



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
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Department Name: Planning and Development
Department No.: 053
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Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Lisa Plowman, Planning and Development
Contact Info: Errin Briggs, Deputy Director, Energy, Minerals and Compliance Division
SUBJECT: Coastal Resources Mitigation Fund Grant Contract with the City of Lompoc, Third Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Coastal Resources Mitigation Fund contract with the City of Lompoc for the Stormwater System Trash Capture project in the amount of \$42,263 for the period of February 25, 2026 through April 15, 2026 (Attachment A);
- b) Delegate the Director of Planning and Development, or their designee, the authority to take the following actions, subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time:
 - i) Extend the time of performance in accordance with Section 3 in Attachment A, for up to one year for good cause;
 - ii) Approve minor project changes in accordance with Section 5 in Attachment A, including any changes to project descriptions, any reduction in the overall project budgets, or any change in a budget item of 10 percent or more; and
 - iii) Terminate the contract in accordance with Section 14 in Attachment A.
- c) Determine that allocation of the City of Lompoc contract is not a "project" subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

Summary Text:

This Board Agenda Letter details the proposed allocation of one Coastal Resources Mitigation Fund (CRMF) contract with the City of Lompoc and provides the specific contract to be approved in order to execute the previously-awarded grant. The County routinely awards CRMF grants to certain applicants and projects that aim to enhance coastal resources pursuant to Board-approved CRMF Guidelines. The County Board of Supervisors previously awarded the City of Lompoc with this CRMF grants on August 29, 2023.

Attachment A contains the proposed contract with the City of Lompoc, authorizing a \$42,263 grant for the Stormwater System Trash Capture project to support the City's efforts to determine the best devices to help capture trash before it enters the stormwater system to protect the city's storm drains, pipes, and water quality as required by the State Water Resources Control Board. Attachment A also includes several provisions that allow future minor administrative tasks to be handled by the Director of the Planning and Development Department or their designee.

The approval and authorization of the City of Lompoc contract is not a "project" subject to environmental review under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), as the actions consist of administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Background:

The County established the CRMF in 1987 to address and help mitigate environmental impacts from offshore oil and gas development projects on coastal resources. The CRMF provides mitigation for impacts to specific coastal resources including: recreation, tourism, aesthetics, and environmentally-sensitive resources. As part of the CRMF program, offshore oil and gas owner/operators pay annual fees into the fund, and applicants can apply for grants every two years to receive funding for projects that protect or enhance certain coastal resources within the County. Applicants eligible to compete for CRMF awards include public agencies, municipalities, special districts, and non-profit organizations. The CRMF is managed by the County Executive's Office and the Planning and Development Department's Energy, Minerals, and Compliance Division.

On August 29, 2023, the County Board of Supervisors awarded ten CRMF grants from the combined 2022 – 2023 application cycle including for the City of Lompoc. At the August 29, 2023 hearing, the Board directed staff to return to the Board with contractual agreements once all project conditions/contingencies for the grants have been met. This Board Agenda Letter outlines the allocations for this contract.

Fiscal Analysis:

Budgeted: Yes

A total of \$42,263 will be used from the approved CRMF 2022 – 2023 award cycle. Funding for the CRMF is budgeted on page D-319 of the County of Santa Barbara Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget, and is fully supported by funds in the existing CRMF program. The contract with the City of Lompoc does not require ongoing County costs. The CRMF program is funded entirely by mitigation fees paid annually by the Point Arguello, the Santa Ynez Unit, and the Point Pedernales Projects, and creates no fiscal impact on the County's General Fund, or any State, Federal, or other fees.

Administration of the CRMF program includes updates to the annual status report, solicitation and evaluation of grant proposals and recommendations of grant awards to the Board of Supervisors, preparing, monitoring, and enforcement of the CRMF grant contracts, preparation and monitoring of the CRMF budget, reassessing CRMF fees, and responding to public and applicant inquiries.

Key Contract Risks:

Risk analyses of the contract in Attachment A determined that they would be a low risk: the amount of the contract is a total of \$42,263 (less than \$100,000); the performance period is clearly outlined; the complexities of the contract requirements are low; and the contract is not controversial.

Special Instructions:

The Clerk of the Board will forward copies of the executed contract (including Exhibits A and B of the contract) to Katie Nall of the Planning and Development Department, Energy, Minerals & Compliance Division. The Planning and Development Department will mail copies of the contract to the grantee, and will request that the County Auditor Controller pay the contract award amounts.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Contract with the City of Lompoc for the Stormwater System Trash Capture Project

Attachment B – CEQA Notice of Exemption

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