



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Clerk of the Board of  
Supervisors  
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**Agenda Number:**

**Submitted on:  
(COB Stamp)**

**Department Name:** Planning &  
Development  
**Department No.:** 053  
**For Agenda Of:** May 5, 2015  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Planning and Development  
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**SUBJECT:** Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) Grant Contracts – Second and Third  
Districts

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**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:

- A. Authorize the Chair to execute the attached Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) contract with the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation, in the amount of \$2,500, to fabricate and install two copies of its “Explore Tide Pools with Care” interpretative sign at Arroyo Burro Beach in Santa Barbara (Second Supervisorial District) and Ocean Park Beach near Lompoc (Third Supervisorial District) (Attachment A).
- B. Authorize the Chair to execute the attached CREF contract with The Nature Conservancy’s California Islands Project, in the amount of \$40,000, to complete Phase 3 of the Santa Cruz Island Habitat Restoration Project, located on Santa Cruz Island, in the Second Supervisorial District (Attachment B).

- C. Determine that the allocation of the CREF grant to fabricate and install two interpretative signs is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15311 of the State Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (Attachment C).

**Summary Text:**

“Explore Tide Pools with Care” Interpretative Signs. The California Marine Sanctuary Foundation would use the \$2,500 Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) grant to fabricate and install two copies of its “Explore Tide Pools with Care” interpretative sign at Arroyo Burro Beach in Santa Barbara and Ocean Park Beach near Lompoc. The signs are 2-feet by 3-feet and colorfully identify common tide pool species, describe the harsh conditions of the habitat and give tips, both in English and Spanish, on how to care for tide pools. The project would be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as defined in Section 15311 – Accessory Structures – in the State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA (Attachment C).

Santa Cruz Island Habitat Restoration. The Nature Conservancy’s California Islands Project would use the \$40,000 CREF grant to complete Phase 3 of a four-phased restoration project on Santa Cruz Island. The four-phased restoration project focuses on eradicating non-native invasive plant species from the island. The total project costs are \$157,000, and the grantee secured the additional \$117,000 from other sources to complete the project. The Department of Fish and Game, Wildlife Conservation Board exempted the project from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as defined in Section 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land – in the State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA (Attachment D).

**Background:**

At the March 4, 2014 Board of Supervisors hearing, the Board of Supervisors awarded 12 Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) grants from the 2014 CREF cycle, including the two subject grants:

- \$2,500 to Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS) (note: the federal agency, CINMS, uses its non-profit partner, the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation, to administer small contracts. Therefore, the attached contract in Attachment A is with the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation); and
- \$40,000 to The Nature Conservancy’s California Islands Project.

The two contracts (Attachments A and B) authorize distribution of the two grants described above.

Mitigation of impacts to coastal resources from offshore oil and gas development is required as a condition of permits on three projects. Mitigation is provided through the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Grants Costs</u></b>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other: CREF			\$ 42,500.00
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,500.00

No fiscal and facilities impacts. The County is not required to maintain the “Explore Tide Pools with Care” interpretative signs at Arroyo Burro Beach and Ocean Park Beach. The Santa Cruz Island Habitat Restoration does not involve County property or ongoing costs. The Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund is funded by annual mitigation fees paid by developers of offshore oil and gas reserves. Fees to fund these grants were received in FY 13-14 and are included in the County’s FY 14/15 Budget on page D-212 “Source of Funds Summary – Use of Prior Fund Balances.” The \$2,500 and \$40,000 are expended from Fund #0063, Dept. #053, Program #5090, Account #7863, Project #1406 and Project #1404, respectively. Administration of CREF is budgeted at \$23,875 for FY 14/15.

**Key Contract Risks:**

A risk analysis was performed for the proposed contracts and both contracts were determined to be of low risk. Each contract amount is less than \$100,000; the performance period is less than two years. The complexities of the contract requirements are low, and the contracts are not controversial.

**Special Instructions:**

Clerk of the Board will forward copies of the contracts to Kathy Pfeifer of the Planning and Development Department, Energy & Minerals Division, who will mail a copy of each contract to the respective grantees and request the Auditor Controller to pay the awards.

**Attachments:**

- A: Contract with the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation
- B: Contract with The Nature Conservancy’s California Islands Project
- C: Notice of Exemption for the “Explore Tide Pools with Care” interpretative signs
- D: Notice of Exemption for the Santa Cruz Island Habitat Restoration

## Attachment A

Contract with the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation

## Attachment B

Contract with The Nature Conservancy's California Islands Project

## Attachment C

Notice of Exemption  
for the “Explore Tide Pools with Care” interpretative signs

## Attachment D

Notice of Exemption  
for the Santa Cruz Island Habitat Restoration