

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Agenda Number:**

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**Department Name:** Planning & Development  
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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** John Patton, Director  
Planning & Development

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**SUBJECT:** Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) – Two Grant Contracts

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**Recommendation(s):**

- A. That the Board of Supervisors execute the attached CREF contract (BC02-160) with the Cachuma Resource Conservation District to apply towards a facilitator for the Gaviota Coast Common Ground process, in the amount of \$15,000 for the period of May 7, 2002 to December 31, 2002.
- B. That the Board of Supervisors execute the attached CREF contract (BC02-159) with the Gaviota Coast Conservancy to identify feasible methods to preserve the Gaviota Coast, in the amount of \$25,000 for the period of May 7, 2002 to January 31, 2004; and

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendations align with Goal No. 5. A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

In the 1999 CREF cycle, the Board of Supervisors allocated \$25,000 to the Gaviota Coast Conservancy to help augment a Gaviota Coast feasibility study by the National Parks Service that examines a range of alternatives for preserving the Gaviota Coast, including possible designation of the area as a National Seashore. Approximately one year ago, the Conservancy secured the additional monies and requested staff to process the contract for the \$25,000 CREF grant. On February 6, 2001, staff brought a draft contract between the County and the Conservancy before the Board of Supervisors; however, the Board

delayed execution of this contract so that the interested parties could address local concerns about the study.

Interested parties active on the Gaviota Coast appointed a steering committee to form what became known as the Common Ground process to develop a locally generated vision for the Gaviota Coast. This steering committee has been meeting for the past year and is in need of a facilitator to assist them in recommending: (a) who should participate in the Common Ground process; and (b) the guidelines for the process.

In January 2002, the Third District Supervisor requested that \$15,000 of the \$25,000 1999 CREF grant be reallocated to the Cachuma Resource Conservation District to fund a facilitator who will assist the steering committee in forming the Common Ground process. A contract between the County and the Cachuma Resource Conservation District for the \$15,000 is in Attachment A.

On March 5, 2002 the Board of Supervisors awarded \$15,000 from the 2002 CREF cycle to the Gaviota Coast Conservancy to replace the \$15,000 that the Third District has asked to be reallocated to the facilitator from the original \$25,000 CREF grant. Attachment B contains a contract between the County and the Gaviota Coast Conservancy, whereby the County is awarding \$25,000 towards the feasibility study. This \$25,000 consists of the remaining \$10,000 from the 1999 CREF grant and the \$15,000 CREF award from the 2002 cycle.

**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 these contracts.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

No fiscal and facilities impacts to the General Fund. CREF is funded by mitigation fees paid by developers of offshore oil and gas reserves. Staff costs to prepare these contracts has been offset by interest accrued to CREF. The \$15,000 for the Common Ground facilitator is expended from Fund #0063, Department #053, Program #5090, Account #7863, Project #9907 (Attachment A). For the \$25,000 grant for the feasibility study, \$10,000 is expended from Fund #0063, Department #053, Program #5090, Account #7863, Project #9907 and \$15,000 is expended from Fund #0063, Department #053, Program #5090, Account #7863, Project #0211 (Attachment B).

**Special Instructions:**

Clerk of the Board will forward a copy of the contracts to Kathy McNeal Pfeifer of the Planning and Development Department, Energy Division, who will mail a copy of the contracts to each of the grantees.

**Concurrence:**

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County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, and Risk Manager.

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