

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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## Agenda Number:

**Prepared on:** March 6, 2003  
**Department Name:** Planning & Development  
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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Dianne Meester, Interim Director  
Planning & Development

**STAFF CONTACT:** Kathy McNeal Pfeifer, 568-2507

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

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## Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors executes the attached CREF contract (BC03-178) with the Community Environmental Council to fabricate new exhibits and make various improvements to the South Coast Watershed Resource Center, in the amount of \$19,861 for the period of March 18, 2003 to February 15, 2005.

## Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation aligns with Goal No. 5. A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

## Executive Summary and Discussion:

In December of 2002, the Board of Supervisors awarded the Community Environmental Council a \$19,861 CREF grant to: (a) fabricate two portable displays depicting the Steelhead life-cycle and its habitat; (b) install a marine-themed reading area for children, (c) purchase two spotting scopes, and (d) make some improvements to the existing building. The Community Environmental Council is ready to embark on these projects.

## Mandates and Service Levels:

Mitigation of impacts to coastal resources from offshore oil and gas development is required as a condition of permits on five projects. Mitigation is provided through the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund. There are no changes in service level as a result of this agreement.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

No fiscal and facilities impacts. The Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund is funded by mitigation fees paid by developers of offshore oil and gas reserves. Staff costs to prepare this agreement have been offset by interest accrued to the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund. The \$19,861 for the South Coast Watershed Resource Center exhibits and improvements is expended from Fund #0063, Department #053, Program #5090, Account #7863, Project #0305. The CREF program is part of the mitigation program within the Energy Division Cost Center on page D-276 in the Planning & Development Department's section of the County's FY 2002-03 Budget.

**Special Instructions:**

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

**Concurrence:**

County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller  
Risk Manager

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