

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Allocation of \$60,000 from the Orcutt Quimby Fee Trust Fund for the Preparation of the Orcutt Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Implementation Plan; Fourth Supervisorial District

Recommendation:

That the Board of Supervisors approve the attached budget revision to appropriate \$60,000 from the Orcutt Quimby Fee Trust Fund (#1397) for the preparation of the Orcutt Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Implementation Plan.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 5 – A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

Subsequent to the adoption of the Orcutt Community Plan (OCP) in 1997, various entities challenged the OCP regarding the Board's findings of consistency and legal sufficiency as well as the associated EIR. In March 2000, the County entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the entities bringing the action against the County that resulted in the Board's adoption, in July 2001, of amendments to the OCP.

One of these amendments is a new Action Item to the Open Space section of the OCP (Action OS-0-6.3) that requires County Parks to prepare "an adequate Implementation Plan which further develops the OCP's 'active' and 'passive' parks, recreation, and open space plan, and identifies how the specific elements of that Plan will be accomplished." Per the action item, County Parks is required to complete the Implementation Plan 36 months after the adoption of amendments, which would be July 2004.

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County Parks prepared a Request for Proposals (RFP) that was mailed to six consulting firms which, in staff's opinion, are capable of producing the Orcutt Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Implementation Plan (Plan). The RFP delineated the proposed scope of work for the project, including goals and objectives of the Plan, projections for data gathering and analysis, community input, cost estimates, funding options and strategies for accomplishing the elements of the Plan.

Two firms responded to the RFP and County Parks' staff is reviewing the submittals and associated costs and will coordinate with the Planning and Development Department to finalize the scope of work for the Plan. Once a finalized scope of work is completed, County Parks will negotiate a contract with the firm best suited to produce the Plan.

It is therefore recommended that \$60,000 be allocated from the Orcutt Quimby Fee Trust Fund (#1397) to fund the preparation of the Orcutt Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Implementation Plan.

The Park Commission approved this funding request at its August 22, 2002 meeting.

Mandates and Service Levels:

There are no mandates or changes in service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Funding for the preparation of the Implementation Plan is currently available in the Orcutt Quimby Fee Trust Fund (#1397). Use of this Trust Fund is restricted to development of parks and recreational facilities within the Orcutt Recreational Demand Area. The current balance in the Trust Fund is \$370,446. Approval of this funding request would reduce the available balance in the Trust Fund to \$310,446.

There is no impact to facilities.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board to provide a copy of the minute order to County Parks/Administration, Attn: Mike Gibson

Concurrence:

Santa Barbara County Park Commission – August 22, 2002

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