

**RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

DATE: January 17, 2008

TO: General Manager

FROM: Assistant General Manager

SUBJECT: Approval of Award of Contract for the R.P. Strathearn Historical Park & Museum Pitting Shed Restoration and Historic Preservation Project

The District's approved *FY 2007-08 Planning & Development Project Priorities* includes the retrofit and restoration of the historic Currier Apricot Pitting Shed at Strathearn Historical Park and Museum. The Currier Apricot Pitting Shed was relocated to Strathearn Park in 1999 when threatened with demolition. The structure, built in 1930, was an integral part of the Currier Farm established on Royal Avenue in 1929. The Currier Farm continued until the early 1990's. Once restored, the shed will be used to house historical farm instruments.

At its meeting of **November 1, 2007**, the Board of Directors authorized the solicitation of bids for the project. Accordingly, a Notice Inviting Bids was published in the *Ventura County Star* on **November 11, 2007**. Eight contractors requested bids for the project.

On **December 11, 2007**, sealed, written bids were received from the following contractors:

Bidder	Bid Amount
Ardalan Construction (Thousand Oaks)	\$144,500
Axxis (Woodland Hills)	\$168,950
IPI Corporation (Van Nuys)	\$169,788

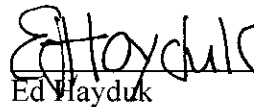
The low bid from Ardalan Construction is **\$44,500** over the budget for the project. District staff is recommending that the bid be awarded contingent upon an additional contribution from the Simi Valley Historical Society. On **January 7, 2008**, bid results were reviewed with the Joint Park District/Historical Society Committee. At this meeting, Society President Karla Hubbell informed the Committee that she would be recommending to the Society's Board an additional contribution of **\$12,500** toward the project. Staff stated that the remaining funds would come

from the District's PDF Interest Account (presently has \$194,391 of unallocated funds). The Committee then formally voted to recommend that the District award the contract to the low bidder, Ardalan Construction. On **January 10, 2008**, the Historical Society's Board voted to allocate an additional **\$12,500** toward completion of the project.

Fiscal Impact: Total cost of the project is now estimated to be **\$150,000**, including **\$5,500** for contingency (3.7%). Funding will come from the Historical Society (**\$37,500**), City of Simi Valley CDBG Program (**\$24,000**) and District (**\$88,500**). A budget adjustment allocating an additional **\$37,500** of unallocated funds from the PDF Interest Account will be presented to the District's Board of Directors on **February 7, 2008**.

Board Action Requested:

1. Award a contract to Ardalan Construction in the amount of **\$144,500** for the R.P. Strathearn Historical Park & Museum Pitting Shed Restoration and Historic Preservation Project.
2. Authorize the General Manager to execute an Agreement with the awarded firm on behalf of the District and to amend the Agreement for project contingencies in an amount not to exceed **3.7%** of the contract award or **\$5,500**, if and when the need arises for extra work or modifications to the project. The total allocation for the project is therefore **\$150,000**.



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