



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Parks
Department No.: 052
For Agenda Of: September 25, 2007
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Daniel C. Hernandez (568-2461)
Director
Contact Info: Claude Garciacelay, Park Planner (568-2469)

SUBJECT: Allocation of \$20,000 from the South Coast East Quimby Fee Agency Fund for Consultant Services to Complete the CEQA Documentation Required for the Proposed Franklin Trail in the Carpinteria Area; First Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors approve a budget revision to appropriate \$20,000 from the South Coast East Quimby Fee Agency Fund (#1399) for consultant services to complete the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation required for the proposed Franklin Trail in the Carpinteria area.

Summary Text:

Parks staff has been working with a consultant for the last couple of years who has been performing required archeological and biological studies for the proposed Franklin Trail, in the Carpinteria area. This work has resulted in the completion of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study for the County segment of the trail. This study was funded by a previous allocation of \$35,000 from the South Coast East Quimby Fee Agency Fund.

An additional allocation of \$20,000 is now requested from the South Coast East Quimby Fee Agency Fund to have the consultant complete the CEQA documentation that will require the circulation of a Mitigated Negative Declaration document. This environmental documentation will need to be completed for the land use permit and prior to any construction for public use of the trail.

The Park Commission approved this funding request at its July 26, 2007 meeting.

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Background:

Over the past couple of years, a consultant has been working under contract with County Parks to perform the required archeological and biological studies along the entire length of the proposed Franklin Trail in the Carpinteria area. These studies include the County and federal jurisdiction segments of the trail, which is required as part of the environmental review of the trail corridor. The consultant’s work resulted in completion of the CEQA Initial Study for the County segment of the trail. This portion of the study was funded by a previous allocation of \$35,000 from the South Coast East Quimby Fee Agency Fund.

At this time, additional consultant services are necessary for completion of the CEQA documentation that will require the circulation of a Mitigated Negative Declaration document. This environmental documentation will need to be completed for the land use permit and prior to any construction for public use of the trail. The environmental analysis work must be done prior to the County applying for any State or federal grant funding for the construction of the trail.

The Parks Department was not successful in its grant application with the federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP) for the 2006 cycle; however, the Department will be reapplying for the 2007 grant cycle in October. A completed CEQA process, through the requested consultant services, will be one additional component to present a more favorable project to the granting agencies. Other substantial funds for the construction phase have not been identified for this project and the best opportunity for funding the construction costs remains with the RTP program. However, Parks will continue to pursue other funding opportunities as they become known and available for the construction of this trail. Once the environmental work has been completed, Parks can apply for the construction permit.

The Park Commission approved this funding request at its July 26, 2007 meeting.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other: South Coast East Quimby Funds			\$ 20,000.00
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00

Narrative: The requested funding (\$20,000) is available in the South Coast East Quimby Fee Agency Fund (#1399). Use of South Coast East Quimby fee funds is restricted to park or recreational facilities within the South Coast East Quimby and Development Fee Demand Area. The current combined balance in the South Coast East Quimby and Development Fee Agency Funds is \$111,764. Approval of this request will reduce the balance in these two Funds to \$91,764.

Staffing Impacts:

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Legal Positions:

N/A

FTEs:

N/A

Special Instructions:

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

Attachments:

Authored by:

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