



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: July 8, 2008
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: 15 minutes on July 15,
2008
Continued Item: Yes
If Yes, date from: 2/12/08
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department John Baker, 568-2085
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: **Set Hearing for July 15, 2008 to Consider Grant(s) for Aquiring the Gaviota
Village Property**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors set a hearing for July 15, 2008 to:

- A. Approve grant awards from the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) for the fiscal year of 2008-2009 and monies from the Coastal Impact Assistance Program of 2001(CIAP 2001) to acquire 43 acres, known as the Gaviota Village property, along the Gaviota Coast.
- B. Direct staff to return on the Administrative Agenda to execute a contractual agreement with the Trust for Public Land, to purchase the Gaviota Village property, which is located in the Third Supervisorial District.

Summary Text: Trust for Public Land (TPL) recently reached an agreement with the landowner of 43 acres along the Gaviota Coast, known as the Gaviota Village Property, to purchase the land for a total acquisition cost of \$2.85 million. TPL would transfer the land to the California Department of Parks and Recreation; the land would be restricted to open space and passive recreational uses. A more definitive definition of the Restricting Use will be forthcoming as TPL negotiates grant agreements with the various funding agencies.

TPL has secured the following grants for a total of \$1,389,062:

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

- \$889,062 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP); and
- \$500,000 from the Goleta Valley Land Trust.

TPL is also currently seeking a \$500,000 grant from the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

TPL seeks monies from the County in both Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) and Coastal Impact Assistance Program 2001 (CIAP 2001) monies. Energy Division staff is working with NOAA to determine if it will extend the CIAP 2001 grant of \$418,553 for this acquisition, and to determine if this source may be used along with the foregoing NOAA CELCP grant. The answer to these two questions will inform us how much TPL requests from CREF to complete this acquisition. A subsequent Board letter with more information will be docketed for the July 15th consideration of this item.

Background: In the 2007 CREF cycle, TPL unsuccessfully sought a \$500,000 CREF grant to purchase the Gaviota Village. At the time, TPL did not have an agreement with the buyer; however, the Board encouraged all entities to continue negotiating with landowners to purchase the Gaviota Village site. During the 2007 cycle, the Gaviota Village project fully satisfied six of the eight CREF criteria as it would enhance coastal aesthetics, recreation, tourism, and environmentally sensitive resources. It also met the coastal nexus criteria since it a coastal blufftop terrace, offering sweeping views of the Santa Barbara Channel.

On February 12, 2008, the Board of Supervisors deferred the CREF acquisition monies (approximately \$1,372,000) to 2009, unless a prominent land acquisition is brought forward for consideration prior to the 2009 cycle. In addition at that hearing, the Board earmarked \$500,000 to help the City of Carpinteria purchase 27-acres on the Carpinteria Bluffs, if an agreement is made.

The County established CREF as a condition of permits for offshore oil and gas development and transportation projects; mitigation is provided through CREF for impacts to coastal resources.

The federal CIAP 2001 is a one-time allocation of offshore oil revenues to eligible coastal states and political subdivisions.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

No 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 a grant were received in FY 07-08 and are included in the County's Budget FY 08-09 "Source of Funds Summary – Use of Prior Fund Balances." Staff will request a budget revision to the Energy Division's FY 08-09 budget; expenditures are budgeted under "Use of Funds Summary – Mitigation Programs."

The Coastal Impact Assistance Program is funded by the Federal government. The monies were received in FY 01-02. Staff would request a budget revision to the Energy Division's FY 08-09 budget; expenditures are budgeted under "Use of Funds Summary – Mitigation Programs."

The amount of funds from each source will be determined prior to the July 15th hearing.

Special Instructions:

Planning and Development Department, Energy Division, will prepare a contract with Trust for Public Land and bring it back to the Board of Supervisors on the Administrative Agenda.

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