



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Planning and Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: July 18, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5 Vote Required

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Lisa Plowman, 805.568.2086
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Fish and Wildlife Commission Grant Award

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- a) Approve and authorize the Director of Planning and Development to award a grant to the Fish Reef Project. (Attachment 1); and
- b) Approve Budget Revision Request No. 0008922 to increase appropriations of \$4,500.00 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024's services and supplies funded by restricted fund balance (4/5 Vote Required); and
- c) Determine that the award of Fish and Wildlife Commission Grant funds is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the State Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Summary Text:

The County Fish and Wildlife Commission reviewed the attached grant request at their April 27, 2023 meeting, and recommends that the Board approve full funding for the "Santa Barbara Kelp Restoration Reef – Goleta Study Site" project, with the total requested amount being \$19,500.00. This expenditure is fully funded by Fish and Wildlife fine revenues. Appropriations of \$15,000.00 for Fish and Wildlife Grants were included in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 adopted budget, and Planning and Development is requesting a budget revision to increase appropriations by \$4,500.00 to fulfill the full grant award. These grants are permissible expenditures pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 13103. County Resolution 75-207 authorizes the Fish and Wildlife Commission to advise your Board on fish and wildlife matters and make recommendations to your Board on proposals from individuals and organizations for the expenditures of fish and wildlife fine revenues.

Background:

The County Fish and Wildlife Commission, established by Resolution 75-207 and amended by Resolution 16-12, is comprised of nine members: five appointed by the Board of Supervisors, three considered qualified in fish and game matters and nominated by specific organizations, and one commercial fisher. State law limits how revenues from Fish and Wildlife fines may be expended. Under State law, funds can be expended only for specific purposes, including, but not limited to, temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife and improvement of fish and wildlife habitat. In their April 27, 2023 meeting, the Fish and Wildlife Commission discussed the merits of this proposal. The grant for consideration has satisfied statutory requirements. Below is a summary of the proposed grant; full grant application material is provided in Attachment 1.

Project	Amount Requested	Recommended Amount	Project Description
Santa Barbara Kelp Restoration Reef – Goleta Study Site	\$19,500.00	\$19,500.00	Creation of 4x6x3 foot sea caves to support a medium density kelp forest.

The County Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends that the Board approves funding the grant request found in Attachment 1. The total requested amount is \$19,500.00, and the Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends approval of a total of \$19,500.00, and is fully funded by restricted Fish and Wildlife fine revenues. These grants provide funding for a variety of community based educational programs that focus on fish and wildlife and other expenditures authorized by Fish and Game Code Section 13103.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No **Fiscal Analysis:**

	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			\$ 19,500.00
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,500.00

Fish and Wildlife fine revenues are maintained in the Fish and Wildlife Special Revenue Fund, #0041. Annual revenues to the fund range from \$5,000.00 to \$8,000.00, and the Fund currently has a balance of approximately \$788,595.00. Appropriations of \$15,000 for Fish and Wildlife grants were included in the FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget, the attached budget revision request increases appropriations by \$4,500 to fully fund the recommended grant award which amount is available in Fund 0041 restricted fund balance. Administrative support costs, including the preparation of this report, are offset by funding from the Fish and Wildlife Fund. If awarded a Fish and Wildlife project grant, no future funding commitment is required for maintenance or operational costs related to these projects.

Staffing Impacts:

No additional staffing is needed to implement and manage this Agreement.

Special Instructions:

None

Attachments:

1. Grant Application Forms
2. Budget Revision Request 0008922

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