SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER

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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Terri Maus-Nisich
                   Director of Parks

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SUBJECT: Placement of vegetated rock gabion protection along the lake embankment to protect
                   the Lake Cachuma County Park Water Treatment Plant, Third Supervisorial District

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Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Consider recommendations regarding the placement of vegetated rock gabion along the lake embankment to protect the Lake Cachuma County Park Water Treatment Plant, Third Supervisorial District, as follows:

A. Approve plans and specifications.

B. Award the construction contract, in the amount of $110,000 to the lowest responsible bidder, Schock – Hanley Construction, (a local vendor), subject to the provisions of documents and certification, as set forth in the plans and specifications applicable to the project and as required by law.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan: The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:
On August 7, 2003, bids were received for the placement of rock gabion protection along the portion of lake bank that lies adjacent to the Lake Cachuma County Park Water Treatment Plant. Currently, as can be seen from the photo, the eroded embankment is within a few feet of the existing water treatment plant building. Lake water levels are at an optimum to allow the construction to occur prior to the winter season. This project is one of the last remaining projects to be completed under the Storm 2001, State OES funded emergency. During the 2001 storm, high lake levels combined with heavy winds caused severe erosion due to wave action along the lake embankment.

The photos shows temporary sand bags that were placed in 2001 until this project could commence. Permits for this work have been obtained from US Army Corp of Engineer, California Department of Fish and Game and the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

March 2001 photo of lake embankment
adjacent to Water Treatment Plant

Current low lake level conditions at Water
Treatment Plant

Three bids were received for this project, in anticipation of the project being executed as an informal contract, under $100,000. The low bid, Schock – Hanley Construction, totaled $115,385. Per County Counsel, Government Code Section 22034(f) allows the Board to award contracts up to $110,000 that were not bid formally through authorization of the Board of Supervisors. In order to move forward with the project to meet permit conditions that require the work to be completed prior to November 1, 2003, the contract has been reduced to allow award at $110,000. This reduction in the scope does not affect the resulting low bidder.

The project was deemed exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by County Parks and posted with the Clerk of the Board on November 15, 2002. A copy of the exemption (without attachments) is provided herein for reference.

Mandates and Service Levels: No mandates with this action.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: This project will be funded from State OES emergency funds and matching funds provided through a grant from the Bureau of Reclamation, all available within the County Parks Accumulative Capital Outlay budget 1931.

Special Instructions: Clerk of the Board to provide a certified copy of the executed contract and minute order to County Parks, attn. Coleen Lund.

Concurrence:
County Counsel
Auditor Controller
Risk Management

Attachments: November 15, 2002 Notice Of Exemption