

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
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Department Name: Parks
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Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Terri Maus-Nisich
Director of Parks

STAFF CONTACT: Coleen Lund, P.E.
x2470

SUBJECT: Resolution Approving the Application for Grant Funds to the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Habitat Conservation Fund Program of the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990 for the purchase of a touring pontoon boat for the Naturalist Program at Lake Cachuma, Third Superivsorial District

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve the attached Resolution in support of an application for grant funds to the Fiscal Year 2005/06 Habitat Conservation Fund Program of the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990 for the purchase of a touring pontoon boat for the Naturalist Program at Lake Cachuma, in the amount of \$21,130.00.
- B. Appoints the Director of Parks as agent of the County of Santa Barbara to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 5.A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

This project entails the purchase of a 31-foot, 25 passenger pontoon touring vessel for interpretation of wildland resources at Cachuma Lake. Such a vessel would support habitat-based life-science lessons for school children aged K – 12 and community college classes. The park naturalist program has been in operation for 15 years and serves a well-established visitor base that includes nearly 5000 area school children and community college students annually.

Established environmental education field trips for local schools include lake excursions that interpret and focus on animal and plant life, plant communities, geology, cultural history of local Native American people, watershed ecology, endangered species, and natural resource conservation. The field trips also include natural history walks and a visit to the non-profit Cachuma Lake Nature Center, established in 1988 to encourage public understanding and enjoyment of Cachuma Lake and the Santa Ynez River watershed.

The existing touring vessel, owned by the Park Department, is in need of replacement. A new vessel would ensure continuation of the Park's popular educational excursions.

In order to keep costs down, a basic vessel 'shell' would be purchased and Cachuma Lake maintenance staff would separately purchase and install the engine, shift and throttle, boater seating and all necessary safety rigging according to code. As is the existing vessel, the new vessel would be wheel-chair accessible. The estimated cost of this new vessel is \$42,259.00, which includes the boat, equipment and seating, and labor. As required under the HCF Grant program 50% of these costs can be funded by the grant. The remaining 50% will be funded through in-kind labor and sought from other local foundations.

The Habitat Conservation Fund Grant Program has a grant category for Trails/Programs of which this project qualifies. The grant application is due to the State of California Resources Agency on October 1, 2004.

Mandates and Service Levels:

No mandates or impacts to service levels. A sample grant agreement is attached for reference.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The Habitat Conservation Grant program requires a 50/50 match request from non-State source funds. The \$21,130 in matching funds will be sought through local foundations and the provision of in-kind labor. Currently, the annual revenue received from the Wildlife Cruise program is approximately \$75,000.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board to provide one certified copy of the executed resolution and minute order to County Parks, attn.: Coleen Lund.

Concurrence:

County Counsel

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE
APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS
FOR THE LOCAL AGENCY GRANT
PROGRAM UNDER THE HABITAT
CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM
OF THE CALIFORNIA, WILDLIFE
PROTECTION ACT OF 1990 FOR THE
PURCHASE OF A NEW NATURE TOUR
BOAT FOR LAKE CACHUMA COUNTY PARK.

RESOLUTION NO.: _____

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990, which provides funds to the State of California for grants to local agencies to acquire and/or develop facilities for public recreational and fish and wildlife habitat protection purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of a portion of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing application by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of the application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that the applicant must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into an agreement with the State of California for acquisition or development of the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Habitat Conservation Fund Grant Program under the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990 State grant assistance for the above project; and
2. Certifies that said applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, the required match; and will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and
4. Appoints the Director of Parks as agent of Santa Barbara County to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project(s).

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION UNDER HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND FOR A NEW NATURE TOUR BOAT AT LAKE CACHUMA COUNTY PARK

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS of the COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, State of California, this _____day of _____, 2004, by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara

ATTEST:
CLERK OF THE BOARD
MICHAEL F. BROWN

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVE AS TO FORM:
STEPHEN SHANE SHARK
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: _____
Deputy County Counsel