

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

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: **DECEMBER 9, 2008**

From:  **JAMES DURFEE / ALBERT RICHIE** 

Subject: **HIDDEN FALLS REGIONAL PARK – EDAW, INC. AMENDMENT NO. 1**

**ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director of Facility Services to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with EDAW, Inc. for the Hidden Falls Regional Park (HFRP) after review and approval of Risk Management and County Counsel. This Amendment will increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$120,150 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$470,150 for enhanced resource studies throughout the HFRP site and proposed access routes to support the breadth of development identified in the refined project description; and additional environmental studies to support the possible trail connectivity to adjacent parcels.

**BACKGROUND:** Hidden Falls Regional Park is a 1,181-acre site located between Auburn and Lincoln with public access and parking available off Mears Place via Mount Vernon Road. In October 2006, the easterly 221-acre portion of the park was opened to the public for hiking, bike riding, horseback riding and other passive recreational pursuits in accordance with a Minor Use Permit. Currently, development of the remaining westerly 961-acre portion of the property is being studied and planned. As part of this process, on September 26, 2006, your Board approved an Agreement with EDAW, Inc. for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to support expansion of public access and amenities. Consideration of the Final EIR expected in early 2009.

Subsequent to your Board's approval of the Agreement with EDAW, Inc., a number of the early task items were required to be expanded pursuant to provisions in the Agreement to provide enhanced resource studies throughout the site and proposed access routes to support the breadth of development as the project description was refined during the public planning process. These items included wetland delineation and rare plant sensitive species surveys to include the entire property versus only anticipated trail corridors. This allows the County additional flexibility in designing and planning future improvements to the site. On February 27, 2007, pursuant to provisions within the Agreement, written authorization from the Director of Facility Services approved a modification to Agreement to accommodate these changes. This allowed the required studies to move forward without unnecessary delays.

In addition, on March 13, 2008, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) awarded a Grant to Placer County to provide funding to study trail connectivity options between Hidden Falls Regional Park and the Placer Land Trust preserves approximately ¼ mile removed to the east.

Approval of this Amendment is recommended to provide the environmental studies in support of the trail connectivity project including biological and cultural reconnaissance for the connectivity study that is consistent with and related to the studies being performed by EDAW as a part of this Agreement. This amendment will also serve to backfill the required task items that were previously redirected to meet the required provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), thus allowing for the completion of the EIR and required permitting. A copy of the Agreement and Amendment No. 1 are available at the Clerk of the Board's office.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE:** This Amendment is categorically exempt from the provisions of the CEQA pursuant to Section 15306 of the CEQA Guidelines which allows for data collection for studies leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved or adopted.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Approval of this Amendment will provide for an increase in the Agreement with EDAW, Inc. of \$120,150 for a total not-to-exceed \$470,150. This project has a current unencumbered balance of \$1,963,070. Approval of this amendment will have no additional impact on the General Fund.

AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

CONTRACT NO. CN028053 WITH EDAW INC.  
MODIFICATION LETTER  
AMENDMENT NO. 1

ATTACHMENT: RESOLUTION

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# Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
THE DIRECTOR OF FACILITY SERVICES TO EXECUTE  
AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT NO. CN028053  
WITH EDAW, INC. FOR UPGRADED STUDIES FOR THE  
EIR, PREPARATION OF THE FEIR, AND PREPARATION  
OF THE CULTURAL STUDY FOR THE CONNECTIVITY STUDY.

Resolution \_\_\_\_\_

The following **RESOLUTION** was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held \_\_\_\_\_, by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

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Clerk of said Board

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**WHEREAS**, Hidden Falls Regional Park is an 1,181-acre Open Space Park located between Auburn and Lincoln; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 29, 2006, the County of Placer Board of Supervisors approved Agreement No. CN028053 with EDAW Inc. to prepare an Environmental Impact Report and obtain applicable environmental permits for the Hidden Falls Regional Park Project; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 27, 2007, pursuant to provisions within said Agreement, written authorization from the Director of Facility Services approved a modification to Agreement No. CN028053 with EDAW, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, additional enhanced studies were necessary and required in order to properly consider Garden Bar Road access and resources throughout the site in the preparation of the EIR and to support the connectivity study to adjacent parcels.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County of Placer Board of Supervisors that the Director of the County of Placer Department of Facility Services is hereby authorized to execute Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. CN028053 for additional services in an amount not-to-exceed \$120,150 for a total contract not-to-exceed amount of \$470,150.

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