

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Terri Maus-Nisich
Parks Director

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Business Manager (568-2477)

SUBJECT: Allocation of \$10,500 from the Santa Maria Quimby Fee Trust Fund for Structural Design and Permit Costs for a New Pedestrian Bridge at Richardson Park in New Cuyama; Fifth Supervisorial District

Recommendation:

That the Board of Supervisors approve the attached budget revision to appropriate \$10,500 from the Santa Maria Quimby Fee Trust Fund (#1403) for structural design and permit costs for a new pedestrian bridge at Richardson Park in New Cuyama to replace the existing, deteriorating bridge.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 5 – A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

At the request of the Fifth District Supervisor's Office, County Parks staff has been reviewing scenarios for the replacement of an existing pedestrian footbridge that is located on County property near Richardson Park in New Cuyama. The footbridge serves to connect an adjacent neighborhood to the park, allowing school children to utilize this route as a safe passage to the nearby elementary school. The footbridge is of an undetermined age and requires complete replacement due to undermining and aging timbers (see attached photos).

The requested allocation of \$10,500 from the Santa Maria Quimby Fee Trust Fund (#1403) would fund the structural engineering costs to design new bridge abutments for the installation of a prefabricated bridge as well as fees for permits required by the State Department of Fish and Game and the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

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Funds for construction of the new bridge have not yet been identified. Once design has been completed, County Parks staff will examine the possibility of grant funding and/or allocation of additional Quimby or development fee funds for the construction phase.

The Park Commission approved the allocation of these funds for this project at its November 10, 2004 meeting.

Mandates and Service Levels:

There are no mandates or changes in service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Funding for the \$10,500 requested for the structural design and permit costs for the replacement footbridge at Richardson Park is available in the Santa Maria Quimby Fee Trust Fund (#1403). Use of this Trust Fund is restricted to development of park or recreational facilities within the Santa Maria Quimby Demand Area. The current balance in the Santa Maria Quimby Fee Trust Fund is \$96,091. Approval of this funding request would reduce this Trust Fund balance to \$85,591.

There is no impact to facilities that will result in additional staffing or other ongoing costs for the Parks Department.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board to provide a copy of the minute order to the Parks Department/Administration, Attn: Mike Gibson

Concurrence:
Auditor-Controller

