

December 5, 2006

Board of Directors
Marin County Open Space District
Marin County Civic Center
San Rafael, California 94903

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FROM THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE DIRECTOR TO AUTHORIZE
PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH CIRCUIT RIDER PRODUCTIONS,
INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,000 FOR PHASE 2 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
SANTA VENETIA MARSH HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize President to execute the agreement.

SUMMARY: The Board's approval of the attached agreement would permit implementation of Phase 2 of the Santa Venetia Marsh Habitat Enhancement Project. This phase involves installing native plants along the outer levee at Santa Venetia Marsh Open Space Preserve. The new plantings are intended to improve habitat for the endangered salt marsh harvest mouse and the California clapper rail, two inhabitants of the marsh, as well as other marsh-dependent wildlife. Pursuant to the agreement, the District would engage the services of Circuit Rider Productions, Inc. over the next two years. Implementation of Phase 2 of the Santa Venetia Marsh Habitat Enhancement Project is consistent with the Department of Parks and Open Space's FY 06-07 Performance Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding is available in the Open Space District's current year budget.

REVIEWED BY:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Auditor-Controller	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

Respectfully Submitted,

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