



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

A-70

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Agricultural
Commissioner's Office
Department No.: 051
For Agenda Of: May 4, 2010
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

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TO: Board of Supervisors

MAY 04 2010

FROM: Department Elena Morelos, Assistant Director, (805) 934-6200
Director(s)  Guy Tingos, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner, (805) 681-5600
Contact Info: David Chang, Agricultural Program Specialist, (805) 681-5600

SUBJECT: Approve the receipt of grant funds to conduct an outreach campaign in support of the Santa Ynez River Tamarisk and Arundo Project. Districts 1, 3 & 4.

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Adopts the Resolution requesting authorization of receipt of grant funds to conduct an outreach program in support of the Santa Ynez River Tamarisk and Arundo Project and approves the receipt of grant funds in the amount of \$8,483 to conduct the outreach program in support of the Santa Ynez River Tamarisk and Arundo Project;
- b. Agrees to the terms and conditions of the California Department of Fish and Game Grant Agreement as outlined in **Exhibit A**;
- c. Agrees, that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors, in the absence of the Agricultural Commissioner, executes the Agreement with the California Department of Fish and Game and
- d. Designates the Agricultural Program Specialist as the Project Manager

Summary Text:

Tamarix ramosissima and *Arundo donax*, invasive weeds that are detrimental to native plant diversity, wildlife habitat and increases the risk of flooding and fire, occur sporadically on the Santa Ynez River. The Agricultural Commissioner's Office has funding to conduct arundo removal on the Santa Ynez River. The California Dept of Fish and Game has awarded the Agricultural Commissioner's Office a \$8,483 grant to assist the Agricultural Commissioner conduct the outreach for tamarisk and arundo

removal on the Santa Ynez River. The CDFG requires a resolution from the governing board demonstrating that it has approved receipt of the grant and that it will agree to the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.

Background:

Tamarix ramosissima and *Arundo donax*, invasive weeds that are detrimental to native plant diversity, wildlife habitat and increases the risk of flooding and fire, occur sporadically on the Santa Ynez River. The Agricultural Commissioner's Office is conducting a tamarisk and arundo removal project on the Santa Ynez River.

The Santa Ynez River Tamarisk and Arundo Project is being funded as part of the County of Santa Barbara Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. Funds are coming from Proposition 84 as administered by the CA Dept of Water Resources, from the Coastal Impact Assistance Program as administered by the US Minerals Management Service and from mitigation funds from the California Department of Fish and Game.

A consultant will be contracted to assist the Agricultural Commissioner's Office conduct an outreach campaign to support the Santa Ynez River Tamarisk and Arundo Project.

Performance Measure:

Exhibit A includes the performance measures.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Federal				\$	8,483.00
Fees					
Other:					
Total	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 8,483.00

Narrative: Subcontractors will assist the Agricultural Commissioner's Office conduct this project.

Special Instructions:

Please send a minute order and a copy of the Resolution to the Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

Attachments:

1. Resolution requesting authorization of receipt of grant funds to conduct the outreach campaign in support of the Santa Ynez River Tamarisk and Arundo Project
2. Exhibit A: Santa Ynez River Tamarisk and Arundo Project Outreach Campaign Statement of Work

Authored by:

David Chang

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE)
RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE)
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND)
GAME TO CONDUCT AN OUTREACH)
CAMPAIGN IN SUPPORT OF THE SANTA)
YNEZ RIVER TAMARISK AND ARUNDO)
PROJECT)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS the County of Santa Barbara Agricultural Commissioner's Office has funding to conduct a project to remove the invasive weed *Arundo donax* from the riparian corridor of the Santa Ynez River to conserve biodiversity, reduce the risk of flood and fire, and enhance water quality;

WHEREAS the California Department of Fish and Game has approved grant funding in the amount of \$8,483 to the County of Santa Barbara Agricultural Commissioner's Office as part of the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 1501.5(b) to conduct an outreach campaign in support of the Santa Ynez River Tamarisk and Arundo Project;

WHEREAS the County of Santa Barbara Agricultural Commissioner's Office has agreed to the terms and conditions as outlined in the California Department of Fish and Game Grant Agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit A**;

WHEREAS the position of Agricultural Commissioner is currently vacant;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Approves the receipt of grant funds in the amount of \$8,483 to conduct an outreach campaign in support of the Santa Ynez River Tamarisk and Arundo Project;
- b. Agrees to the terms and conditions of the California Department of Fish and Game Grant Agreement as outlined in **Exhibit A**;
- c. Agrees, that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors, in the absence of the Agricultural Commissioner, executes the Agreement with California Department of Fish and Game and;
- d. Designates the Agricultural Program Specialist as the Project Manager

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors, State of California, this _____ day of _____, 2010 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:
MICHAEL BROWN
Clerk of the Board

ACCEPTED AND AGREED:
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: _____
Deputy

By _____
Supervisor Janet Wolf
Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DENNIS A. MARSHALL
County Counsel

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:
ROBERT W. GEIS, CPA
Auditor-Controller

