

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Agenda Number:
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Department Name: Agricultural Commissioner
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Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

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Agricultural Commissioner

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SUBJECT: Santa Barbara County Oak Tree Restoration Program-All American Pipeline Project

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve and execute the attached agreement in the amount of \$140,000 for the continuation of the Santa Barbara County Oak Restoration Program with the Regents of the University of California.
- 2) Approve the Agricultural Commissioner's Office to administer this program.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 5.A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On December 12, 1988, Santa Barbara County issued Final Development Plan approval (88-DPF-033) to the Celeron Pipeline Company, now All American Pipeline (AAPL) for the development of the All American Pipeline. Condition H-1(j) of this plan required AAPL to develop and implement a program to restore oak trees destroyed during the development of this project. On December 16, 1992, the County of Santa Barbara Planning Commission determined that AAPL's efforts to comply with this Plan were unsuccessful and required that AAPL instead fund an alternative Santa Barbara County Oak Restoration Program in the amount of \$841,000.00 to manage cattle grazing operations to provide for the recruitment of oak trees, mitigating the loss of trees caused by the AAPL project. It was determined that it was necessary to secure services of a well qualified contractor to implement this program and that funding be provided by AAPL to comply with the Final Development Plan. Santa Barbara County accepted the proposal of the Regents of the University of California titled "Santa Barbara County Oak Restoration Program", dated October 22, 1993 as modified by Supplement to Proposal, dated November 15, 1993 to perform the required services. This agreement expired on August 6, 2005; however, some of the projects included in this program are ongoing and will take several

years to complete. This new agreement will provide for the continuation of the Santa Barbara County Oak Restoration Program and the completion of these projects.

Mandates and Service Levels:

There are no mandates or changes to service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Funding for this project in the amount of \$841,000 was provided by AAPL and deposited in the All American Pipeline Endowment Fund #0080. Initial set-up costs of \$141,000 were expended during the first year of the program. The balance of \$700,000 remains in the fund. The prior agreement allowed UCSB to use all of the accrued interest for oak tree research. This agreement will allocate \$20,000 annually for seven years to finalize these research projects. Any remaining interest will be used by the Agricultural Commissioner's Office for oak tree regeneration projects.

Special Instructions:

Return the fully executed agreement to the Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

Concurrence:

County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Risk Management