



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

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Agenda Number:

**Submitted on:
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Department Name: Planning &
Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: December 9, 2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
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Vote Required: Majority

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

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 City of Santa Barbara, in the amount of \$30,000, to conduct the Goleta Slough Lagoon Mouth Hydrologic Modeling Study, located in Goleta, in the Second and Third Supervisorial Districts (Attachment A).
- B. Authorize the Chair to execute the attached CREF contract with the Santa Barbara County Trails Council, in the amount of \$35,000, to complete the Ellwood Mesa Coastal Trail Enhancement and Habitat Restoration Project, located in Goleta, in the Third Supervisorial District (Attachment B).

- C. Determine that the allocation of the CREF grant to conduct the Goleta Slough Lagoon Mouth Hydrologic Modeling Study is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15262 of the State Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (Attachment C).
- D. Determine that the allocation of the CREF grant to complete the Ellwood Mesa Coastal Trail Enhancement and Habitat Restoration Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15262 of the State Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (Attachment D).

Summary Text:

Goleta Slough Lagoon Mouth Hydrologic Modeling Study. The City of Santa Barbara would use the \$30,000 Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) grant to conduct a study that predicts seasonal closure and breaching patterns in the Goleta Slough. The total project costs are approximately \$46,000, and the grantee secured an additional \$16,000. The project would be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as defined in Section 15262 – Feasibility and Planning Studies – in the State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA (Attachment C).

Ellwood Mesa Coastal Trail Enhancement and Habitat Restoration Project. The Santa Barbara County Trail Council would use the \$35,000 CREF grant to complete the final restoration plans, engineering plans, and the mitigated negative declaration for the Ellwood Mesa Coastal Trail Enhancement and Habitat Restoration Project. The total project costs are approximately \$195,000, and the grantee secured an additional \$160,000. The project would be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as defined in Section 15262 – Feasibility and Planning Studies – 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:

- \$30,000 to the City of Santa Barbara; and
- \$35,000 to Santa Barbara County Trails Council.

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:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Grants Costs</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other: CREF			\$ 65,000.00
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,000.00

No fiscal and facilities impacts. 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 \$30,000 and \$35,000 are expended from Fund #0063, Dept. #053, Program #5090, Account #7863, Project #1405 and Project #1407, respectively. Administration of CREF is budgeted at \$23,875 for FY 14/15.

Key Contract Risks:

A risk analysis was performed on each of the proposed contracts and both 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 City of Santa Barbara
- B: Contract with Santa Barbara County Trails Council
- C: Notice of Exemption for the Goleta Slough Lagoon Mouth Hydrologic Modeling Study
- D: Notice of Exemption for the Ellwood Mesa Coastal Trail Enhancement and Habitat Restoration

Attachment A

Contract with City of Santa Barbara

Attachment B

Contract with the Santa Barbara County Trails Council

Attachment C

Notice of Exemption
for the Goleta Slough Lagoon Mouth Hydrologic Modeling Study

Attachment D

Notice of Exemption
for the Ellwood Mesa Coastal Trail Enhancement and Habitat Restoration