

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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STAFF

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SUBJECT: Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) – Grant Contract Amendment No. 1

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors executes the attached Amendment No. 1 to CREF contract (BC-05-075) with the Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network to amend the project description, budget and schedule.

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 September of 2004, the Board of Supervisors executed Contract No. BC-05-075 with the Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network (SBWCN) for a \$1,037 CREF grant to purchase four poled nets (to capture injured or oiled seabirds) and a small 8' x 6' storage shed (to store equipment used specifically to care for seabirds).

SBWCN requests a contract amendment so it may use the grant to install an enclosure over the existing seabird pond at 4741 Via Los Santos instead of the original project. SBWCN explains that this enclosure is a higher priority because the neighbors on either side of the seabird pond have been frustrated with the odors caused by "visiting" birds to the pond. SBWCN worked with the neighbors and the International Bird Rescue and Research Center to design a netting enclosure to completely cover the pond, thereby eliminating access for visiting birds. SBWCN has secured an additional \$1,956 for the revised project and states that it will move and use the net enclosure to its proposed location once the new wildlife care center is built in Goleta.

Staff recommends execution of Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. BC-05-075 because the revised project meets the intent of CREF, enhancing environmentally sensitive coastal resources, and SBWCN has secured the necessary monies to complete the project.

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. The Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund is funded by mitigation fees paid by developers of offshore oil and gas reserves. Staff costs to prepare this amendment have been offset by interest accrued to the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund. The County has already paid the Wildlife Care Network \$1,037. The CREF program is part of the mitigation program within the Energy Division Cost Center on page D-300 in the Planning & Development Department's section of the County's Budget F04/05.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board will forward a copy of Amendment No. 1 to Kathy McNeal Pfeifer of the Planning and Development Department, Energy Division, who will mail a copy of the amendment to the grantee.

Concurrence:

County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Risk Manager

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