

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 5/12/06  
**Department Name:** Parks  
**Department No.:** 052  
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**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Jason Stilwell  
Interim Director of Parks

**STAFF CONTACT:** Jeff Stone  
North County Deputy Parks Director (934-6145)

**SUBJECT:** Grant Application to Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, for Improvements to Cachuma Lake County Park, Third Supervisorial District

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## Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Affirm the submittal of two grant applications to the Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, for improvements to Cachuma Lake County Park; and
- B. Authorize the Director of Parks to execute and submit all grant documents, including but not limited to, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the grant projects.

## Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 5 – A High Quality of Life for All Residents; and Goal No. 2 – A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

## Executive Summary and Discussion:

Over the last several years, County Parks and the Bureau of Reclamation have been working cooperatively to seek funding for various improvements at Cachuma Lake County Park. More recently, due to the surcharging of Cachuma Lake and the pending impacts on various facilities at the park, the priority for funding has been to address these impacts, identified at an amount in excess of \$10 million. The facilities that require upgrades, relocation, or modification include the park's water treatment plant and water distribution system, boat ramp, and sewer lift stations. Incidental to these improvements are adequate fire protection and water storage facilities. The Bureau of Reclamation, with assistance from County Parks staff,

has facilitated the filing of two grant applications, in the amount of \$7,775,600, which, along with other existing grant funds previously awarded to County Parks, would address the funding of the above mentioned projects. The Bureau grant applications would award the funds over a five year period, commencing in September 2006. Approximately \$3.8 million is required in County matching funds. This match will come primarily from an existing State Department of Boating and Waterways grant, in the amount of \$2.6 million, for improvements to the boat launch facilities. The remaining match will come from County staff in-kind services, existing County General Fund deferred maintenance funding, and State Parks and Recreation Department (Proposition 12 & 40) grant funds.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

There are no mandates or changes in service levels.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

A portion of the grant funds will require a 50% match from the County, which is anticipated to come from an existing State Boating and Waterways grant for the boat launch improvements, a County General Fund deferred maintenance allocation, State Department of Parks and Recreation (Proposition 12 & 40) grant funding, and staff in-kind costs.

In terms of ongoing maintenance costs for the new facilities, these costs are expected to remain relatively the same as that of the existing water treatment plant, water distribution system, and boat launch ramp. Due to the design and location of the new sewer lift stations, it is anticipated that there will some minimal ongoing cost savings for maintenance of these facilities (\$600/year).

**Special Instructions:**

Clerk of the Board to provide a copy of the minute order to the Parks Department/Administration, Attn: Coleen Lund.

**Concurrence:**

None.

This Board letter prepared by Coleen Lund (568-2470).