



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Submitted on:  
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Planning and Development  
Department No.: 053  
Agenda Date: August 19, 2025  
Placement: Administrative Agenda  
Estimated Time:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from: <Insert Date>  
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Department Director(s): Lisa Plowman  
Contact: Andrew Rasura  
SUBJECT: Fish and Wildlife Commission Grant Award

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** CEO Budget

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- Approve and authorize the Director of Planning and Development to award a grant to International Bird Rescue. (Attachment 1);
- Determine that the award of Fish and Wildlife Commission Grant funds is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4).

**Summary Text:**

The County Fish and Wildlife Commission reviewed the attached grant request at their January 23, 2025 meeting, and recommends that the Board approve funding for the "Ethically and Effectively Resolving Human/Wildlife Interactions Issues in Santa Barbara County Through Temporary Emergency Treatment and Care of Injured and Orphaned Wildlife" project, with the total requested amount being \$16,521.

**Discussion:**

This grant is a permissible expenditure pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 13103. County Resolution 75-207 authorizes the Fish and Wildlife Commission to advise your Board on fish and wildlife matters and make recommendations to your Board on proposals from individuals and organizations for the expenditures of fish and wildlife fine revenues.

In their January 23, 2025 meeting, the Fish and Wildlife Commission discussed the merits of this proposal. The grant for consideration has satisfied statutory requirements. Below is a summary of the proposed grants; full grant application material is provided in Attachment 1.

Project	Amount Requested	Recommended Amount	Project Description
Ethically and Effectively Resolving Human/Wildlife Interaction Issues in Santa Barbara County Through Temporary Emergency Treatment and Care of Injured and Orphaned Wildlife	\$16,521.00	\$16,521.00	Rescue and rehabilitation of around 90 aquatic birds annually from Santa Barbara County. The project is supported with additional funding of \$10,000 from the State of California Oiled Wildlife Care Network Individual Oiled Bird Fund and \$23,043 from other local Southern California donors.

**Background:**

The County Fish and Wildlife Commission, established by Resolution 75-207 and amended by Resolution 16-12, is comprised of nine members: five appointed by the Board of Supervisors, three considered qualified in fish and game matters and nominated by specific organizations, and one commercial fisher. State law limits how revenues from Fish and Wildlife fines may be expended. Under State law, funds can be expended only for specific purposes, including, but not limited to, temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife and improvement of fish and wildlife habitat.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

**Budget: Yes**

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Funding Source	FY 2025-26	Total
General Fund		
State	16,521	<b>16,521</b>
Federal		
Fees		
[Other Source]		
<b>Total</b>		<b>16,521</b>

This expenditure is fully funded by Fish and Wildlife fine revenues. Appropriations of \$18,000.00 for Fish and Wildlife Grants are included in the FY 2025-26 budget.

Fish and Wildlife fine revenues are maintained in the Fish and Wildlife Special Revenue Fund, #0041. Annual revenues to the fund range from \$5,000.00 to \$8,000.00, and the Fund currently has a balance of approximately \$705,010.58. Administrative support costs, including the preparation of this report, are offset by funding from the Fish and Wildlife Fund. If awarded a Fish and Wildlife project grant, no

future funding commitment is required for maintenance or operational costs related to these projects.

**Staffing Impacts:**

No additional staffing is needed to implement and manage this grant.

**Special Instructions:**

The Clerk of the Board shall email the minute order of the hearing to the Planning and Development Department, Hearing Support, David Villalobos.

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – Grant Application Form

**Contact Information:**

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