El Dorado County Chief Administrative Office Interoffice Memorandum

DATE:

April 4, 2016

TO:

River Management Advisory Committee (RMAC)

FROM:

Vickie Sanders, Parks Manager

SUBJECT:

\$25,000 Budget Transfer

Environmental Stewardship and Planning and the County of El Dorado entered into a contract to produce a relined version of the current River Management Plan (RMP). That contract has been fulfilled and the relined version is out for public review which closes on April 15, 2016.

One of the recommendations and issues that came out of the relined version was that the county and other agencies should meet and discuss if there are opportunities and options for managing the South Fork of the American River. Bureau of Land Management, State Parks and the County all play a role in the management of this asset. The Board of Supervisors authorized staff to enter into discussion with these agencies on February 23, 2016 (Legistar #16-0032).

The RMAC has requested that the comment period be extended until May 10th, so that you can review, but not respond, to public comments as this will help you to develop RMAC's recommendations and comments.

As staff our job is to respond to the public and RMAC's comments. Responding may also mean making changes to the relined version based on the comments and recommendations along with the results of the conversations with the other agencies. I recommend a not to exceed contract with Dudek Environmental in the amount of \$25,000 on an hourly basis to assist staff with the response to comments and incorporating them into the document. The original author of the document will be instrumental in interpreting the comments and recommendation.

We have a rough outline of a contract but have not moved forward until the funding is secured. The tasks would be as follows:

- Dudek will work with County staff, the Bureau of Land Management, the California State Parks Department and other individuals and agencies, as directed by the Parks Division Manager to incorporate recommendations and options in accordance with the RMP.
- Dudek will assist with the response to public comments and incorporate recommendations and options from those comments as needed.
- Dudek will assist County staff with the development of options for the Board of Supervisors and assist in the presentation to the Board.