

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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## Agenda Number:

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Valentin Alexeeff, Director  
Planning & Development

**STAFF**

**CONTACT:** Doug Anthony, 568-2046; Kathy McNeal Pfeifer, 568-2507

**SUBJECT:** Contract with The Trust for Public Land

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## Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors execute the attached contract (No. BC-05-137) with The Trust for Public Land to help purchase 137 acres along the Ellwood Mesa, in the amount of \$350,000.

## Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

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

## Executive Summary and Discussion:

During its 2002 Coastal Resources Grant Program, the State of California awarded the County of Santa Barbara a grant of \$350,000 for the purpose of working with the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County to acquire one or more easements to conserve scenic values and natural resources along the Gaviota Coast. The County and the State entered into Contract No. OCA 13005 to complete these tasks. On December 14, 2004, the Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 04-365 to transfer the \$350,000 grant to help acquire the 137-acre Ellwood Mesa in Goleta. This transfer ensures that the County would use this grant before it expired on June 30, 2005.

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) acquired the entire \$19.75 million to purchase the Ellwood Mesa bluff top open space property and closed escrow on February 4, 2005. TPL's two-year fund-raising efforts resulted with a \$6 million grant from the California Wildlife Conservation Board, a \$4 million grant from the California Coastal Conservancy, approximately \$800,000 grant from NOAA's Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation program, \$500,000 grant from CalTrans' Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program, over \$400,000 from the

County's CREF program, \$350,000 from California Resources Agency's AB1431 grant program, and over \$8.3 million in private donations and family foundation grants. TPL also raised \$650,000 to fund transactional, administrative, and fund-raising costs.

The attached agreement incorporates all requirements included in Contract No. OCA 13005 between the County and the State. TPL has read and accepted the terms and conditions in the attached agreement.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

There are no changes in service level as a result of this contract.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The Contract essentially executes a pass-through grant. The County will reimburse The Trust for Public Land for services stipulated in this contractual agreement after the County receives reimbursement from the State Resources Grant (Fund 0001, Department 053, Program 5090, Account 7460, Project PGA4). The Grant Program awards funding to coastal counties and cities impacted by the effects of offshore energy development via Assembly Bill 1431. The grant does not impact the County fiscally nor does it adversely impact County facilities. The project is part of the mitigation program within the Energy Division Cost Center on page D-300 in the Planning & Development Department's section of the County's Budget F04/05.

**Special Instructions:**

Clerk of the Board will forward a copy of the executed contract with two of the three signature pages to Kathy McNeal Pfeifer of the Planning and Development Department, Energy Division. Ms. Pfeifer will make copies of the contract and deliver: (a) two copies with the original signature pages to the State Resources Agency, (b) one copy to Trust for Public Land, and (c) and copy for the Energy Division's file.

**Concurrence:**

County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller  
Risk Manager