SANTA BARBARA COUNTY **BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Department No.: 053

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TO: **Board of Supervisors**

FROM: Dianne Meester, Interim Director

Planning & Development

STAFF

CONTACT: Kathy McNeal Pfeifer, 568-2507; Doug Anthony, 568-2046

SUBJECT: Contract for Services with the Dunes Center

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors execute the attached contract with the Dunes Center to conduct an outreach project that educates the public about conserving the Guadalupe Dunes ecosystem, in the amount of \$99,000 for the period of December 10, 2002 to July 1, 2004.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation aligns with Goal No. 5. A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

During its 2001/2002 Coastal Resources Grant Program, the State of California awarded the County of Santa Barbara a grant of \$99,000 to conduct an outreach project that educates the public about conserving the Guadalupe Dunes ecosystem. The County and the State entered into Contract No. OCA13010 to complete these tasks.

The Guadalupe Dunes ecosystem is one of the largest and environmentally significant coastal dune complexes in the nation; spanning 18 miles along the coast, the dunes complex houses approximately 1,400 animal species and 250 native plant species. The Dunes Center has been effectively educating the public about the dunes ecosystem for over four years. Because of the Dunes Center's leadership, Planning & Development Department, Energy Division requests that the County subcontract with the Dunes Center to conduct this project.

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The attached agreement incorporates all requirements included in Contract No. OCA13010 between the County and the State. The Dunes Center has read and accepted the terms and conditions in the attached agreement.

Mandates and Service Levels:

No changes in programs or service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The County will reimburse the Dunes Center for services stipulated in this contractual agreement after the County receives reimbursements from the State Resources Grant (Fund 0001, Department 053, Program 5090, Account 7460, Project PGUA). The Grant Program awards funding to coastal counties and cities impacted by the effects of offshore energy development via Assembly Bill 1431. The grant does not impact the County fiscally nor does it adversely impact County facilities. The project is part of the mitigation program on page D-276 in the Planning & Development Department's section of the County's Budget F02/03.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board will forward a copy of the executed contract with two of the three signature pages to Kathy McNeal Pfeifer of the Planning and Development Department, Energy Division. Ms. Pfeifer will make copies of the contract and deliver: (a) two copies with the original signature pages to the State Resources Agency, (b) one copy to the Dunes Center, and (c) and copy for the Energy Division's file.

Concurrence: County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, and Risk Manager.

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