

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: John Patton, Director
Planning & Development

STAFF CONTACT: Kathy McNeal Pfeifer, 568-2507

SUBJECT: Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) Contract Amendment

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors execute the attached Amendment No. 2 to CREF contract (BC99-288) with the City of Santa Barbara to install the Lower Westside Class I bikeway.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

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

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On February 23, 1999, the Board of Supervisors executed a grant contract with the City of Santa Barbara awarding the City a \$45,000 CREF grant to install a Class I bikeway, known as the Lower Westside bikeway. The City's proposed bikeway route crossed through an area that, following the CREF award, has been interpreted as a wetland. This new interpretation resulted in a more detailed environmental review, a new bike route, and lengthy negotiations with landowners along the new route.

The City requests a two-year extension to its CREF contract, reporting that negotiations with landowners were positive and nearing completion.

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 amendment.

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 Board allocated the \$45,000 grant on February 23, 1999.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board will forward two of the three original amendments to Kathy McNeal Pfeifer of the Planning and Development Department, Energy Division, who will make a copy of the amendment for the Energy Division file and mail the two original amendments to the grantee.

Concurrence:

County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, and Risk Manager.

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