



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
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Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 057
Agenda Date: June 3, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director(s): Jesús Armas, Community Services Director DS
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Contact Info: Jeff Lindgren, Assistant Director, Parks

SUBJECT: **Ninth Amendment to the Agreement for Reimbursement of the Cost of a Bikeway across the Gaviota Terminal Company Property; Third Supervisorial District**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the attached Ninth Amendment to the Agreement between the County of Santa Barbara and Texaco Trading and Transportation, Inc. for and on behalf of Gaviota Terminal Company for Reimbursement of the Cost of a Bikeway ("Ninth Amendment") (Attachment A) to extend the term of the Agreement for one additional year until July 1, 2026;
- b) Determine that the Board's approval and execution of the Ninth Amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3), because of the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and there is no possibility that the approval of the Ninth Amendment may have a significant effect on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda so the Board may consider the Ninth Amendment to extend the agreement with a new termination date of July 1, 2027. On July 20, 1987, the Board of Supervisors approved and executed an agreement with Texaco Trading and Transportation, Inc., on behalf of Gaviota Terminal Company ("GTC") for reimbursement of the cost of a bikeway across the GTC property (Attachment B). Over the years, the agreement has been amended to change its

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termination date as the Gaviota Terminal continued to operate and then entered into a remediation phase. The current agreement, as previously amended, will automatically terminate on July 1, 2025 (Attachment C).

Discussion:

The 1987 agreement provided \$191,035 to the County for the construction of a Coastal bikeway across the GTC property located along the coastal bluff south of Highway 101 on the Gaviota Coast. It was envisioned that the bike path would provide a connection to State Park lands on either side of the GTC property. The agreement, as amended by the Eighth Amendment, requires that construction of the bike path shall not commence after June 30, 2025. If construction of the bike path has not commenced before July 1, 2025, the agreement shall automatically terminate necessitating the need for the Ninth Amendment.

The Agreement allows for a constructed bike path to be open for use unless continuous segments of the coastal trail to the east and west of the bike path are not available for hiking and/or equestrian uses and GTC requests that the bike path be barricaded. State Parks and the County collaborated on the design and construction documentation for the portion of the Coastal Trail on the State Park property to the east and west of the GTC site. Though draft preliminary engineering plans and a final mitigated negative declaration environment document were prepared for the combined 2.5-mile State Park/GTC extent of the trail in 2004 and 2007 respectively, the State has not authorized construction of the trail on the State Park property at this time.

An extension of the Agreement will continue to provide funds for an additional two years for the design of the bikeway through the GTC property. A two-year extension of the agreement will allow the funds to continue to be used for the design of the bike path for an additional term. Under terms of this two-year extension to the agreement if construction of the bike path has not commenced before June 30, 2027, the agreement will automatically terminate on July 1, 2027.

Background:

The GTC property south of Highway 101 is a part of the Gaviota Marine Terminal property with facilities on both sides of the highway at Mariposa Reina exit in the Gaviota area. The site south of the highway served as an on-shore oil storage facility for many years and was decommissioned as the current operation no longer requires on shore storage.

The GTC site has undergone extensive remediation by the owners with the final phase of revegetation complete and the planting establishment phase continuing through 2025.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The County currently retains the original deposit plus accrued interest since 1987 in trust fund number 1389 for a total of \$364,777. These funds can only be used for trail design and construction and administration of the account and funds. With the approval of this Ninth Amendment, these funds will remain available for the upcoming fiscal year. Any remaining unexpended funds at the end of the term of the Ninth Amendment will revert back to GTC, its successors, or assigns.

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Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board to forward certified copies of the executed 9th Amendment to GTC Bikeway Agreement to CSD-Parks Division, Jeff Lindgren, jlindgren@countyofsb.org

Attachments:

- Attachment A – 9th Amendment to GTC Bikeway Agreement
- Attachment B – Executed 1987 GTC Bikeway Agreement
- Attachment C – Executed 8th Amendment to GTC Bikeway Agreement

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