



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Planning and  
Development  
**Department No.:** 053  
**For Agenda Of:** October 1, 2019  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
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Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Fish and Wildlife Commission Grant Awards

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

- a) Approve and authorize the Director of Planning and Development to award grants to Wildlife Water Project Cattle Exclusion Fencing and Resolving Negative Human-Wildlife Interactions in Santa Barbara County in 2019, as recommended by the County Fish and Wildlife Commission (Attachment 1).
- b) Determine that the award of Fish and Wildlife Commission Grant funds is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15378 (b) (4) of the State Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act.

**Summary Text:** The County Fish and Wildlife Commission reviewed the attached grant requests at their July 18, 2019 meeting, and recommends that the Board approve partial funding for Wildlife Water Project Cattle Exclusion Fencing and Resolving Negative Human-Wildlife Interactions in Santa Barbara County in 2019. The total requested amount for the Wildlife Water Project Cattle Exclusion Fencing is \$12,000 and the Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends approval of a grant of \$6,000. The total requested amount for the Resolving Negative Human-Wildlife Interactions in Santa Barbara County in 2019 is \$12,500 and the Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends approval of a grant of \$8,000. These expenditures are fully funded by Fish and Wildlife fine revenues. The adopted 2019-20 Fiscal Year Budget for the Fish and Wildlife Fund provides for these expenditures. This grant is a permissible expenditure pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 13103. County Resolution 75-207 authorizes the Fish and Wildlife Commission to advise your Board on fish and wildlife matters and make

recommendations to your Board on proposals from individuals and organizations for the expenditures of fish and wildlife fine revenues.

**Background:**

The County Fish and Wildlife Commission, established by Resolution 75-207 and amended by Resolution 16-12, is comprised of nine members: five appointed by the Board of Supervisors, three from local sportsmen’s associations and one commercial fisher. State law limits how revenues from Fish and Wildlife fines may be expended. Under State law, funds can be expended only for specific purposes, including, but not limited to, temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife and improvement of fish and wildlife habitat. In their July 18, 2019 meeting, the Fish and Wildlife Commission discussed the merits of these proposals and the organizations that are requesting funding. The grants for consideration have satisfied statutory requirements. Below is a summary of the proposed grants; full grant application material is provided in Attachment 1.

Project	Amount Requested	Recommended Amount	Project Description
Wildlife Water Project Cattle Exclusion Fencing	\$12,000	\$6,000	Provides for the installation of wildlife friendly fencing to be installed around troughs and guzzlers to prevent damage to, and monopolization of wildlife water sources by stock.
Resolving Negative Human-Wildlife Interactions in Santa Barbara County in 2019	\$12,500	\$8,000	Provides direct and immediate responses that help save the lives of individual animals harmed by human impact. The primary goal of this program is to rescue and rehabilitate 390 or more aquatic birds from Santa Barbara County annually.

The County Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends that the Board approves funding the grant requests found in Attachment 1. The total requested amount is \$24,500, and the Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends approval of a total of \$14,000, and is fully funded by restricted Fish and Wildlife fine revenues. These grants provide funding for a variety of community based educational programs that focus on fish and wildlife and other expenditures authorized by Fish and Game Code Section 13103.

**Performance Measure:** N/A

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Budgeted: Yes

Fish and Wildlife fine revenue is held in the Fish and Wildlife Fund, #0041. Annual revenues to the fund range from \$5,000 to \$8,000, and the Fund currently has a balance of approximately \$89,000. Funding for the proposed grant expenditures is budgeted in the Planning and Development’s Administration and Support Budget Program on Page D-269 of the County of Santa Barbara Fiscal Year 2019-20 adopted budget. Administrative support costs, including the preparation of this report, are offset by funding from the Fish and Wildlife Fund.

**Staffing Impacts:**

None

**Special Instructions:**

None

**Attachments:**

1. Grant Application Forms

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