

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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County Executive Office

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Public Works Department

**SUBJECT:** Neighborhood Project Feasibility Studies; All Supervisorial Districts

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**Recommendations:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve the Budget Revision transferring \$20,000 from General Fund Contingency to the General Programs Budget for FY 2005/06 miscellaneous Neighborhood Project Feasibility Studies; and
- B. Direct the County Executive officer to budget miscellaneous project feasibility study funds in FY 2006/07.

**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. The recommendation is also consistent with the County core values – accountability, customer focus and efficiency.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

In direct response to community issues, Board members occasionally request the County Executive officer and the Departments to study and identify options that address their neighborhood concerns.

Seldom are these work studies budgeted and as such staff time is spent finding the needed revenue to conduct the studies. This effort can significantly delay our County's response, frustrating staff, the Board and our constituents.

The recommendation for this current fiscal year is to allocate \$20,000 from the General Fund Contingency to conduct these project feasibility studies. Such studies could incorporate a variety of future subject matters as

they pertain to neighborhood issues involving Public Works, Parks or General Services. It is also recommended that these project feasibility studies be budgeted in future years beginning in FY 2006/07.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

No mandates or service levels are affected by this action.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The recommendation will require \$20,000 as a General Fund Contingency transfer in FY 2005/06.

Cc: Phillip Demery, Director of Public Works  
Rick Wheeler, Director of Parks  
Bob Nisbet, Interim Director of General Services