By: Celeste E. Anderson
Deputy

By: [Signature]
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
RAY AROMATORIO
Risk Manager *PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR*

By: [Signature]
Risk Manager

EXHIBIT A
SANTA YNEZ RIVER TAMARISK AND ARUNDO PROJECT OUTREACH
STATEMENT OF WORK

Under direction of the Grantor, and under the following conditions and terms, the Grantee will:

1. Undertake an outreach campaign to educate and reinforce the importance of the removal of tamarisk and *Arundo donax* from the Santa Ynez River, Santa Barbara County and gain additional support from local landowners for the project. The objective of this project is the long term improvement of the riparian habitat conditions in the Santa Ynez River watershed for the benefit of southern California steelhead.
2. The Santa Ynez River is a tributary to the Pacific Ocean. The project is located in several Townships, Sections, and Ranges of the Santa Barbara 7.5 Minute U.S.G.S. Quadrangle as depicted in Attachment 1, Project Location Map, which is attached and made part of this agreement by this reference (Latitude 34.59; Longitude -120.04). The project encompasses approximately 90 miles of river that traverses the entire breadth, east to west, of Santa Barbara County. The Santa Ynez River is nearly entirely contained within Santa Barbara County, beginning at the drainage of Divide Peak and emptying into the Pacific Ocean just north of Point Conception.
3. **If any change in the terms and conditions become necessary, a written request shall be made to the Grant Manager by December 1st, 2013.**
4. Project Tasks:
 - a) Design a public relations campaign;
 - b) Create an annual newsletter
 - Recruit influential citizens and respected biologists to write articles for the newsletter;
 - Design and write newsletter;
 - Print and mail newsletter;
 - Send a different newsletter annually thereafter for 3 years.
 - c) Meet with landowners
 - d) Conduct a phone campaign to gather support;
 - e) Negotiate with landowners to gain access.
5. Project Deliverables: 750 newsletters will be sent out during the course of the project with 300 newsletters sent out the first year. Additionally, the Grantee will do its best to deliver landowner access agreements from the 54 landowners who currently have invasive non-native species on their property.
6. Upon completion of the project, the Grantee shall submit one (1) copy of a draft final report not later than January 5, 2014 for review and comment. Within **30 days** of receipt of the draft report, the Grantor’s Grant Manager shall submit final comments to the Grantee. The Grantee shall submit two (2) hard copies of a final written report and one (1) electronic, *Microsoft Word* compatible, on a CD. If the project is not completed in the current year, the Grantee shall submit a summary of the completed portion no later than December 31 and again each year until completed. The report shall not be considered final until approved and accepted by the Grant Manager. The report shall include, but not necessarily be limited to the following information: (1) Grant number; (2) Project name; (3) Geographic area (e.g., watershed name); (4) Location of work – show project location using U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute topographical map or appropriately scaled topographical map; (5) Geospatial reference/location (lat/long is preferred – defined as point, line, or polygon); (6) Project start and end dates; (7) Total of each fund source, by line item, expended to complete the project, breaking down Grant dollars, by line item, and any other funding, including type of match (cash or in-kind service); (8) Total number of volunteer hours; dollar value of volunteer work; description of how the dollar value of the volunteer labor was determined; dollar value of non-volunteer donated

labor; and description and dollar value of non-labor in-kind contributions to the project; (9) Expected benefits to anadromous salmonids from the project; (10) Labeled before and after photographs of any restoration activities and techniques; (11) Specific project access using public and private roads and trails, with landowner name and address; (12) Complete as built project description; and (13) Report measurable metrics for the project by responding to the restoration project metrics listed below.

Watershed & Regional Organization (OR)

- Number of public meetings and the description of meeting format;
 - Number of public meeting attendees and their relationship to the watershed (e.g. landowners, local agencies, etc.);
 - Number of landowners reached by project and a description of how landowners will/are contacted;
 - Need for organization and how it will enhance other efforts within the local and regional area;
 - Description of education/outreach about the watershed and salmonid issues;
 - Number and description of any planning or implementation projects that will be developed and a description of how they will be accomplished under the project or promoted by the project.
 - Number of plans/designs for restoration/conservation actions developed as a result of this project;
 - Acres of land affected by landowner plans/designs for restoration/conservation actions;
 - Dollar amount of donations made to restoration/conservation activities as a result of this project;
 - Number of volunteers committed to restoration/conservation activities as a result of this project;
 - If the project results in habitat protection or restoration actions:
 - Number of restoration projects proposed;
 - Type(s) of treatments applied, using the list of FRGP Proposal Project Types on page X of the Solicitation;
 - Acres of salmonid habitat protected/restored;
 - Number of watersheds protected/restored; and
 - Dollar value of habitat treatments applied.
7. The Grantee will acknowledge the participation of the Department of Fish and Game, Fisheries Restoration Grant Program funds on any signs, flyers, or other types of written communication or notice to advertise or explain the Santa Ynez River Tamarisk and Arundo Project Outreach project.

EXHIBIT A – ATTACHMENT 1 Project Location Map

Section 8.4 Watershed Map: The Santa Ynez River Watershed

