



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER


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Agenda Number:

Submitted on:
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Department Name: Planning &
Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: August 17, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Lisa Plowman, Director, Planning and Development
Director(s): (805) 568-2086 

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SUBJECT: Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund - Grant Contracts with the City of Santa
Barbara, NatureTrack, Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network and Channel
Islands Marine & Wildlife Institute, All Districts

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

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 the attached Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund contract with the City of Santa Barbara, in the amount of \$50,000, to make restoration and trail improvements to Arroyo Burro Open Space, for the period of August 17, 2021 to April 15, 2022, Second District (Attachment A).
- b. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund contract with NatureTrack, in the amount of \$26,272, to purchase six electrical Freedom Trax devices that assist wheelchairs on beaches, for the period of August 17, 2021 to August 15, 2022, All Districts (Attachment B).
- c. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund contract with the Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network, in the amount of \$50,662, to construct six

duckling enclosures, for the period of August 17, 2021 to October 15, 2021, All Districts (Attachment C).

- d. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund contract with the Channel Islands Marine & Wildlife Institute, in the amount of \$33,929, to create and launch its marine conservation educational curriculum, for the period of August 17, 2021 to December 31, 2022, All Districts (Attachment D).
- e. Approve and authorize the Director of Planning and Development, or designee, to take the following actions for the attached Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund Contracts:
 - i. Extend performance in accordance with Sections 3 for up to and not to exceed a period of one year for good cause;
 - ii. Approve project changes in accordance with Sections 5, including changes to project descriptions, reduction in the overall project budgets or change in budget items of 10 percent or more; and
 - iii. Terminate the contract in accordance with Sections 4 and Sections 15 (Section 14 for Contract in Attachment C) for failure to provide matching funds/in-kind services.
- f. Determine that the allocations of the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund grants are exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the State Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Summary Text:

Recommended Actions a - d. Attachment A contains a contract with the City of Santa Barbara, providing the City with a \$50,000 Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund grant to fund restoration and related improvements to the City's Arroyo Burro Open Space located along Las Positas Road across from Elings Park. Restoration efforts would include restoring an onsite tributary drainage and planting over 2,600 native plants and trees. Improvements would include establishing a trail system onsite, constructing an elevated wood boardwalk over the restored drainage and installing an 85-foot bridge across Arroyo Burro Creek to connect the open space area to the new Las Positas bikeway. The total cost of the project is approximately \$1.4 million, and the City has secured \$1,394,322 additional monies from its Creeks Division's Capital program and operating budget.

Attachment B contains a contract with NatureTrack, providing a \$26,272 Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund grant towards NatureTrack's efforts to assist individuals with mobility issues to access the beach more easily. NatureTrack would purchase six electrical Freedom Trax (Trax) devices that allow wheelchairs to maneuver along sandy beaches and use the Trax devices during the applicant's outdoor student (grades K-12) field trips to coastal locations throughout the County. In addition, the applicant would collaborate with and allow several organizations and cities located within Santa Barbara County to use the Trax devices at no cost for their community activities along the coast, such as beach clean-ups, snowy plover docent programs and natural history education classes. The total cost of the project is approximately \$46,000, and NatureTrack secured an additional \$19,045 from a donor and other grant programs.

Attachment C contains a Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund contract with the Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network (SBWCN), providing \$50,662 for the construction of six 6' x 6' duckling enclosures. SBWCN has completed the construction of the six duckling enclosures already as it anticipated the arrival of hundreds of ducks this spring/summer. The total cost of the project is \$66,461, and SBWCN has secured an additional \$15,799.

Attachment D contains a Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund contract with the Channel Islands Marine & Wildlife Institute (CIMWI), providing \$33,929 towards its online marine conservation education

program which focusses on elementary school children (grades K-5th grade) throughout Santa Barbara County and beyond. The total cost of the project is \$43,729, and CIMWI has secured an additional \$9,800 in in-kind services.

Attachments A-D contain the contracts with City of Santa Barbara, NatureTrack, SBWCN and CIMWI, respectively, and the contracts include several provisions that allow future minor administrative tasks to be handled by the Director of Planning & Development or designee (outlined in Recommended Action e).

Recommended Action f. Executing Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund contracts does not meet the definition of a “project” pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5). This section exempts government administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Background:

At the May 11, 2021 Board of Supervisors hearing, the Board of Supervisors awarded eight grants from the combined 2020-2021 Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund cycle and directed staff to return to the Board with the contractual agreements. The four contracts in Attachments A-D execute the 2020-2021 Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund awards with the City of Santa Barbara, NatureTrack, Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network and Channel Islands Marine & Wildlife Institute described above. The contracts with the other four awardees will be brought to the Board when they are ready for execution.

The County established the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund to mitigate the environmental impacts of offshore oil and gas development and transportation projects. Mitigation is provided through the Fund for impacts to four categories of coastal resources: recreation, tourism, aesthetics, and environmentally sensitive resources. The County must ensure that Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund fees are used to mitigate those impacts, according to conditions of approval on projects and the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund Guidelines.

Fiscal Analysis:

Federal					
Fees					
Other: CREF				\$	160,863.00
Total	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 160,863.00

Budgeted: Yes

The Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund contracts to the City of Santa Barbara, NatureTrack, Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network and Channel Islands Marine & Wildlife Institute, included as Attachments A - D, respectively, do not involve County property or ongoing costs. The contracts associated with Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund awards are funded by mitigation fees paid annually by developers of offshore oil and gas reserves.

The Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund creates no fiscal impact on the County general fund budget. The Fund is funded by mitigation fees paid annually by developers of offshore oil and gas reserves. Funding for the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund is budgeted in the Planning & Development Department’s Coastal Mitigation Budget Program on page D-301 of the County of Santa Barbara Fiscal

Year (FY) 2021-22 adopted budget, and is fully supported by funds in the Fund. Administration of the Fund includes preparation of the annual status report; solicitation and evaluation of grant proposals and recommendation of grant awards to the Board of Supervisors; preparation, monitor and enforcement of grant contracts; preparation and monitor of the Fund's budget; and reassessment of Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund fees.

Key Contract Risks:

Risk analysis of the three contracts in Attachments A - D determined that they would be a low risk: the contract amounts are \$100,000 or less; the performance periods are less than two years; the complexities of the contracts requirements are low; and the contracts are not controversial.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board will forward copies of the contracts (including Exhibits A and B of the contracts) to Kathy McNeal Pfeifer of the Planning and Development Department, Energy, Minerals & Compliance Division, who will mail copies of the contract/amendment to the grantees and request the Auditor Controller to pay the contract award.

Attachments:

- A: Contract with City of Santa Barbara
- B: Contract with NatureTrack
- C: Contract with Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network
- D: Contract with Channel Islands Marine & Wildlife Institute

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Attachment A

Contract with the City of Santa Barbara

Attachment B

Contract with NatureTrack

Attachment C

Contract with the Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network

Attachment D

Contract with the Channel Islands Marine & Wildlife Institute