



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:** August 25, 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 Contract – Circle G Ranch Fish  
Passage Project, First District

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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 authorize the Chair to execute the attached Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) contract with the South Coast Habitat Restoration, a project of Earth Island Institute, Inc., in the amount of \$42,417, to restore access for southern steelhead in Carpinteria Creek in Carpinteria (First Supervisorial District).

**Summary Text:**

The South Coast Habitat Restoration, (SCHR), a project of Earth Island Institute, Inc., would use the \$42,417 Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) grant to remove barriers to steelhead trout migration in Carpinteria Creek, located on a private ranch known as Circle G Ranch, approximately 3 miles from the ocean off of Carpinteria. SCHR proposes to remove 100 feet of concrete and an existing narrow bridge and install a wider steel bridge and restore the natural stream bottom and riparian habitat around the bridge.

The Circle G Ranch Fish Passage Project was approved by the Zoning Administrator on June 15, 2015 (15CDH-00000-00007). The project was analyzed under CEQA; Planning & Development prepared an Addendum to a California Department of Fish and Wildlife Mitigated Negative Declaration to analyze the effects of the project.

**Background:**

At the May 5, 2015 Board of Supervisors hearing, the Board of Supervisors awarded seven Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) grants from the 2015 CREF cycle, including the subject grant to the South Coast Habitat Restoration/Earth Island Institute. The attached contract authorizes distribution of the grant 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			\$ 42,417.00
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,417.00

No fiscal and facilities impacts. The Circle G Ranch Fish Passage Project does not involve County property or ongoing costs. Funding for this project is budgeted on page D-291 of the FY 2015-16 budget in the Coastal Mitigation Budget Program, and is fully supported by funds in the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund. CREF is funded by annual mitigation fees paid by developers of offshore oil and gas reserves.

**Key Contract Risks:**

A risk analysis was performed for the proposed contract and was determined to be of low risk: the 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 contract is not controversial.

**Special Instructions:**

Clerk of the Board will forward a copy of the contract to Kathy Pfeifer of the Planning and Development Department, Energy & Minerals Division, who will mail a copy of the contract to the grantee and request the Auditor Controller to pay the award.

**Attachments:**

Contract with the South Coast Habitat Restoration, a project of Earth Island Institute, Inc.

## Attachment

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