

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dianne Meester, Assistant Director
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Energy Division, 568-2046

SUBJECT: Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) – Grant Contract

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors execute the attached CREF contract (BC-06-098) with the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum to install Phase II of its Marine Exhibit, in the amount of \$47,750 for the period of February 28, 2006 to February 15, 2007.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

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

Executive Summary and Discussion:

In January of this year, the Board of Supervisors awarded the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum a \$47,750 CREF grant to install Phase II of its existing Marine Exhibit, which includes four components:

- Dock Side Fish Station;
- 4' x 16' Pelagic and Coastal Birding Mural;
- Birding Activity Center; and
- Improvements to the shark tank (e.g., reverse osmosis system, cooling fans, window shades, etc.).

This recommendation would formally execute that award via the attached contract. The Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum matches the CREF grant with \$27,000 of additional monies and is ready to begin this project.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Mitigation of impacts to coastal resources from offshore oil and gas development is required as a condition of permits on five projects. Mitigation is provided through the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund. There are no changes in service level as a result of this agreement.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

No fiscal and facilities impacts. The Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund is funded by mitigation fees paid by developers of offshore oil and gas reserves. Fees to fund this grant were received in FY 05-06 and are included in the Energy Division Cost Center on page D-304 in the Planning & Development Department's section of the County's Budget F05/06 "Source of Funds Summary – Use of Prior Fund Balances." Staff costs to prepare this agreement have been offset by interest accrued to the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund. The \$47,750 for the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum's project is expended from Fund #0063, Department #053, Program #5090, Account #7863, and Projects #0607. The CREF program is part of the mitigation program, budgeted under "Use of Funds Summary – Mitigation Programs," within the Energy Division's FY 05-06 budget.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board will forward a copy of the agreement to Kathy McNeal Pfeifer of the Planning and Development Department, Energy Division, who will mail a copy of the agreement to the grantee and request the Auditor Controller to pay the award.

Concurrence:

County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Risk Manager

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