



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

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Supervisors
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Agenda Number:

**Submitted on:
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Department Name: Planning &
Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: July 21, 2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Planning and Development
Director(s) Glenn Russell, Ph.D., Director, 568-2085

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SUBJECT: Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) Grant Contract –Third District

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Authorize the Chair to execute the attached Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) contract with The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County, in the amount of \$23,000, to revitalize the Coronado Butterfly Preserve in Goleta (Third Supervisorial District) (Attachment A).
- B. Determine that the allocation of the CREF grant to revitalize the Coronado Butterfly Preserve is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15262 and 15311 of the State Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (Attachment B).

Summary Text:

The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County would use the \$23,000 Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) grant to fabricate and install new interpretative signs, conduct vegetation and vernal pool/native grassland surveys, and work with the Coronado Butterfly Preserve Action Committee and the City of

Goleta to revitalize the Coronado Butterfly Preserve. The project would be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as defined in Sections 15262 – Feasibility and Planning Studies – and 15311 – Accessory Structures – in the State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA (Attachment B).

Background:

At the May 5, 2015 Board of Supervisors hearing, the Board of Supervisors awarded seven Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) grants from the 2015 CREF cycle, including the subject grant to The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County. The contract (Attachment A) authorizes distribution of the grant described above.

Mitigation of impacts to coastal resources from offshore oil and gas development is required as a condition of permits on three projects. Mitigation is provided through the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund.

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Grants Costs</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other: CREF			\$ 23,000.00
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,000.00

No fiscal and facilities impacts. The Coronado Butterfly Preserve Revitalization Project does not involve County property or ongoing costs. Funding for this project is budgeted on page D-291 of the FY 2015-16 budget in the Coastal Mitigation Budget Program, and is fully supported by funds in the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund. CREF is funded by annual mitigation fees paid by developers of offshore oil and gas reserves.

Key Contract Risks:

A risk analysis was performed for the proposed contract and was determined to be of low risk: the contract amount is less than \$100,000; the performance period is less than two years; the complexities of the contract requirements are low; and the contract is not controversial.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board will forward a copy of the contract to Kathy Pfeifer of the Planning and Development Department, Energy & Minerals Division, who will mail a copy of the contract to the grantee and request the Auditor Controller to pay the award.

Attachments:

- A: Contract with The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County
- B: Notice of Exemption for the Coronado Butterfly Preserve Revitalization Project

Attachment A

Contract with The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County

Attachment B

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for the Coronado Butterfly Preserve Revitalization Project