consistent with the Final EIR.

Since the proposed trail is to be constructed primarily on federally owned land, the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) has taken the role as lead agency for review under National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) guidelines. The Bureau is currently preparing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Project. No construction activities will begin until NEPA clearance has been received from the Bureau.

FISCAL IMPACT: The total anticipated project cost, including planning and design costs expended to date, construction costs, and the costs to implement mitigation measures defined in the Final EIR, is expected to be just over \$2,000,000. The current funding for this project includes \$1,500,000 in committed Proposition 40 grant funds, \$400,000 in County General Fund dollars from trail funds previously appropriated in the Parks and Grounds budget specifically allocated for expansion of trails in the County, and \$100,000 from Recreation Area #5 (Auburn/Meadow Vista Area) Park Dedication Fees. This particular BPO will be funded entirely by the Proposition 40 Grant.

Ongoing maintenance of the trail will have a small General Fund cost component that is expected to be between \$8,000 to \$10,000 annually. However, it is staff's intent to rely heavily on organized volunteer groups and utilize resources such as inmate labor, contract agreements with the Washington Ridge Conservation Camp and contracts with the California Conservation Corp to perform maintenance work when it is advantageous to the County to do so.

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