

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara

FROM: Phillip M. Demery, Public Works Director

STAFF CONTACT: Thomas Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, (Ext. 3436)
Robert Almy, Water Agency Manager, (Ext. 3542)

SUBJECT: Transition of administrative responsibility for the Tri-County F.I.S.H Team and acceptance of Grant Funds from the California Department of Fish and Game

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Direct staff to extend the transition of administrative duties to the County of Ventura through the end of FY 05-06 (June 30, 2006) and authorize the Public Works Director to execute any necessary agreements to transfer administrative responsibilities for this project;
- B. Adopt the attached Resolution to accept the terms and conditions of Grant Agreement (#P0450013) with the California Department of Fish and Game to receive grant funding to fund administration of the Tri-County F.I.S.H. (Funding for Improved Salmonid Habitat) Team activities; and
- C. Authorize the Public Works Director or his designee to enter into Grant Agreement (#P0450015) and all other subsequent agreements or amendments to receive up to \$94,792.00 in funding for the project.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations align with Goal No. 5: Maintain and Enhance the Quality of Life for all Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On May 3, 2005, your Board authorized application of a grant for future TCFT work (beginning FY 06-07) and directed staff to request another agency assume administrative duties for that grant and the overall program beginning January 1, 2005. County staff have explored a number of options with the counties of San Luis Obispo and Ventura; Ventura County has offered to assume administrative responsibilities at the end of a transition period through FY 05-06 (June 30, 2006). The State will allow County of Ventura to substitute for Santa Barbara County for the May 3 grant application and accept the grant if awarded. The State will not allow Ventura County to substitute for Santa Barbara County in the agreement P0450013 which provides funding through FY 05-06.

Thus instead of a January 1, 2006 hand off of this project, a transition period until July 1, 2006 would take place and administrative responsibilities would then be taken by Ventura County.

As discussed in previous hearings and Board Letters, the County will still be involved as a member of the TCFT. As such the County's continued involvement would help protect the interest of the County and private land owners. In addition, staff will only support projects that have the land owner's support, whether that is a private property owner, or an agency.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Approval the transition of administrative duties would provide a continuous level of service for tri-county residents. Approval of the Grant will allow the TCFT to continue it efforts on permit streamlining and public information.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

▪ ***Tri-County F.I.S.H Team Grant:***

DFG grant funds requested	\$94,792.00
TCFT Executive Committee In-Kind (spread among all members)*	<u>\$20,250.00</u>
TOTAL Estimated Project Cost	\$115,742.00

*These in-kind services are provided through participation in the Executive Committee, which comprises a local government representative, local agency representative, and public member from each county.

Grant Funds for Water Agency staff time will be deposited in Dept: 054, Fund: 3050, Acct: 4339, Program: 3012. Expenditures relating to the Tri-County F.I.S.H. Team will be paid from Dept: 054, Fund: 3050, Acct: 7460, Program: 3012. If approved, a budget revision will be processed to add funds to the FY 2005-06 Budget under the Water Agency cost center of the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department.

- cc: Ventura County
- San Luis Obispo County
- Cambria Community Services District
- Casitas Municipal Water District

ATTACHMENT A

Tri-County F.I.S.H. Team
(Funding for Improved Salmonid Habitat)

Executive Committee

San Luis Obispo Representatives

Local Government – Eric Wier (County of San Luis Obispo)
Local Sponsoring Agency – Ben Boer (Cambria Community Services District)
Public Member – Richard Hawley (Greenspace, The Cambria Land Trust)

County of Santa Barbara

Local Government - Rob Almy (County of Santa Barbara)
Local Sponsoring Agency – Kate Rees (Cachuma Conservation Release Board)
Public Member – To be appointed.

County of Ventura

Local Government – Don Davis (City of Ventura)
Local Sponsoring Agency – John Johnson (Casitas Municipal Water District)
Public Member – Dennis Harper (Matilija Fly Fishers)

TCFT participants

Public agencies that are currently members of the TCFT include:

- Cambria Community Services District
- Coastal San Luis RCD
- Cachuma Conservation and Release Board
- City of Carpinteria
- County of Santa Barbara
- SY River Water Conservation District, I.D. #1
- Casitas Municipal Water District
- County of Ventura
- City of San Luis Obispo
- County of San Luis Obispo
- Cachuma RCD
- City of Santa Barbara
- SB County Fish & Game Commission
- City of Ventura
- United Water Conservation District