

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
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Department Name: Parks
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Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Terri Maus, Director of Parks
568-2461

STAFF CONTACT: Terri Maus, Director of Parks

SUBJECT: Management of Lake Cachuma Recreation Area Two-Year Lease Extension-Third Supervisorial District

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve extension to contract No. 14-06-200-600, between the County of Santa Barbara and the United States Department of the Interior Board of Reclamation to continue to administer the Lake Cachuma Recreation Area for the period of January 12, 2005 to January 12, 2007.
- B. Authorize the Chair to sign a letter accepting all terms and conditions as set forth in the Bureau of Reclamation letter dated November 19, 2004.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No 1: An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community and Goal No. 5. A High Quality Life for all Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On November 26, 2002 the Board of Supervisors authorized the extension of a lease between the County of Santa Barbara and the US Bureau of Reclamation for two years i.e. January 12, 2003-January 12, 2005. This extension was to provide the Bureau of Reclamation additional time to complete the preparation of a Resource Management Plan (RMP) necessary to begin negotiations. As of this date, due to lack of staffing at the Bureau, the RMP has not been completed, therefore negotiations for a long-term lease have yet to begin. At this time, an additional short term, two-year extension is required so that sufficient time is provided to complete the RMP and conduct negotiations.

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This extension will ensure that recreational services currently provided at Lake Cachuma continue uninterrupted and that all long-term critical issues associated with the lease renewal are sufficiently analyzed and addressed. It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve a two-year lease extension to Contract 14-06-200-600 in which all existing terms and conditions remain in effect.

The County currently provides an array of recreation amenities including but not limited to fishing, camping (tent, RV and yurt), boating and nature cruises to approximately 800,000 visitors each year at Lake Cachuma. The County's original fifty-year lease with the Bureau of Reclamation to manage the Lake Cachuma Recreation Area expired in January of 2003, and an interim two-year extension through January 12, 2005 is now in effect.

A draft letter from the Board of Supervisors to the Bureau is attached. Based on your Board's approval, County Parks will facilitate a final letter for signature by the Chair.

Mandates and Service Levels:

There are no mandates or change in service levels with this extension.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no fiscal and facility impacts with the lease extension. County staff and the Bureau will continue to work over the course of the lease extension on a new long-term lease agreement.

Special Instructions:

Provide copy of Minute Order to County Parks, Attention: Terri Maus, Director of Parks

Concurrence:

County Counsel

Attachment:

- A. Contract Extension Letter-Bureau of Reclamation, November 19, 2004
- B. Draft letter to Bureau of Reclamation