

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rick Wheeler
Director of Parks

STAFF Jeff Stone
CONTACT: North County Deputy Director of Parks (934-6145)

SUBJECT: Allocation of \$4,000 from Orcutt Quimby Fee Trust Fund to the Orcutt Babe Ruth League for Refurbishment of the Infield at Morrison Field; Fourth Supervisorial District

Recommendation:

That the Board of Supervisors approve a budget revision to appropriate \$4,000 from the Orcutt Quimby Fee Trust Fund (#1397) to the Orcutt Babe Ruth League for refurbishment of the infield at Morrison Field located within Waller County Park in Santa Maria.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 5 – A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The County Parks Department currently has a lease agreement with the Orcutt Babe Ruth League for the use and maintenance of two baseball fields (Morrison Field and Ellis Field) located within Waller County Park in Santa Maria. The current agreement expires on December 31, 2006 and has been in effect (including renewals) since 1986.

As indicated in the attached letter, the Orcutt Babe Ruth League annually renovates and prepares the fields prior to league play in the spring, as is their responsibility in the lease agreement. The agreement states that “the lessee shall maintain and repair, at its own expense, the existing concession stand, uncovered bleacher stands, and infield grounds of the playing field on the premises. It is mutually understood that all maintenance and repair work is the sole responsibility of the lessee and such work will be done in a competent and workmanlike manner”.

In completing its renovation of Morrison Field for the upcoming spring season, the League encountered some unexpected problems with underground water erosion, which made it necessary to do major excavation and sodding, which was beyond their budget expectations. In order to complete the fields in time for the season, they need to bring in red clay mix to resurface the infield, at a cost of \$4,000. The League has therefore requested an allocation of \$4,000 in Quimby funding, which will allow it to complete and upgrade its infield renovations in preparation for the 2006 season.

The Orcutt Babe Ruth League and County Parks have maintained an excellent working relationship over the years and this lease agreement has enabled thousands of young men to participate in an organized baseball league. It is therefore recommended that this funding request be approved. The Park Commission approved this request at its January 26, 2006 meeting.

Mandates and Service Levels:

There are no mandates or changes in service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The funding requested for this project (\$4,000) is available in the Orcutt Quimby Fee Trust Fund (#1397). Use of this Trust Fund is restricted to development of park or recreational facilities within the Orcutt Quimby Demand Area. The current balance in the Orcutt Quimby Fee Trust Fund is \$574,091. Approval of this request will reduce the Trust Fund balance to \$570,091.

The combined balance available in the Orcutt Quimby Fee Trust Fund (#1397) and the Orcutt Development Fee Trust Fund (#1398) is \$958,029. There are no pending expenditures from these Funds at the present time. Future expenditures, however, would include acquisition of property for development under the Orcutt Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Implementation Plan.

There is no impact on facilities that will result in any costs for the Parks Department.

Special Instructions:

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

Concurrence:

Park Commission – January 26, 2006
Auditor-Controller

