

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 9/5/02
Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
Agenda Date: 9/24/02
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Phillip M. Demery, Director
Public Works Department

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Project Manager

SUBJECT: Santa Ynez Airport installation of an Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) and application for State Matching Grant and Grant and Programs Services Contract for installation; Third Supervisorial District. Project No. 862247

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Adopt the attached resolution applying for a State Matching Grant not to exceed \$116,890.00 from the State of California – Department of Transportation; and
- B. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute the Grant application; and
- C. Authorize Public Works Director to act as agent on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara pertaining to the acceptance of the Grant Allocation and the Grant Agreement.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 1. An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community; and Goal No. 2. Ensure the Public Health and Safety and Provide Essential Infrastructure.

Subject: Santa Ynez Airport installation of an Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) and Application for State Matching Grant and Grant & Programs Services Contract for installation; Third Supervisorial District
Agenda Date: September 24, 2002

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The project consists of installing an Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) on the south side of the runway 26/8. The addition of the AWOS will provide needed safety benefits. The airport currently is open from 7am to 7pm each day. During those hours, pilots may call UNICOM for advisories, however, the line personnel are not certified weather observers and they have multiple other duties that may not allow them to answer the UNICOM. During non staffed hours, the pilots have no way of receiving local traffic advisories.

The Santa Ynez Airport is a general aviation airport that includes commercial pilots who fly charters and corporate jets and private pilots who fly for business commuting. Therefore, there is a reasonable amount of IFR operations arriving and departing the airport. An AWOS would add a large safety benefit to these operations.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Direction by the Board of Supervisors will not change the programs or service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The Santa Ynez Airport Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) project is 90% funded by FAA Grant #AIP 3-06-0243-06, and is 90% funded by a Federal Aeronautics Administration grant, with additional matching grant funding from the State Aeronautics Grant Program (5.5%), and the Santa Ynez Valley Airport Authority (4.5%). The cost for staff support is expected to be \$9,187.25.

The work has been budgeted in Department 054, Fund 0052, Program 1920, Account 7510.

Operating costs will be borne by the Santa Ynez Valley Airport Authority.

Special Instructions:

Please return on copy of this Resolution and one original of the FAA State Matching Grant for Improvement Program Application to the Transportation Division; Attn: Cecelia Barnes (ext. 3064).

Concurrence:

County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Risk Management

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. State Matching Grant for FAA Improvements program Application