



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
Diablo Vista District
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Major General Anthony L. Jackson, USMC (Ret), Director

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Re: Recommendation

I am happy to recommend Larry Eifert. In my experience he was readily available, open to suggestion, keen on historic detail and knows the craft of communicating artistically by painting and illustration, that well-suits interpretive media.

I was Project Manager for a \$220,000 visitor center exhibit "face-lift" at Mount Diablo State Park. Though he'd done several projects in past years at the park, I specifically worked closely with Larry on a key element of the exhibit, a wall-sized mural that communicated the evolution of human history in the park. I found Larry's art was able to convey the unique environments of the mountain and capture the people in a historically accurate way. Larry cares about the details of the project and captures the nuances, for example of machinery and dress, that so important to telling the story.

The power of Larry's art taught me a valuable interpretive lesson too. An experienced and talented artist, Larry is able to craft the beauty and detail of a scene in a way that enlivens it with the human spirit. I found his gift brought vitality to the mural that grainy historic images, or lifeless stock photos never could. That type of vitality attracts and connects with our visitors to linger and learn about the park.

I have been fortunate to work with many talented individuals but working with Larry is particularly memorable for many reasons. He never delayed the project, did work on time and was accommodating with minor changes, you sincerely felt he wanted you to be happy with the result. He worked within budget and understood the challenges of working with funding restraints and schedules.

Because of these reasons, I am happy to recommend working with Larry Eifert.

Sincerely,

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