



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: February 3, 2009  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme: N/A  
Continued Item: Yes  
If Yes, date from: 2/12/08; 7/8/08; 7/15/08  
Vote Required: Majority

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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department John Baker, 568-2085  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Doug Anthony, 568-2046

SUBJECT: Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) – Grant Contract for Gaviota  
Village Property Acquisition

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors approves execution of the attached CREF contract (BC-09-079) with Trust for Public Lands, for the period of February 3, 2009 to June 30, 2009, in the amount of \$860,938, to purchase the 43.37-acre Gaviota Village property, located in the Third Supervisorial District.

**Summary Text:** Trust for Public Land (TPL) will purchase 43 acres located on the western end of the Gaviota coast, known as the Gaviota Village property, for \$2.85 million. TPL plans to transfer the land to the California Department of Parks and Recreation; the land will be restricted to habitat and open space protection and public access for a potential future trail head onto the Gaviota State Park property.

The property is bordered by Gaviota State Park open space on the west, Highway 101 on the south, and to the east and north agricultural lands (see map on page 2). The property is made up of two parcels, one which is zoned Commercial Highway, and has historically been used as a restaurant, service station and grocery store. Canada del Barro runs through the Gaviota Village property, and the property supports a variety of habitat types, such as grasslands, chaparral, and coastal sage scrub.

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes



TPL has secured the following grants, along with the \$860,938 CREF grant, to purchase the property for \$2.85 million: \$889,062 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP), \$600,000 from the Goleta Valley Land Trust, and \$500,000 from the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

**Background:** 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.

**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 this 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 \$860,938 to acquire the Gaviota Village Property is expended from Fund #0063, Department #053, Program #5090, Account #7863, and Project #0803.

**Special Instructions:**

Clerk of the Board will forward a copy of the contract to Kathy McNeal Pfeifer of the Planning and Development Department, Energy Division, who will mail a copy of the contract to the grantee.

Grantee will submit for County approval restricting use language with the same intent outlined in Article 4 of BC-09-079. Once County approves the language and it is included in the deed upon conveyance to the State, County can request the Auditor Controller to pay the award outlined in Article 5 of BC-09-079.

**Attachments**

BC-09-079

**Authored by:**

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