



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:** January 7, 2014  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:** 2 hours on 2/18/14;  
30 minutes on 3/4/14  
**Continued Item:** Yes  
**If Yes, date from:** September 3, 2013  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Glenn Russell, Director, Planning and Development, 568-  
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**SUBJECT:** Set Board of Supervisors Hearing to Allocate Year 2014 Coastal Resource  
Enhancement Fund (CREF) Grants

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form: No

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors Set a Hearing on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 (Time Certain to be determined; estimated time: 2 hours) to:

- A. Receive staff's recommendations for the 2014 CREF awards and take public testimony;
- B. Continue this hearing to March 4, 2014 for final action including:
  1. Approve 2014 CREF awards that will be provided in a forthcoming staff report; and
  2. Direct staff to prepare the required contractual agreements with grantees, including final grant conditions required, for approval by the Board of Supervisors of the non-County CREF awards.

**NOTE:** During the hearing, staff recommends limiting testimony from each applicant to five minutes. We also suggest that speakers other than applicants be limited to three minutes of testimony per proposal.

### **Summary Text:**

A 2014 Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) staff report will be available on February 6, 2014. The Board letter will include the following information:

- Information on the CREF 2014 cycle,
- Evaluations of CREF proposals for this year,
- Funding recommendations for the CREF 2014 cycle, and
- A list of past CREF awards.

### **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 four categories of coastal resources: recreation, tourism, aesthetics, and environmentally sensitive resources (e.g., marine mammals and birds). The County must ensure that CREF fees are used to mitigate those impacts.

On September 3, 2013, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to commence the 2014 CREF cycle and stipulated that the CREF fees available for allocation this year be available for both coastal acquisitions and general allocation type projects.

**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 Coastal Mitigation Program of the Planning & Development Department's FY 13/14 Budget on page D-168. Administration of CREF is budgeted at \$23,875 for FY 13/14.

Depending on which CREF grants are awarded by the Board of Supervisors to County agencies, there may be specific benefits to County facilities and properties.

### **Special Instructions:**

The Clerk of the Board will schedule this item on February 18, 2014. The item will have a time certain to be determined by the Clerk of the Board once it has reviewed the full agenda for February 18, 2014.

The Planning and Development Department will satisfy all noticing requirements.