RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: The recommended amendment to the original EDAW contract for services is needed to complete work on the final EIR for the Seventh Day Adventists’ (SDA) application for their recreational camp on Forest Drive in Wawona. The scope of the original proposal has changed significantly, and the consultant will have to make substantive revisions to the draft EIR and in his response to comments in order to accurately document and justify the current project design (the “No Land Exchange” alternative). The amendment will increase EDAW’s total compensation by $17,000, from $206,065 to $223,065. Costs for the Camp Wawona EIR are paid by the applicant (SDA); there is no additional cost to Mariposa County from the amended contract.

There are sufficient funds in the Camp Wawona EIR account to pay for the increased cost of preparing the final EIR. The Central California Conference of the SDA has also indicated their support for the EDAW contract amendment, in order to continue moving forward with the Camp Wawona final approvals.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS: The original Contract for Personal Services between Mariposa County and EDAW was signed on November 12, 2002. (Camp Wawona has been operated as a recreational facility by the SDA for 75 years. Planning design for the phased redevelopment and the recognition of Camp Wawona as a conforming land use actually began in 1991 and has been a long and convoluted process involving the SDA, multiple Park Superintendents, Wawona residents, Merced River participants, and Mariposa County representatives.) The November 2002 EIR contract identified a land exchange with the National Park Service as a basis for the project design. This land exchange is no longer part of the application; the revised EIR will reflect the No Land Exchange alternative as the framework for the current project design.

Planning staff recently began the development review process for the revised Camp Wawona master plan, conditional use permit, Specific Plan amendment and EIR, which involve the coordination and review by a number of commenting agencies. Public hearings in the Wawona community to complete the review of the Camp Wawona applications have been tentatively scheduled for March of 2006. Completion of the final EIR by EDAW is a critical step in the project’s subsequent processing and scheduling.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION: Delaying or not approving the requested contract amendment with EDAW poses a risk to the timely scheduling and completion of the Camp Wawona project.
Financial Impact? (x) Yes ( ) No  Current FY Cost: $17,000  Annual Recurring Cost: $0
Budgeted In Current FY? (x) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $61,563.
Additional Funding Needed: $

Source:
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue
Transfer Between Funds
Contingency
( ) General ( ) Other

4/5's vote
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1. Amendment to Contract for Services for Camp Wawona and attached letter from Steve Heipel, EDAW Project Manager, dated November 14, 2005, explaining the revised EIR scope of work
2. Personal Services Agreement, dated November 12, 2002, for preparation of the SDA Camp Wawona EIR

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Res. No.: 05-587  Ord. No. _____
Vote - Ayes: 5  Noes: _____
Absent: _____
Approved ( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date: ________________
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: _____________________________
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
☑ Requested Action Recommended
____ No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: ____________________________

Revised Dec. 2002