

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 568-2240

## Agenda Number:

**Prepared on:** July 20, 2006  
**Department Name:** Planning & Development  
**Department No.:** 053  
**Agenda Date:** August 1, 2006  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** Yes  
**If Yes, date from:** January 10, 2006  
**Document File Name:** G:\group\energy\wp\policy\cref  
\06\contract\SMNHM.BOS

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** John Baker, Director  
Planning & Development

## STAFF

**CONTACT:** Douglas K. Anthony, Deputy Director  
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-07-043) with the Santa Maria Natural History Museum to fabricate and install various exhibits for its “From the Beginnings Under the Sea” and “Sea Life and Sea Shore” exhibits, located in the 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District, in the amount of \$50,000 for the period of August 1, 2006 to September 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 Natural History Museum a \$50,000 CREF grant to fabricate and install various exhibits for its “From the Beginnings Under the Sea” and “Sea Life and Sea Shore” exhibits. Major components of the exhibits include:

- a 5-minute video, depicting the geology of the Santa Maria area to the coast. The video will show an animation of the plate tectonics under the sea during the Jurassic Period and moving to the present time.
- an interactive kiosk, showing plate tectonic movement over time; and

- a new interactive display, depicting tidals zones, its habitants, and their adaptation and exposure to various elements (e.g., air, sun, seawater, and waves).

This contract would formally execute that award. The Santa Maria Natural History Museum matches the CREF grant with approximately \$35,000 of additional monies and in-kind services. The Museum 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 four 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-302 of the County's Budget F06/07 "Source of Funds Summary – Use of Prior Fund Balances." Expenditures are budgeted under "Use of Funds Summary – Mitigation Programs," within the Energy Division's FY 06-07 budget. Staff costs to prepare this contract have been offset by interest accrued to the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund. The \$50,000 for the Santa Maria Natural History Museum's project is expended from Fund #0063, Department #053, Program #5090, Account #7863, and Project #0608

**Special Instructions:**

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

**Concurrence:**

County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller  
Risk Manager

Prepared by: Kathy McNeal Pfeifer

*Board letter: g:\group\energy\wp\policy\cref\06\contracts\SMNHM.BOS*

*Contract: g:\group\energy\wp\policy\cref\06\contracts\ SMNHME ExhibitsCon*