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TO:	Board of Supervisors
FROM:	Rick Wheeler Interim Parks Director
STAFF CONTACT:	Jeff Stone North County Deputy Parks Director (934-6145)
SUBJECT:	Allocation of \$40,000 from the Santa Ynez Valley Quimby Fee Trust Fund for the Preparation of a Recreational Needs Assessment for the Greater Santa Ynez Valley; Third Supervisorial District

Recommendation:

That the Board of Supervisors approve the attached budget revision to appropriate \$40,000 from the Santa Ynez Valley Quimby Fee Trust Fund (#1401) for the development of a recreational needs assessment for the greater Santa Ynez Valley.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 1 - An Efficient Government Able to Anticipate and Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community and Goal No. 5 - A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Santa Ynez Valley Blueprint, a broad-based community organization, has produced a vision statement for the future of the Santa Ynez Valley. This effort identified recreational needs as a priority for the future of the Santa Ynez Valley and recognized that careful planning would be necessary to achieve this goal. Concurrently, the County Planning and Development Department is working with the Santa Ynez Valley General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) to update the Community Plan for the Santa Ynez Valley.

During the last year, the County Parks Department has been working with the Santa Ynez Valley Blueprint Recreation Committee (a subcommittee of the Santa Ynez Valley Blueprint) to determine the best method to assess the recreational needs of the greater Santa Ynez Valley. Parks Department staff, through a series of meetings with the Recreation Committee, has determined that preparation of a recreational needs assessment

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would provide the required information. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was sent to seven consulting firms and Moore, Iacofano, and Goltsman, Inc. (MIG) from Berkeley, California was identified as the desired firm to prepare the assessment. The consultant's proposal to complete the identified work for the recreational needs assessment is \$39,200. The Parks Department will proceed to negotiate the contract for these consultant services subsequent to the allocation of funds from the Santa Ynez Valley Quimby Fee Trust Fund.

The information generated by this study will greatly assist the Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan update process by providing a comprehensive recreational overview for current and future recreational needs for the Santa Ynez Valley.

The Park Commission approved this funding request at its July 25, 2002 meeting.

Mandates and Service Levels:

There are no mandates or changes in service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Funding for the requested consultant services to develop a recreational needs assessment for the greater Santa Ynez Valley is currently available in the Santa Ynez Valley Quimby Fee Trust Fund (#1401). Use of this Trust Fund is restricted to development of park or recreational facilities within the Santa Ynez Valley Quimby Demand Area. The current balance in the Trust Fund is \$56,198. Approval of this funding request would reduce the available balance in this Trust Fund to \$16,198.

There is no impact to facilities.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board to provide a copy of the minute order to County Parks/Administration, Attn: Mike Gibson.

Concurrence: Santa Barbara County Park Commission – July 25, 2002 Auditor-Controller