



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Board of Supervisors  
**Department No.:** 011  
**For Agenda Of:** September 16, 2025  
**Placement:** Departmental  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Steve Lavagnino, Fifth District Office  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Cory Bantilan, Chief of Staff (805) 680-2226  
**SUBJECT:** Transfer of General County Programs Discretionary Funds to the City of Santa Maria

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement for the transfer of \$1,500,000 in previously allocated funds to the City of Santa Maria for the Santa Maria Sports Complex from the General County Programs General Fund;
- b) Approve Budget Revision Request No. 0010189 to establish appropriations of \$1,500,000 in the General County Programs General Fund for Services and Supplies funded by release of Committed Emerging Issues fund balance;
- c) Find that the project provides a community benefit that meets the social needs of the County; and
- d) Determine that the above actions are organizational or administrative activities of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Summary Text:**

As part of the County's FY 2021-22 Budget, \$1,500,000 was allocated toward City of Santa Maria Recreational Opportunities. That opportunity is the Santa Maria Sports Complex, to be located on Depot Street in Santa Maria. Project plans include soccer fields, basketball courts, a walking trail, exercise stations, a playground, and restroom facilities.

Other secured funding sources for the project include \$6,200,000 from the California Department of Parks and Recreation, \$1,000,000 from the City of Santa Maria, and \$1,000,000 from the FY 2023-24 State Budget.

The County will have no role or responsibility for the operation or maintenance of the Sports Complex.

**Background:**

The idea of a Santa Maria Sports Complex was conceived during the development process of a large agricultural property now approved for infill housing. The property is located in Santa Maria and is bordered by South Blosser Road to the west, West Stowell Road to the east, and West Battles Road to the south. In 2024 the City of Santa Maria purchased 21-acres adjacent to South Depot Road, which will serve as the site of the Santa Maria Sports Complex. The project is currently under construction and is scheduled to be completed in 2026.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No; recommend approval of Budget Revision Request No. 0010189

**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 Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund	\$ 1,500,000.00		\$ 1,500,000.00
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000.00

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Agreement to distribute County funds for the Santa Maria Sports Complex

Attachment B: Budget Revision Request No. 0010189

**Authored by:**

Cory Bantilan, Chief of Staff