



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: August 14, 2018  
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:** **Resolution Authorizing the Director of Community Services Department, or designee, to Execute the California Department of Transportation Restricted Grant Agreement for the Goleta Beach Revised Adaptive Management Plan; Second Supervisorial District**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the attached Resolution for authorization and designation of the Director of Community Services Department, or designee, to execute the Restricted Grant Agreement as part of the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) grant award for the Goleta Beach Revised Adaptive Management Plan (Attachment A);
- b) Authorize the Director of Community Services Department, or designee, to execute and submit a Restricted Grant Agreement in a form substantially similar to the attached CalTrans sample restricted grant agreement as shown in the Grant Administration Toolbox (Attachment B) and upon review and concurrence of County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, and Risk Manager; and
- c) Determine that the recommended actions are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 21080.5 and the Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA, 14 CCR Section 15002(l) and 15251(c) (certified regulatory plan in-lieu-of EIR).

**Summary Text:**

Santa Barbara County Parks Division was awarded \$221,236 in adaptation planning funding from the State of California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) for the Goleta Beach Revised Adaptive

Management Plan (AMP). The grant will assist in providing supplemental funding to integrate sea level rise (SLR) adaptation planning, including:

- coastal process modeling to identify impacts to park facilities and transportation infrastructure, including accessibility to Goleta Beach Park via Sandspit Road, State Route (SR) 2017 and the California Coastal Trail/regional bike path (CCT);
- phased managed shoreline retreat strategies; and
- identification of short-, mid-, and long-term adaptation planning solutions.

The AMP will ultimately allow for protection and/or relocation of Goleta Beach Park facilities and infrastructure.

**Background:**

Goleta Beach County Park (Park) is a 29-acre coastal public park with 4,200 feet of developed shoreline and beach frontage, and provides coastal access to approximately 1.5 million visitors each year. From 2004 to 2014, Goleta Beach was generally characterized by a wide sandy beach with little to no shoreline erosion which buffered landward developed Park areas, including key utilities and transportation infrastructure, from coastal erosion and wave attack. The Park has been subject to severe storm damage from 2014 to 2017, which has removed the protection afforded by the sandy beach area. Further, current SLR research and modeling forecasts erosion and coastal storms to increase in frequency and severity in the coming decades. If narrow beach width and coastal erosion persist at Goleta Beach, the County will need to initiate managed retreat of Park facilities landward to prevent substantial damage to the Park.

The \$221,236 in funding through this CalTrans grant opportunity will allow for required and careful planning to protect the Park's facilities and infrastructure, which includes the necessity of taking into account landward Park and regional-serving infrastructure such as Sandspit Road, SR 217, the CCT, and major utilities. Given past damage and projections for SLR, County Parks is compelled to consider adaptive management actions to improve resiliency and revise the current Adaptive Management Plan (AMP) to respond to changing coastal processes and plan for the future of the Park. This grant will provide supplemental funding for required adaptation planning at Goleta Beach and will be matched with existing Goleta Beach project funds.

**Risk:**

Not accepting a grant is a lost funding opportunity for required adaptation planning at Goleta Beach.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The required \$28,664 grant match is being funded through the Community Services Department Parks Division Operating Budget.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Resolution Authorizing the Community Services Director to Execute the Restricted Grant Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for Adaptation Planning Grant Funds for the Goleta Beach Park Revised Adaptive Management Plan.
- Attachment B: Sample Restricted Grant Agreement as shown in the Grant Administration Toolbox

**Special Instructions:**

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