

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

DATE: November 1, 2007

TO: General Manager

FROM: Assistant General Manager

SUBJECT: Authorization to Solicit bids for the Robert 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 historical Currier Apricot Pitting Shed at Strathearn Historical Park and Museum. District staff is recommending that the Board of Directors authorize the solicitation of bids for the project.


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.

This past spring the District and Society were awarded \$24,000 of CDBG funds from the City of Simi Valley toward the retrofit. The Society has pledged \$25,000, and the District's FY 2007-08 Annual Budget includes an allocation of \$51,000 for the project (total \$100,000). Construction plans for the project are complete and have been approved by the City of Simi Valley's Building Division.

Fiscal Impact: As stated above, \$100,000 has been allocated for completion of the project from the sources identified. Additionally, the Simi Valley Historical Society provided the initial \$16,000 to relocate the structure to Strathearn Park as well as \$2,400 toward the services of the project's structural engineer. In addition, the District has spent \$3,661 on structural design and permitting to date.

Board Action Requested:

That the Board authorize the Solicitation of Bids for the Robert P. Strathearn Historical Park & Museum Pitting Shed Restoration and Historic Preservation Project


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