



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 057
For Agenda Of: December 6, 2011
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Herman D. Parker, Community Services Director (805) 568-2467
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Rancho Guadalupe Dunes Access Road Initiation of bidding process for road restoration project; Third Supervisorial District.

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Planning & Development

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Authorize the Director of Community Services to advertise and receive bids on the Restoration of the Guadalupe Dunes Access Road;
- b) Approve design and specifications for purposes of receiving bids on restoration of Guadalupe Dunes Park Road;
- c) Contingent on Board approval of Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund ("CREF") grant; authorize budget appropriation of \$50,000 for preliminary work necessary to initiate and conduct bidding process; and
- d) Determine that the above actions are not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

Summary Text:

The proposed project is to go out to solicit bids for the restoration of an approximately 3,250 foot long road segment that would re-connect the Rancho Guadalupe Dunes County Park entrance road to the Guadalupe Dunes public parking lot. The road would be approximately 20 feet wide and would be paved with asphalt on top of compacted road base or similar. The road would include approximately

1,612 cubic yards of road base fill and approximately 2,000 cubic yards of on-site cut and fill for road contouring (to be balanced on-site). Restoration of the road would occur between October 1st and the last day of February in order to avoid the breeding season for California Least Tern and Western Snowy Plover. Surveys for California Least Tern and Western Snowy Plover would be conducted by a USFWS-approved biologist prior to construction. The biologist would monitor all phases of construction and conduct training for construction staff. No removal of sensitive plants is anticipated. No vegetation will be removed. Staging for the road restoration will occur on existing paved areas within the Park. The road will be aligned within areas least used by sensitive bird species and will avoid impacts to archeological resources. As part of the initiation of the bidding process, the Board is also asked to approve the design and specifications of the road restoration. Additionally, the Department anticipates incurring up to \$50,000 in costs and expenses as part of the initiation and conduct of the bidding process; therefore a budget appropriation of \$50,000 is requested. This appropriation is contingent on Board's approval of a CREF grant; which is a separate item on the Board's agenda for December 6, 2011. The proposed road is located in AP No. 113-020-021, located at 6530 Main Street, in the Guadalupe Area, Third Supervisorial District.

Background:

Rancho Guadalupe Dunes Preserve is a 488 acre parcel and is located in North County, adjacent to the City of Guadalupe. As such it is one of only two beach parks accessible to North County residents. Due to severe erosion caused by the river flows the past two winters, the access road to the park was washed away. Funding is required to re-construct the road to continue to provide access to the beach parking lot and prevent impacts to beach habitat. The road is also very important for emergency vehicular access.

Rancho Guadalupe Dunes is a protected area for several environmentally sensitive species, notably among them is the Snowy Plover. The Snowy Plover nests in the area between March and October, precluding use of the nesting areas in the Park. There is also Steelhead, the Tidewater Goby and Least Tern in the Park.

This property is adjacent to the community of Guadalupe. This community is mainly rural and agricultural in nature, and has few opportunities for recreation and beach access. This project would restore public access by again providing for access to a beach parking lot and viewing area.

The community of Guadalupe is one of the impacted communities regarding the presence of offshore facilities along the coast. Several areas of the beach within this community have been and will continue to be periodically impacted due to well head and other past oil development remnants. This project will mitigate offshore impacts by re-opening this coastal view-shed and beach access area. Existing interpretive panels at the parking lot will again educate the visitors to this open space of the community's history which included oil development.

A CREF grant request is pending on today's Board agenda to provide funds for the bidding process and possible restoration of a connecting road segment to again provide access to the beach. Approval of the restoration will not occur until the bidding process is complete and a coastal development permit ("CDP") has been issued. The CDP application is scheduled to be heard in a public hearing by the zoning administrator on December 19th.

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>
CREF	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00
Total	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00

Narrative:

Subject to Board action on approving CREF funding for Guadalupe Dunes road restoration, this project will be funded through the pending CREF grant. If the grant is not approved, the project will not go out to bid and the project will not move forward at this time. Only a portion of the CREF grant is proposed to be appropriated at this time. The remainder will be considered for appropriation when the Board considers approval of the restoration project.

CEQA Determination:

Initiation of the bidding process and approval of the design and specifications for the restoration as part of the bidding process is exempt from CEQA. A Notice of Exemption is attached.

Special Instructions:

NA

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – 0001911 Budget Revision Request
Attachment 2 - CEQA Notice of Exemption

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