



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Planning &
Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: May 20, 2008
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: Yes
If Yes, date from: February 12, 2008
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Select_From John Baker, 568-2085
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SUBJECT: Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) – Grant Contract for Belly of the Whale Exhibit

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors approve execution of the attached CREF contract (BC-08-110) with the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum, for the period of May 20, 2008 to December 31, 2008, in the amount of \$75,000, to install a Belly of the Whale exhibit at its Discovery Museum. The Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum is located in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

Summary Text:

The Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum would use the \$75,000 CREF grant towards designing, fabricating, and installing a Belly of the Whale exhibit at its Discovery Museum. This exhibit would allow visitors to interact and understand the anatomy of the blue whale, what the blue whale eats, and the whale's habitat.

Mitigation of impacts to coastal resources from offshore oil and gas development is required as a condition of permits on three projects. Mitigation is provided through the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund. There are no changes in service level as a result of this agreement.

Background:

On February 12, 2008, the Board of Supervisors allocated a \$75,000 grant to the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum from the 2008 CREF cycle towards the Belly of the Whale exhibit. This contract executes that grant.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

No fiscal and facilities impacts. The Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund is funded by mitigation fees paid by developers of offshore oil and gas reserves. Fees to fund this grant were received in FY 07-08 and are included in the Energy Division Cost Center on page D-298 in the Planning & Development Department's section of the County's FY07/08 Budget (see "Source of Funds Summary – Offshore Oil and Gas Mitigation" and "Use of Prior Fund Balances" for revenue, and "Use of Funds Summary – Mitigation Programs"). Staff costs to prepare this contract have been offset by interest accrued to the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund. The \$75,000 for the Belly of the Whale exhibit is expended from Fund #0063, Department #053, Program #5090, Account #7863, and Project #0802.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board will forward a copy of the agreement to Kathy McNeal Pfeifer of the Planning and Development Department, Energy Division, who will mail a copy of the agreement to the grantee and request the Auditor Controller to pay the award.

Attachments:

Contract BC-08-110 with the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum
Contract Data Sheet

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