



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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

Department Name: Planning &  
Development  
Department No.: 053  
For Agenda Of: March 24, 2009  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required:

---

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department John Baker, 568-2085  
Director  
Contact Info: Douglas K. Anthony, 568-2046

SUBJECT: **Fisheries Enhancement Fund, Award of Grant, Weather III, Phase 2**

---

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors: Authorize the Chair to sign the attached Memorandum of Agreement (Exhibit A) with the National Parks Service as follows:

- (1) County of Santa Barbara agrees to grant \$14,000 from its Fisheries Enhancement Fund to the National Parks Service over a period of five years.
- (2) National Parks Service agrees to use this grant to maintain the Anacapa Island weather station for a period of five years.

**Summary Text:**

On June 4, 2002, the County entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the National Park Service (NPS) for the County to pay NPS \$27,808 from the County's Fisheries Enhancement Fund (FEF). Approximately half of the money (\$13,808) went to purchasing and installing a weather station on Anacapa Island and the other half (\$14,000) went to maintain the weather station for five years. This project was known as the Weather III, Phase 2.

The foregoing action contemplated a total maintenance period of ten years. However, NPS is not permitted to enter into MOAs longer than five years at a time. Accordingly, the 2002 MOA included a statement of intent to renew the MOA for an additional five-year period with an additional cost of approximately \$14,000 after the first five-year term expired. The first five-year maintenance period will

be completed in June of 2009, and the attached MOA allows for NPS to receive an additional \$14,000 for a five-year maintenance period, beginning in July of 2009.

**Background:**

Santa Barbara County established FEF to help mitigate impacts to the local commercial fishing industry caused by offshore oil development. Preclusion from traditional fishing areas has been identified as one such impact. Having better, real-time information helps to mitigate risk of traveling further seaward, beyond traditional fishing areas. The Weather III project, which had been rated as a high priority by commercial fishers, involved two phases. Phase I, entailed purchasing and installing equipment to operate a dedicated radio broadcast of prevalent weather conditions for commercial fishers, was completed in 1996. Phase II consisted of enhancing the information that is broadcast via the dedicated, Weather III radio band by purchasing and installing a weather station on the east end of Anacapa Island. This was completed in May of 2004.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

No facilities impacts are anticipated, nor does this project impact the General Fund. The Fisheries Enhancement Fund is funded by two major oil and gas projects to mitigate impacts to the commercial fishing industry. FEF is included in the Energy Division Cost Center in the Planning & Development Department's section of the County's FY 08/09 Budget on page D-313 (see "Source of Funds Summary – Offshore Oil and Gas Mitigation" and "Use of Prior Fund Balances" for revenue, and "Use of Funds Summary – Mitigation Programs.") Staff costs to prepare the agreement have been offset by interest accrued to the Fisheries Enhancement Fund. The \$14,000 for the Anacapa Island weather station is expended from Fund #0061, Department #053, Program #5090.

**Special Instructions:**

Clerk of the Board will forward original contract (including all four original signature pages) to Kathy McNeal Pfeifer of the Planning and Development Department, Energy Division, who will mail the contract to the National Park Service to receive the proper signatures. Once Ms. Pfeifer receives the signed contract back from the National Park Service, Ms. Pfeifer will forward the original contract to Clerk of the Board and request the Auditor Controller to pay the first of five annual payments in the amount of \$2,800 on July 1, 2009.

**Attachments:**

Memorandum of Agreement between the United States Department of the Interior National Park Service Channel Islands National Park and the County of Santa Barbara

**Authored by:**

Kathy McNeal Pfeifer