

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Agenda Number:**

**Prepared on:** February 20, 2003  
**Department Name:** Planning & Development  
**Department No.:** 053  
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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Dianne Meester, Interim Director  
Planning & Development

**STAFF  
CONTACT:** Kathy McNeal Pfeifer, 568-2507

**SUBJECT:** Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) – Grant Contract

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors executes the attached CREF contract (BC03-164) with the Growing Solutions Restoration Educational Institute to install a shade structure and purchase associated equipment, in the amount of \$15,000 for the period of March 4, 2003 to December 15, 2003.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation aligns with Goal No. 5. A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

In March of 2002, the Board of Supervisors awarded the Growing Solutions Restoration Educational Institute a \$15,000 CREF grant to install a 2,400 square foot shade structure for plants at the County's Solid Waste Transfer Station. Also with the CREF monies, Growing Solutions will purchase a tool storage container, seed storage and cleaning equipment, greenhouse supplies, tools and a computer. Towards this project, Growing Solutions offered \$10,400 as in-kind services and has secured two grants, totaling \$35,000.

In November of last year, your Board executed a license agreement (No. YI 3344) with Growing Solutions to lease a half acre to Growing Solutions at the County's Solid Waste Transfer Station. The shade structure will be used to propagate native plants for restoring coastal and non-coastal habitats throughout the second and third districts. Growing Solutions is ready to commence the project since it received its building permit at the end of January 2003.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

Mitigation of impacts to coastal resources from offshore oil and gas development is required as a condition of permits on five projects. Mitigation is provided through the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund. There are no changes in service level as a result of this agreement.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

No fiscal and facilities impacts to the General Fund. The Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund is funded by mitigation fees paid by developers of offshore oil and gas reserves. Staff costs to prepare this agreement have been offset by interest accrued to the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund. The \$15,000 for the shade structure and equipment is expended from Fund #0063, Department #053, Program #5090, Account #7863, Project #0207.

**Special Instructions:**

Clerk of the Board will forward a copy of the agreement to Kathy McNeal Pfeifer of the Planning and Development Department, Energy Division, who will mail a copy of the agreement to the grantee and request the Auditor Controller to pay the award.

**Concurrence:** County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, and Risk Manager.

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