



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Community Services  
**Department No.:** 052  
**For Agenda Of:** September 19, 2017  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:** N/A  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department George Chapjian, Community Services Director (805) 568-2467  
Director:  
Contact Info: Jill Van Wie, Program & Project Business Leader (805) 568-2470  
**SUBJECT:** Grant Application to California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways for the Boat Launch Ramp Facilities at Cachuma Lake; Third Supervisorial District

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Authorize the Director of the Community Services Department, or designee, to apply for a grant from the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) for the Boat Launch Ramp Facilities at Cachuma Lake by submitting the grant application, including all required attachments and supporting documentation;
- b) Adopt and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the attached Resolution for authorizations by and designations of the Director of Community Services Department, or designee, as part of the DBW application for the Boat Launch Ramp Facilities (Attachment A);
- c) Determine that the above recommended actions are not the approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the action is a creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involved any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (Attachment B).

**Summary Text:**

Santa Barbara County Parks Division seeks up to \$5 million in grant funding from the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) for the Boat Launch Ramp Facilities at Cachuma Lake. Submission of the DBW grant application would provide funding to construct an extension to an existing boat launch ramp for use during lower lake

levels, and would further serve to benefit the public by replacing the existing wood boat docks that are in need of repair with concrete sided aluminum boat docks, replacing existing floating restrooms, and providing ADA access and improvements to the on-land marina restroom.

**Background:**

Located off Highway 154 in the Santa Ynez Valley, Cachuma Lake has a shoreline of 42 miles and was formed by the construction of Bradbury Dam in 1953 by the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). Cachuma Lake is still owned by the BOR, and has been managed by the County of Santa Barbara since 1953 through management agreements that recur approximately every 20 to 25 years. The current 25 year management agreement was executed in 2012. Cachuma Lake serves over 400,000 visitors a year, and provides day use and overnight services, as well as celebrated fishing conditions to boaters.

Santa Barbara County Parks Division seeks approximately \$5 million in funding through this grant opportunity to improve the boat launching facilities at Cachuma Lake. If the grant is awarded, the following improvements would take place:

- Extension of boat launch ramp number one for public use during lower lake levels.
- Replacement of boat docks in need of repair and improved ADA access.
- Replacement of three (3) floating restrooms for public use of boaters on the water.
- Installation of ADA access and ADA upgrades to the on-land marina restroom.

**Risk:**

Not applying for or receiving a grant is a lost opportunity for funding for the Boat Launch Ramp Facility improvements at Cachuma Lake.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

There is no match requirement for the DBW Boat Launch Facilities grant.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Local Assistance Boat Launching Facility Grant Programs Grant Application Resolution

Attachment B: CEQA Notice of Exemption

**Special Instructions:**

After Board action, please distribute the Resolution and Minute Order to Jill Van Wie, Community Services Department, Parks Division.