



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Planning &
Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: April 20, 2010
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: Yes
If Yes, date from: April 6, 2010
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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Director(s)
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SUBJECT: **Revision to the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) Guidelines**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors revise the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) Guidelines, Section 3.6, Fund Deferral Program to exempt the 2010 CREF fees from the Fund Deferral Program.

Summary Text: This item was continued from April 6 so that staff could draft specific language to amend the CREF Guidelines. Per the Board's direction, staff recommends the following textual amendment (shown in *bold italics*) to Section 3.6 of the CREF Guidelines:

“To provide adequate funding for acquisition projects, in April 1990 the Board directed that a program deferring 1/2 of each year's contributions to allow available funds to accrue shall be implemented. These deferred funds will be used at a point when the Board decides an appropriate project has been initiated. The Board may also wish to allocate funds to staff to develop acquisition projects acceptable to CREF criteria.

In February and May of 2007, the Board of Supervisors directed that at least 65% of the CREF fees in 2007-2009 be designated for acquisitions and the remaining 35% for both general allocation and acquisition. *In April of 2010, the Board of Supervisors directed that no 2010 CREF fees be deferred for acquisitions in order to provide itself with additional flexibility in allocating CREF grants, whether for acquisitions or general allocation.*”

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: The Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund is funded by mitigation fees paid by developers of offshore oil and gas reserves. Fees to fund grants are received annually. CREF is included in the Energy Division Mitigation Program Cost Center (5090) in the Planning & Development Department's FY 09/10 Budget on page D-320 (sections "Source of Funds Summary – Offshore Oil and Gas Mitigation" and section "Use of Prior Fund Balances" for revenue, and "Use of Funds Summary – Mitigation Programs"). Staff costs to administer the fund are offset by interest accrued to the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund.