

Attachment A

**Combined Two-Year
2022 and 2023 CRMF Cycle Staff Report**

**Combined 2022-2023 CYCLE
COASTAL RESOURCES MITIGATION FUND
(CRMF)**

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BACKGROUND

The County established the Coastal Resources Mitigation Fund (CRMF) through conditions of approval when granting permits for the Point Arguello, Point Pedernales, Santa Ynez Unit, Gaviota Oil Terminal, and Molino Gas projects. These permits require payment of mitigation fees to CRMF for the life of each project. (The Gaviota Oil Terminal and Molino Gas projects, since dismantled, no longer contribute to CRMF). The fund represents one of several measures that the County applied to help mitigate significant adverse impacts to coastal recreation, coastal visual aesthetics, coastal tourism, and environmentally sensitive coastal resources to the maximum extent feasible. Since impacts on these projects could not be entirely mitigated through direct measures, the fund offsets these impacts by enhancing coastal resources through various strategies not directly tied to the projects. Allocation of grants or loans from CRMF must be directed at mitigating the specific types of impacts for which the permit conditions were crafted to address.

Since 1988, the Board of Supervisors has awarded 330 CRMF grants for a total of \$23,396,711. Table 1 shows the distribution of past CRMF dollars among the various categories (i.e., coastal acquisitions, capital improvements, education, equipment, and planning and research). Prior to 1990, the CRMF Guidelines rated capital projects as the highest priority use of CRMF. In 1990, the Board amended the criteria to add coastal acquisitions as a higher priority use of CRMF and devoted at least one-half of each year’s CRMF fees to such acquisitions. Between 2007 and 2014, the Board of Supervisors amended the CRMF Guidelines in regards to the percentage of CRMF fees allocated to acquisitions from 0% to 65%. Since 2015, the percentage has remained at 50%.

Public agencies, municipalities, special districts, and non-profit organizations may compete for CRMF awards. Table 2 illustrates the five categories of previous CRMF grantees, and Tables 3 and 4 show which cities and County agencies received grants, respectively.

Table 1: CRMF Allocations by Type of Project

PROJECT CATEGORIES	DOLLAR AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Acquisitions	\$10,392,642	44%
Capital Improvements	\$8,996,503	39%
Planning & Research	\$2,610,047	11%
Educational	\$1,128,583	5%
Equipment	\$268,936	< 1%
Total	\$23,396,711	

Table 2: CRMF Allocations by Type of Grantee*

GRANTEE	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Cities	\$1,924,461	8%
County Agencies	\$10,460,218	45%
Non-Profit Agencies	\$10,073,671	43%
State & Federal Agencies	\$7,500	<1%
Educational Institutions	\$930,861	3%
Total	\$23,396,711	

* Some projects have partnerships between a non-profit agency and a governmental agency.

Table 3: Total CRMF Allocations to Cities

CITY	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Santa Barbara	\$652,931	34%
Carpinteria	\$559,379	29%
Santa Maria	\$55,000	3%
Lompoc	\$142,126	7%
Guadalupe**	\$25,000	1%
Goleta	\$490,025	26%
Total	\$1,924,461	

** The City of Guadalupe co-partnered with non-profit agencies on various CRMF awards for a total of \$170,000 which is figured into the non-profit category in Table 2.

Table 4: Total CRMF Allocations to Santa Barbara County Departments

COUNTY DEPT.	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Community Services/Parks	\$5,832,679	56%
Public Works	\$1,346,389	13%
P&D/Long Range Planning	\$2,741,600	26%
County Administrator	\$281,162	3%
General Services	\$120,000	1%
Fish & Game Commission	\$3,000	<1%
Third District Supervisor	\$45,000	<1%
Ag. Commissioner's Office	\$90,388	<1%
Total	\$10,460,218	

FUTURE REVENUES

Impacts and corresponding fee amounts are reassessed at five-year intervals. Fee amounts are to be reassessed throughout the duration of the operational lives of oil and gas projects that currently contribute to CRMF given that impacts may not actually occur as predicted by the environmental analysis used for the initial CRMF assessments. In December of 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved the eighth five-year (2023-2027) assessment of payments. Two mid-year modifications to the five-year assessments have occurred in the past (May 2016 and May 2023) when circumstances occurred that reduced the previously predicted impacts to a lower risk and correspondingly reduced the assessed amount of CRMF fees.

Additional grant revenue becomes available for re-allocation in future years if previously approved CRMF awards do not materialize or move forward in a timely manner. In such cases, these awards revert back to the uncommitted CRMF balance for reallocation in subsequent cycles.

EVALUATION PROCESS

Staff annually solicits and evaluates proposals for CRMF awards, then submits recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for consideration in a duly noticed public hearing. In May of 2016, the Board directed staff to solicit proposals every other year while the Point Arguello Project and Santa Ynez Unit are not operating. Once production resumes, staff will begin soliciting on an annual basis again.

Staff follows two steps to evaluate the proposals: (1) determines the extent to which each proposal meets the eight Board-approved CRMF criteria, and (2) determines the competitive advantage of each proposal over other proposals.

The following criteria guide CRMF recommendations:

Criterion 1. *Enhancement projects must be located in the coastal area or have a coastal relationship, and must be consistent with the County's Local Coastal Program and Comprehensive Plan or other applicable local coastal/general plans. Enhancement projects should be located within geographical proximity to oil and gas onshore/offshore development activities while still providing for the broadest public benefit.*

Criterion 2. *Projects should compensate for coastal impacts due to oil and gas development, specifically for sensitive environmental resources, aesthetics, tourism, and negative effects on coastal recreation in the County.*

Criterion 3. *Projects should provide a level of broad public benefit.*

Criterion 4. *The intent of the CRMF program is to fund coastal acquisition and capital improvement projects; therefore, projects which offer coastal acquisition and capital improvements will receive higher priority than whose projects which do not.*

Criterion 5. *Projects should utilize matching funds and/or in-kind services to the maximum extent possible.*

Criterion 6. *Projects should be self-supporting or should require minimum on-going County operations/maintenance costs once the project is completed and implemented.*

Criterion 7. *Projects to be funded should lack other viable funding mechanisms to complete the project.*

Criterion 8. *The feasibility of implementing and completing the project shall be considered. Projects with a high probability of success should be given preference.*

Along with the above criteria, staff may also consider the following factors in determining its recommendations for CRMF funding:

- (a) the time-critical importance of the proposal compared to other competing proposals;
- (b) the relative ranking which the applicant gives a particular proposal, if submitting more than one proposal;
- (c) future investments, beyond on-going operations and maintenance that may be required by the County if the proposal is implemented;
- (d) performance on previous CRMF grants;
- (e) timing of the CRMF request in relation to the anticipated commencement of the project (i.e., the CRMF request may be premature);
- (f) the extent to which a proposal compliments or conflicts with other similar ongoing projects in the community (particularly projects funded with CRMF grants); and
- (g) benefits distributed throughout the County.

COMBINED TWO-YEAR 2022-2023 CRMF CYCLE

Amount of Funds Available. The combined 2022-2023 cycle represents the 31st CRMF cycle. The County collected CRMF fees totaling \$767,950 (\$449,350 in 2022 and \$318,600 in 2023). Table 5 shows how the Board allocated CRMF fees on May 2, 2023:

- A total of \$971,777 is allocated toward coastal acquisitions: \$162,176 from 2022 fees, \$96,801 from 2023 fees and \$712,800 that was deferred in past cycles and earmarked for future use in coastal acquisitions.
- A total of \$305,337 is set aside for general allocation proposals: \$162,175 from 2022 fees, \$96,800 from 2023 fees, and two past grants reallocated a total of \$46,362 back to the general allocation subfund.¹
- A total of \$124,999 of 2022 CRMF fees and \$124,999 of 2023 CRMF fees were approved by the Board for the Hollister Ranch Access Program (HRAP). With \$124,999 from the 2023 CRMF fees, the County reached the goal of HRAP’s \$1,000,000 balance and no additional CRMF fees will need to be applied to the HRAP.

Table 5: 2022-2023 CRMF Fee Allocations

	2022 CRMF Fees	2023 CRMF Fees	Existing HRAP Funds	Existing Fund Deferral Program Balance	Reallocated Funds	Total Balance
Hollister Ranch Access Program (HRAP)	\$124,999	\$124,999	\$750,002			\$1,000,000
Coastal Acquisition Available	\$162,176	\$96,801		\$712,800		\$971,777
General Allocation Available	\$162,175	\$96,800			\$46,362	\$305,337

¹ The County’s CSD relinquished \$10,932 from its 1998 CRMF grant for the Guadalupe Dunes Habitat Restoration Plan as the finalization of that plan is currently unknown. Additionally, the Dunes Center could not commence its 2019 \$35,430 grant for archaeological excavation as the project’s budget increased and it could not secure the additional funding within the past three years.

Table 6: Types of Proposals in the 2022-2023 CRMF Cycle

CATEGORIES	AMOUNT
Capital Improvements	\$435,000
Education	\$40,500
Equipment	\$23,074
Acquisitions	\$750,000
Planning & Research	\$140,000
Total	\$1,388,574

Table 7: Types of Applicants in the 2022-2023 CRMF Cycle

CATEGORIES	AMOUNT
Non-Profit Agencies	\$943,574
County Agencies	\$280,000
Educational Institutions	\$100,000
City Agencies	\$65,000
Total	\$1,388,574

Table 8: 2022-2023 CRMF Proposals

DISTRICT	NO.	PROPOSAL TITLE	APPLICANT	AMOUNT REQUESTING	TYPE OF PROPOSAL
County-Wide	1	Wild Welcome Packet Project	Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network	\$40,500	Education
	2	Four (4) Wheelchair Freedom Trax Devices	NatureTrack Foundation	\$23,074	Equipment
1 st District	3	Channel Islands Education Center	Santa Cruz Island Foundation	\$30,000	Capital Improvement
	4	Lookout Park Pedestrian Access Improvements	County Community Services Department	\$280,000	Capital Improvement
	5	<i>Shalawa</i> /Hammond's Meadow Restoration	Santa Barbara Botanic Garden	\$25,000	Capital Improvement
2 nd District	6	Goleta Kelp Restoration Project – Sea Caves	Fish Reef Project	\$75,000	Planning & Research
3 rd District	7	Gaviota Overlook Property	The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County	\$750,000	Acquisition
	8	Stormwater System Full Trash Capture Project	City of Lompoc	\$65,000	Planning & Research
4 th District	9	Cabrillo High School Aquarium - Coastal Gallery Project	Lompoc Unified School District	\$100,000	Capital Improvement
Total Requested				\$750,000 requested for acquisition (\$971,777 available) \$638,574 requested for general allocation (\$305,337 available) \$1,388,574 total requests	

PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

In the 2022-2023 cycle, nine proposals were submitted which are seeking a total of \$1,388,574. Eight of the proposals are seeking a total of \$648,574 in general allocation monies and one proposal is seeking \$750,000 in acquisition monies. Tables 6 and 7 detail the various proposals by type (Table 6) and applicant type (Table 7). Table 9 shows staff's recommendations which allocates full or partial grants to all nine proposals. These nine awards would provide benefits in a timely manner to different communities and the coastal environment throughout the County.

General Allocation Recommendations. As noted above, capital improvement type projects are a higher priority for CRMF (Criterion #4). Staff recommends funding four capital improvement projects in this cycle, three of which would fully fund the applicants' requests. For the fourth capital improvement award, CSD's Lookout Park Pedestrian Access Improvements proposal, staff is recommending a partial award. CSD's request for this proposal equates to 92% of the total amount of general allocation funding available in the combined 2022-2023 cycle. Staff believes there are other worthy proposals to fund in this cycle.

The recommended CRMF awards for four capital improvement projects are:

- \$30,000 towards the Channel Islands Education Center in Carpinteria (Proposal No. 3), a soon-to-be new education center focusing on the Channel Islands' history (full funding of the request).
- \$30,000 towards the County's Lookout Park Pedestrian Access Improvements (Proposal No. 4) for improved access and passive recreation at the popular coastal park. The applicant is requesting \$280,000.
- \$25,000 towards the *Shalawa*/Hammonds Meadow Restoration (Proposal No. 5) that would restore this coastal meadow and protect the archaeological location onsite (full funding of the request).
- \$100,000 towards renovation and a new exhibit at the Cabrillo High School Aquarium (Proposal No.9), which would educate visitors about the estuarine habitats (full funding of the request).

Staff is recommending funding for the four proposals below. These are not the highest priorities of CRMF, but still benefit coastal resources:

- One educational project:
 - \$5,000 is a partial grant for the applicant's request towards the Wild Welcome Packet project (Proposal No. 1). The project would be to educate the public about appreciating and protecting our local wildlife (applicant requests \$40,500). Staff believes that the majority of the wildlife that would be covered in this educational program does not have the necessary coastal nexus required by CRMF.
- One equipment-purchase project:
 - \$23,074 is a full request grant that would go towards NatureTrack's beach-friendly electric wheelchair Trax devices (Proposal No. 2). This project would benefit children and adults who are wheelchair-dependent to access beaches.
- Two planning & research projects:
 - \$50,000 is a partial grant for the applicant's request toward the Goleta Kelp Restoration Project – Sea Caves (Proposal No. 6). The applicant would study kelp restoration on 16 Sea Caves located off Goleta Beach over five years. If successful, the applicant would pursue a larger kelp restoration project at the same location (applicant requests \$75,000).

- \$42,263 is a partial grant for the applicant's request towards the Stormwater System Full Trash Capture project (Proposal No. 8). The applicant would prepare a plan to determine the best type of trash capture devices for the City of Lompoc's street curb storm drain inlets (applicant requests \$65,000).

Acquisition Recommendation. As noted above, coastal acquisition type projects are a high priority for CRMF (Criterion #4). Staff is recommending a partial request grant of \$375,000 to the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County's efforts to purchase 48 acres along the Gaviota Coast and add that acreage to the Arroyo Hondo Preserve (applicant requests \$750,000). The property is highly visible from Highway 101 and would be an aesthetic benefit for the scenic Gaviota Coast. Due to its location near other protected properties and agricultural lands, the Gaviota Overlook property is an important part of a larger, long-term conservation effort to piece together more than 20,000 mostly contiguous acres of permanently protected coastal open space on the western end of the Gaviota Coast.

Staff believes this is a worthy coastal acquisition project which would benefit the highly scenic Gaviota Coast. In addition, the purchase would also increase coastal recreation and tourism by adding these 48 acres to the 782-acre Arroyo Hondo Preserve. Public uses are limited at the Arroyo Hondo Preserve; therefore, the recreational benefit is considered limited with this purchase.

Deferred Funds. Staff's recommendations expend all funds in the 2022 and 2023 general allocation subfunds. However, staff's recommendations for acquisition leaves a remaining balance of \$596,777 in the acquisition subfund. Staff recommends that the remaining \$596,777 from the 2022 and 2023 acquisition subfund be deferred to the Fund Deferral Program, earmarking the deferred monies for potential future acquisitions. Purchase of the Gaviota Marine Terminal property, a bluff-top coastal property or other coastal access and recreation opportunities could be a future acquisition target worthy of accruing CRMF acquisition money for.

Proposal Evaluations. An evaluation of each proposal appears in Appendix 1. The *Staff Recommendation* section of each evaluation contains preliminary conditions that staff believes are necessary to implement prior to the award of each proposal. Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors acknowledges these conditions as general direction to staff and grantees when preparing final grant agreements, or as basic conditions on grants awarded to County departments. Conditions imposed on awards are necessary to provide sufficient safeguards for the required use of CRMF monies.

Table 9: Staff Recommendations for the Year 2022-2023 CRMF Cycle

PROPOSAL INFORMATION			STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS			
PROPOSAL NO. / TITLE	APPLICANT	AMOUNT REQUEST	2022 GENERAL ALLOCATION*	2022 ACQUISITION **	2023 GENERAL ALLOCATION	2023 ACQUISITION
No. 1 – Wild Welcome Packet Project	Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network	\$40,500	\$5,000			
No. 2 – Wheelchair Freedom Trax Devices (4)	NatureTrack	\$23,074			\$23,074	
No. 3 – Channel Islands Education Center Exhibits	Santa Cruz Island Foundation	\$30,000	\$30,000			
No. 4 – Lookout Park Pedestrian Access Improvements	County Community Services Department	\$280,000	\$30,000			
No. 5 - Shalawa/Hammond’s Meadow Restoration	Santa Barbara Botanic Garden	\$25,000			\$25,000	
No. 6 - Goleta Kelp Restoration Project – Sea Caves	Fish Reef Project	\$75,000	\$50,000			
No 7 – Gaviota Overlook Property	The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County	\$750,000		\$375,000		
No 8 - Stormwater System Full Trash Capture Project	City of Lompoc	\$65,000			\$42,263	
No. 9 - Cabrillo High School Aquarium - Coastal Gallery Project	Lompoc Unified School District	\$100,000	\$93,537***		\$6,463***	
TOTAL RECOMMENDED			\$208,537	\$375,000	\$96,800	\$0
AMOUNT AVAILABLE			\$208,537*	\$874,976**	\$96,800	\$96,801
AMOUNT REMAINING			\$0	\$499,976	\$0	\$96,801
AMOUNT DEFERRED TO FUND DEFERRAL PRGM.				\$596,777****		

* \$46,362 of reallocated awards (see Footnote 1 on page 4) are included in the 2022 General Allocation subfund

** The \$712,800 in the Fund Deferral Program are included in the 2022 Acquisition subfund.

*** A grant total of \$100,000.

**** Total of remaining acquisition funds to be deferred to the Fund Deferral Program for future acquisitions.

Appendix 1

Evaluations of Year 2022-2023 CRMF Proposals

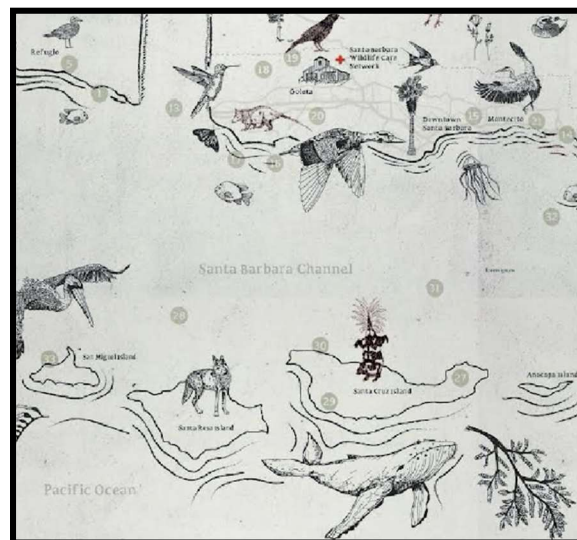
PROJECT # 1 WILD WELCOME PACKET PROJECT

County-Wide
Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network
Request \$40,500
Total Project Costs: \$53,000

Staff Recommendation: Fund a partial request of \$5,000 from the 2022 general allocation funds, contingent on the applicant securing all the additional funds to complete the project. Staff recommends only a partial award since only a portion of the proposal has a coastal nexus (see *Criterion #1* below).

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests funds towards creating and distributing a “Wild Welcome Packet,” with the purpose of educating the public about appreciating and protecting wildlife. The organization wants to increase their connection with the public and feature information in the packet about coexisting with wildlife. The packet would include visuals of local wildlife, interesting facts about wildlife, and information on what to do if one encounters a wild animal that needs help. The format of the packet would be a folder with interchangeable fliers that can be customized for different groups (e.g., homeowners, children, restaurant owners, etc.). The folder would include a 15-20 page magazine style brochure with the information described above. There will be a QR code that links to an educational video and an interactive map. There will be local animal guides, important tips on how to coexist with wildlife, and interactive activities (such as coloring pages).

The contents of the packets will be digitized and housed on the applicant’s website and distributed through social media. In addition, the applicant aims to mail approximately 3,500 packets in the first year. The packets would be distributed to local schools, local real estate companies, Homeowner Associations, property management companies, and community events (e.g., Earth Day).



Background: The applicant rescues and rehabilitates injured wildlife, including birds that have become covered in oil due to an oil spill or natural seeps.

The applicant has received eight CRMF grants in the past for a total of \$588,294:

- \$1,580 in the 2000 cycle to purchase an above ground pool, a baby scale to weigh birds, an ultraviolet light, a freezer, and an aviary.
- \$1,037 grant in the 2004 cycle to purchase a net to discourage visiting birds to the existing sea bird facility.
- \$31,800 in the 2005 cycle for a Seabird Care Center.
- \$120,000 in the 2006 cycle for a Seabird Care Center.
- \$150,000 in the 2007 cycle for a Seabird Care Center.
- \$191,000 in the 2010 cycle for a Seabird Care Center.
- \$6,039 in the 2014 cycle to purchase three small specialized pelagic pools with filtration systems, two soft-sided and bottomed portable holding pens, three veterinary dryers, and two adjustable capture nets to care for pelagic birds.
- \$36,176 in the 2019 cycle to help purchase a truck, ten net-bottom ventilated enclosures and other equipment to treat injured birds.
- \$50,662 in the 2020-2021 cycle to construct six 6'x6' duckling enclosures.

In addition, the applicant relinquished a \$25,000 grant from the 1998 CRMF cycle towards a wildlife care center since it could not commence the project within the allotted two years.

Satisfaction of CRMF Criteria:

The eight CRMF criteria can be found on pages 3-4 of the staff report. The symbol (+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; the symbol (-) means it doesn't satisfy; and the symbol (+/-) means it partially satisfies.

(+/-) **Criterion # 1, Coastal Nexus.** The proposal contains a partial coastal nexus. Most of the wildlife the applicant will be educating the public on does not have a coastal nexus (e.g., owl, hummingbirds, striped skunks, raccoons, etc.). However, some do have the coastal nexus, such as western snowy plover, western gulls, pelicans, and other seabirds.

(+/-) **Criterion #2, Coastal Resource Enhancement.** This proposal would partially enhance environmentally sensitive coastal resources, specifically various seabird species. However, as described above, much of the material in the educational packet would not be considered to have a coastal nexus.

(+) **Criterion #3, Broad Public Benefit.** The applicant plans to conduct an extensive outreach program with the educational packet. The public will benefit in knowing how to coexist with and protect wildlife, rendering this project to have a broad public benefit. In addition, this proposal will benefit the region's wildlife by informing the public on how to care for injured wildlife.

(-) **Criterion #4, Higher Priority - Capital Improvements and Coastal Acquisition.** The proposal is considered educational, which does not satisfy the higher priorities of CRMF.

- (-) **Criteria #5 and 7, Matching Funds and Viable Funding Mechanisms.** The applicant is requesting 76% of the budget from CRMF (\$40,500 request of a \$53,000 budget). The applicant has secured \$5,000 from its own budget and seeks the remaining \$7,500 from the Williams-Corbett Foundation.

- (+/-) **Criterion #6, Ongoing County Costs.** There would be no ongoing County operations or maintenance involved with this proposal. The applicant would continually seek funding for the updating and distribution of the welcome packet. The applicant states that its volunteers would help in distribution of the packets.

- (+) **Criterion #8, Feasibility of Successfully Implementing Project.** Staff anticipates that the applicant will complete the project successfully. The applicant has successfully run its organization and expanded it over the past 30 years. The applicant has successfully completed eight CRMF grants in the past.

Other Considerations: None.

PROJECT # 2
NATURETRACK - BEACH-FRIENDLY WHEELCHAIRS
ELECTRIC TRAX DEVICES

County-Wide
NatureTrack
Requests \$23,074
Total Project Costs: \$23,074

Staff Recommendation: Fund the full request of \$23,074 from the 2023 general allocation funds.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests CRMF funds to purchase four electrical Freedom Trax (Trax) devices that assist wheelchairs to maneuver along sandy beaches during the applicant's outdoor student (grades K-12) field trips to 11 coastal locations throughout the County. The electrical Trax devices are similar to the track pads used on bulldozers. The wheelchairs mount on top of the Trax devices, whereby the devices allow for better mobility through soft or rough terrain (see photo below). Both K-12 students and volunteer group leaders will be able to use these devices.

The applicant currently owns 11 Freedom Trax devices (funded in part by a previous CRMF grant) and has been using them on their field trips to the 11 beach locations they visit. In addition, the applicant has been collaborating and providing beach trips to other organizations (see *Background* and *Criterion #3* below).

The applicant plans to connect with Veterans Services - County of Santa Barbara, United Cerebral Palsy WORK Inc., Independent Living Resource Center, Special Olympics, UCSB Disabled Students Program, City of Santa Barbara (Adaptive Recreation Program), Pierre Claeysens Veterans Foundation, and many more senior living facilities in Santa Barbara County. The applicant hopes to have a total of 15 Freedom Trax devices, believing this is an efficient amount to lend out to other organizations and still have enough for the applicant's monthly trips.



Wheelchair Mounted Trax Device

Background: NatureTrack’s statement of purpose is two-fold: to encourage students to embrace the natural world with respect and wonder, inspiring them to be stewards of our natural resources; and, to prepare school-aged students with the attitudes, leadership skills and habits for lifelong learning. Teachers choose a location that is closely aligned with their in-classroom curriculum, and specify what they would like NatureTrack docents to emphasize throughout the field trip. Field trip locations include both inland and coastal areas. There is no cost to schools or students; the applicant’s program pays to transport students and teachers from schools to field trip locations. NatureTrack is an all-volunteer nonprofit with more than 100 volunteer docents, ranging from college students to senior citizens, including but not limited to former teachers, biologists, engineers, doctors, attorneys, geologists, naturalists, pilots, and ship captains.

The applicant collaborates with several organizations in Santa Barbara County that serve wheelchair users. In addition to the applicant using the Freedom Trax devices on their own monthly trips to 11 beaches, the applicant has provided beach trips to Momentum Work Inc., Triumph Foundation, North County SCI Peer Group, United Spinal Association, Hillside House, Mission Villa, and Covenant Living at the Samarkand. The applicant also lends their Freedom Trax devices at no cost to individual wheelchair users and other Santa Barbara County organizations so they can include wheelchair users in their events and other community activities.

Naturetrack has received a \$13,400 grant in the 2018 CRMF cycle to purchase a vehicle to assist with their field trips and a \$26,272 grant in the 2020 cycle to help purchase Freedom Trax devices.

Satisfaction of CRMF Criteria:

The eight CRMF criteria can be found on pages 3-4 of the staff report. The symbol (+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; the symbol (-) means it doesn’t satisfy; and the symbol (+/-) means it partially satisfies.

- (+) **Criterion #1, Coastal Nexus.** The applicant requests CRMF monies to purchase four wheelchair Trax devices to assist children and docents on field trips. The applicant takes school age students in grades K-12 to 20 different locations for field trips throughout the County, eleven being coastal sites. The applicant states that close to 100% of their use of Freedom Trax devices are on beach and coastal locations. The proposal has the necessary coastal nexus as the Trax devices will help students and docents who are wheelchair dependent or have mobility issues be able to join coastal field trips.
- (+) **Criterion #2, Coastal Resource Enhancement.** The proposal enhances coastal recreation and environmentally sensitive resources by taking students who may not be able to join field trips to coastal destinations. The coastal field trips enhances the awareness of environmentally sensitive coastal resources for its participants; the curriculum includes the intertidal zone, watersheds, shore birds and other sea life, tide pools, erosion, sedimentation, sand movement, weather patterns, plant and animal adaptation, habitats, geology, and ecology in general.
- (+) **Criterion #3, Broad Public Benefit.** The applicant’s outdoor field trip program has participating schools and field trip locations in all five Santa Barbara County Supervisorial Districts, and field trips are available to all students regardless of income. In 2019, 69% of the participating schools were from the north county and 31% from the south county. The applicant estimates that there are more than 250 children and 600 adults who have mobility issues in Santa Barbara County. The

Trax devices would benefit school age children (K-12), teachers, docents, and parents that have mobility issues to enjoy the applicant's field trips to coastal locations.

In addition, the applicant allows several organizations and cities in Santa Barbara County to use the Trax devices at no cost for their community activities along the coast, such as beach clean-ups, snowy plover docent program and natural history education classes. The applicant plans to reach out to more organizations to lend the devices out to be used on beaches.

- (-) **Criterion #4, Higher Priority - Capital Improvements and Coastal Acquisition.** The proposal is an equipment purchase, which does not satisfy the higher priority uses of CRMF.
- (-) **Criteria #5 and 7, Matching Funds and Viable Funding Mechanisms.** The applicant requests 100% of the proposal's budget from CRMF.
- (+) **Criterion #6, Ongoing County Costs.** The project would not require any ongoing County operational or maintenance costs. The applicant would fund any maintenance costs with the program's general operating expenses. Since 2011, the applicant's program has been fully funded every year, often with a modest surplus remaining at the end of each fiscal year.
- (+) **Criterion #8, Feasibility of Successfully Implementing Project.** The proposal of purchasing four Trax devices is a simple equipment purchase. Staff believes the applicant can successfully complete the purchase of four Trax device as it has purchased 11 devices successfully already. The applicant has been successfully implementing its program for over ten years, and has successfully been using the Freedom Trax devices for a couple years.

Other Considerations: None.

PROJECT # 3
CHANNEL ISLANDS EDUCATION CENTER
1st District
Santa Cruz Island Foundation
Requests \$30,000
Total Project Costs: \$34,148

Staff Recommendation: Fund the full request of \$30,000 from the 2022 general allocation funds.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant, Santa Cruz Island Foundation (SCIF), requests CRMF funding to complete exhibits within a new educational center. The educational center will encompass a series of collections that portray every aspect of the Channel Islands' history including:

- Archival stacks containing tens of thousands of documents that comprise the historical record
- An art gallery dedicated to works by noted painter Richard Diebenkorn
- A “live cam” wall with 6 large monitors switchable among 12 remote cameras on various islands
- A student/teacher viewing area to run the Channel Islands film “*West of the West*” (this film was partially funded by a 2015 CRMF grant)
- Murals and display cases with information regarding the 8 Channel Islands
- An invitational display allowing outsiders to curate Channel Island-related exhibits
- A mural displaying the only known possession of Juana Maria, Lone Woman of San Nicolas Island
- A Courtyard Gallery in the outdoor area which will depict Channel Island locations and includes native plants
- A memorial to the victims of the Conception disaster

Below is an illustration of what the educational center will look like when completed.



Background:

In 2019, the applicant purchased the former Bank of America building located at the intersection of Carpinteria Ave and Linden Ave in Carpinteria. After extensive renovation, the applicant is in the final stages of creating a new educational center that tells the history of the Channel Islands and preserves many of their records, artifacts, works of art, and stories. The Chrisman California Islands Center will be part museum, part art gallery, part center for scholarships, and part public attraction. The center plans to open its doors to the public in late 2023.

The applicant received a \$9,250 grant during the 1993 CRMF cycle to prepare a portable public display and a written publication portraying the cultural and natural history of Santa Rosa Island. In addition, SCIF received a \$30,000 grant during the 2015 CRMF cycle to produce the above-mentioned documentary film on the Channel Islands, “*West of the West*”.

Satisfaction of CRMF Criteria:

The eight CRMF criteria can be found on pages 3-4 of the staff report. The symbol (+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; the symbol (-) means it doesn't satisfy; and the symbol (+/-) means it partially satisfies.

- (+) **Criterion # 1, Coastal Nexus.** The focus of the proposal – the Channel Islands – possesses a coastal relationship in that the islands are off the coast of California and almost every aspect of the islands are connected with and influenced by their surrounding ocean. The proposed exhibits within the Chrisman California Islands Center will educate and inform visitors of many aspects of the Channel Islands, including the islands' history and wildlife conservation.
- (+) **Criterion #2, Coastal Resource Enhancement.** Four of the eight Channel Islands are off the coast of Santa Barbara County. The proposed exhibits would enhance awareness of the Islands, which in turn could enhance coastal recreation and tourism.
- (+) **Criterion #3, Broad Public Benefit.** The educational center will be a resource that will be available for use by the public including scholars, tourists, teachers, students, art lovers, and anyone who is interested in learning about the Channel Islands. All of the exhibits, memorials, films, photos, paintings, archives, and displays will be available for use by the public.
- (+) **Criterion #4, Higher Priority - Capital Improvements and Coastal Acquisition.** The proposal is considered a capital improvement, which satisfies the higher priority of CRMF.
- (+) **Criteria #5 and 7, Matching Funds and Viable Funding Mechanisms.** The applicant requests less than 1% (\$30,000) of the education center's total budget (\$8 million) from CRMF. The requested CRMF monies would go specifically towards the exhibits portion of the budget and the requests represents less than 5% of the exhibit's costs. The applicant has raised over 6.8 million for the entire education center and multiple volunteers have donated hundreds of hours of their time designing, constructing and installing exhibits within the center.
- (+) **Criterion #6, Ongoing County Costs.** There would be no ongoing County operations or maintenance involved with this proposal. The applicant's budget includes the necessary funds for operation and maintenance of the exhibits through 2024. The applicant states that a planned giving / endowment

campaign will be initiated to build on their current \$2 million endowment for operating costs of the center.

- (+) **Criterion #8, Feasibility of Successfully Implementing Project.** Staff anticipates that the applicant will complete the project successfully as it has raised almost \$7 million towards the Center's \$8 million budget. The applicant plans to complete installation of the exhibits and open the Chrisman California Islands Center to the public in late 2023. In addition, the applicant has successfully completed two CRMF grants in the past.

Other Considerations: None.

PROJECT # 4
LOOKOUT PARK PEDESTRIAN ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

1st District
Santa Barbara County Community Services Department
Requests \$280,000
Total Project Costs: \$483,000

Staff Recommendation: Fund a partial request of \$30,000 from the 2022 general allocation funds, contingent on the applicant securing the remaining monies to complete the proposal. The applicant states any amount of CRMF funding would be appreciated and additional funds would be secured from the annual Deferred/Preventive Maintenance Park funds.

Staff does not recommend the full request amount since the request equates to 92% of the total amount of general allocation funding available in the combined 2022-2023 cycle, and there are other worthy proposals to fund in this cycle.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests money towards improved pedestrian access and passive recreation enhancements at the County's Lookout Park in Summerland. The Lookout Park Pedestrian Access Improvements Project includes passive recreational renovation of the northern park area that will link a new pedestrian park access way to the recently renovated east end of Lookout Park (partially funded by a 2019 CRMF award). Specific improvements requested for CRMF funding include:

- Installing a decomposed granite walkway with bulb outs for natural stone benches, sandstone boulders and picnic tables,
- Widening a portion of the existing equestrian trail which loops to Summerland Beach,
- Landscaping,
- Installing a natural drainage swale, and
- Renovating the asphalt vehicular park entrance and a small section of pedestrian access way to the southern lawn area with permeable pavers for improved site drainage.

Another portion of the Lookout Park Pedestrian Access Improvements Project includes constructing a ADA pedestrian access way into the park from Summerland (over the railroad tracks). This new ADA park entrance path will also connect to new public parking spaces being constructed by Public Works on Wallace Avenue in the public right-of-way outside of the park as part of the Wallace Ave and Highway 101 widening project, in coordination with CalTrans and Union Pacific Railroad.



Background: Lookout Park is in Summerland, an unincorporated community of the County, which offers free beach access parking and contains an off-leash dog beach. Along with beach access, the Park provides picnic and lawn areas, sand volleyball court, concrete ping pong table, restrooms, dog-washing station, bocce ball court. Coastal bluff erosion occurs overtime at the Park, and the applicant stated most notably at the Park’s mid and eastern sections.

The applicant has received four CRMF grants in the past associated with Lookout Park:

- \$30,000 grant in the 1994 cycle to construct a wheelchair accessible paved pathway and bathroom.
- \$40,000 grant in the 2007 cycle to remove 1.7 acres of Arundo donax.
- \$10,000 grant in the 2010 cycle to follow-up on the Arundo eradication, pull weeds and plant native plants.
- \$60,000 grant in the 2019 cycle to develop the east end of Lookout Park with benches, picnic areas, a concrete ping pong tables and a bocce ball court.

Satisfaction of CRMF Criteria:

The eight CRMF criteria can be found on pages 3-4 of the staff report. The symbol (+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; the symbol (-) means it doesn’t satisfy; and the symbol (+/-) means it partially satisfies.

- (+) **Criterion # 1, Coastal Nexus.** The proposal has a coastal relationship in that it would enhance coastal access and other improvements at a coastal bluff top park.
- (+) **Criterion #2, Coastal Resource Enhancement.** The proposal enhances coastal recreation and coastal tourism by enhancing coastal access and other improvements to a coastal bluff top park.
- (+) **Criterion #3, Broad Public Benefit.** The applicant states that Lookout Park serves over 250,000 visitors a year. The proposal would help enhance coastal access and other improvements, which would benefit the visitors at the park. Currently, pedestrians utilize the vehicular drive aisle to access the park; therefore, these improvements would provide for a safer pedestrian access to the park.

- (+) **Criterion #4, Higher Priority - Capital Improvements and Coastal Acquisition.** The proposal is considered a capital improvement, which satisfies the higher priority of CRMF.
- (+/-) **Criteria #5 and 7, Matching Funds and Viable Funding Mechanisms.** The applicant is seeking 58% of the project's funding from CRMF (\$280,000). Seven percent (7%) of the proposal's costs (\$33,000) is coming from the applicant's annual Deferred/Preventive Maintenance Park funds. Four percent (4%) of the budget costs (\$20,000) would be generated from in-kind services for project management. The remaining 31% (\$150,000) is being funded by the County's Public Works Department in conjunction with their Wallace Avenue Summerland Coastal Access Improvements project, which will install ADA pedestrian access way into the park from Summerland.
- (+) **Criterion #6, Ongoing County Costs.** Ongoing County costs already occur at Lookout Park. The applicant states that maintenance of the new improvements would be absorbed in the ongoing costs at the Park.
- (+) **Criterion #8, Feasibility of Successfully Implementing Project.** Staff believes that the applicant can successfully implement the project once it secures all the monies. The applicant has received many CRMF grants in the past to improve various coastal parks, most of which have been completed successfully.

Other Considerations: None.

PROJECT # 5
SHALAWA/HAMMOND’S MEADOW RESTORATION

1st District
Santa Barbara Botanic Garden
Requests \$25,000
Total Project Costs: \$765,128

Staff Recommendation: Fund full request of \$25,000 from the 2023 general allocation subfund, contingent on the applicant securing all additional funds.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests CRMF monies to help restore the Hammond’s Meadow coastal space, a 3.82-acre site in Santa Barbara, overlooking Hammond’s Beach. The project would restore native species habitat, protect the archaeological site, *Shalawa*, and provide a long-term solution to weed, fire, visual and erosion issues. The site includes the meadow itself plus a coastal bluff ranging from 4 feet to 14 feet in height adjacent to the public beach. The bluff, meadow, and cultural resources are vulnerable to future impacts from sea level rise, storm surge and coastal erosion. The project would help protect the site and provide stabilization and reseedling of grasses and native groundcover similar to what would have existed on the bluff prior to degradation caused by invasive species and human activity (see *Background* below).



The applicant, Channel Islands Restoration (CIR), local residents and the Chumash Band of Barbareño Indians are seeking to sustainably manage the site. The team developed a restoration plan that respects its historical and current cultural importance, ensures the safety of adjacent parcels and community access, and provides ecological health to the site. To protect the sensitive archeological artifacts at the site, the location would be “capped,” effectively securing cultural resources below a protective layer and providing new soil

to establish native species. The dominant habitat restored at the site would be native grassland and coastal sage scrub, all native to the Santa Barbara coast. The restoration plan was approved by the Montecito Planning Commission in April 2019.

Background: The site is a County, State and National Register-designated archaeological site that is the last remaining portion of the early Chumash village of *Shalawa* dating back to 1080 AD. The Chumash heritage site known as *Shalawa* and designated by the County as “Hammond’s Meadow County Open Space” has passed through many different cultural phases over the last 1,000 years. Prior to European settlement, this area was the site of a Chumash village and today remains an important ceremonial space. Following European settlement, the site has seen numerous transformations: it has been the grounds of a late 1800s mansion, an airstrip, and is today an open space surrounded by residential housing and a popular public beach. Currently, Hammond’s Meadow is a degraded landscape overrun with invasive species. Gophers have infested the site and non-native weeds have created an annual fire risk in the area.

The County received a \$10,500 grant in the 1996 cycle to install permanent stairs atop the seawall leading to Hammond’s Beach. This applicant, the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, has never sought a CRMF grant in the past.

Satisfaction of CRMF Criteria:

The eight CRMF criteria can be found on pages 3-4 of the staff report. The symbol (+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; the symbol (-) means it doesn’t satisfy; and the symbol (+/-) means it partially satisfies.

- (+) ***Criterion # 1, Coastal Nexus.*** The proposal has a strong coastal nexus. The proposal would restore a coastal meadow and an archaeological coastal village site. The goals of the restoration would help protect against future impacts of sea level rise, storm surge and coastal erosion.
- (+) ***Criterion #2, Coastal Resource Enhancement.*** The proposal would enhance an environmentally sensitive coastal resource and enhance aesthetics at a coastal site. In turn, this would enhance the experience for the tourist and recreationalists visiting the site.
- (+) ***Criterion #3, Broad Public Benefit.*** Restoration of this historic, coastal resource will benefit not only the public and tribal groups for generations to come, but also the plant, insect and pollinator communities that will populate this ecosystem.
- (+) ***Criterion #4, Higher Priority - Capital Improvements and Coastal Acquisition.*** The restoration proposal is considered a capital improvement, which is one of the higher priorities of CRMF.
- (+) ***Criteria #5 and 7, Matching Funds and Viable Funding Mechanisms.*** The applicant is seeking 3% (\$25,000) of the proposal’s budget (\$765,128) from CRMF. The applicant has secured 38% (\$290,852) of the proposal’s costs and is currently seeking the remaining monies. The applicant estimates over \$165,000 as in-kind volunteer hours for legal, consulting and permitting services.
- (+) ***Criterion #6, Ongoing County Costs.*** The applicant states that future maintenance expenses will be funded in perpetuity by a \$500,000 endowment at the Santa Barbara Foundation that has been established for this purpose.

- (+) **Criterion #8, Feasibility of Successfully Implementing Project.** Staff believes the proposal has a high feasibility of successfully being implemented. The applicant and CIR have both been involved with many successful restoration projects around the County. It is important to see the applicant collaborating with users of the site, local residents and the Chumash Band of Barbareño Indians. There is much support for this proposal, including the Montecito Sea Meadow Homeowners Association, the Montecito Association, the First District Supervisor, and Congressman Salud Carbajal.

Other Considerations: None.

PROJECT # 6
GOLETA KELP RESTORATION REEF – FIVE-YEAR STUDY

2nd District
Fish Reef Project
Requests \$75,000
Total Project Costs: \$153,570

Staff Recommendation: Fund a partial request of \$50,000 from the 2022 general allocation funds, contingent on the applicant:

- Receiving all permits and approvals for the 16 sea caves off of Goleta Beach;
- Installing the 16 sea caves offshore Goleta Beach; and
- Securing the additional monies to complete the five-year monitoring proposal.

The applicant unsuccessfully sought a CRMF grant for a similar but larger project in the 2020-2021 cycle. Staff recommended not to fund at that time, believing it was premature since applications had not been submitted to both state and federal agencies yet. The proposal during this cycle is not considered premature. The applicant has obtained a lease agreement with the State Lands Commission, and is actively seeking approvals from the following: California Coastal Commission, California Regional Water Quality Board, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, and U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife Service.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant is requesting CRMF monies for costs to monitor and collect and analyze data for a five-year study of 16 reef units, known as Sea Caves, set in waters 40-feet deep off Goleta Beach. The Sea Cave is a man-made concrete structure with a hollow interior and openings on the sides. The design is to allow for kelp to grow on top of the sea cave and allow for protection of smaller fish and lobster in the interior of the cave (see illustration below).



Illustration of the Sea Caves on the ocean floor

The applicant is requesting \$75,000 of CRMF funds to:

- Purchase equipment associated with monitoring around the submerged sea caves, including:

- 32 underwater cameras to attach to the submerged sea caves,
 - a consumer-grade side scan sonar unit to identify if any Sea Caves have sunken into sand, shifted position or migrated out of the lease area, and
 - a mini-ROV for live video of the Sea Caves to survey seabed around Sea Caves at greater distances.
- Pay for costs associated with five years of collecting data, including vessel, fuel, labor and gear costs associated with 24 dives to monitor and collect data in and around the Sea Caves.
 - Pay for costs associated with a PhD scientist from UCSD to study the collected data and identify all key biological and social benefits, including fishing, tourism, and academia and carbon sequestering.
 - Pay for costs associated with organizing and disseminating the data collected to the public. All data would be publicly accessible on the Fish Reef Project webpage within 3 weeks post monitoring survey. One peer-reviewed scientific literature would be submitted to a scientific journal around the third year of monitoring (when it is assumed that a good amount of kelp and associated habitat has accumulated) and one after the 5 years. In addition, the applicant states that it would share the data when speaking at the Maritime Museum and nonprofit connect TV shows and lecturing at UCSB and SBCC.

The applicant's hope is that the five-year study demonstrates that Sea Caves can restore large giant kelp and provide habitat for red abalone, lobster, scallops, calico bass, white sea bass and other similar species. If successful, the applicant would attempt to enlarge and permit a 65-acre kelp restoration site off of Goleta Beach.

Background: The applicant states that a historic 1,000-foot wide kelp bed was located from Goleta to Rincon. The applicant states that the kelp attached to medium-sized rocks on the ocean floor that had traveled down from the hills from large rain events. The applicant states that due to the 1983 El Nino event, over 90% of the sea floor was scoured of these rocks and the kelp no longer has a hard substrate to attached itself to. The applicant states that very little rock material make it to the seafloor in this area due to mankind's interference from roads, houses, dams, drought, etc. The applicant's ultimate larger project is to create a 65-acre kelp forest off Goleta Beach.

Satisfaction of CRMF Criteria:

The eight CRMF criteria can be found on pages 3-4 of the staff report. The symbol (+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; the symbol (-) means it doesn't satisfy; and the symbol (+/-) means it partially satisfies.

- (+) **Criterion # 1, Coastal Nexus.** The proposal's ultimate objective is a first step towards restoring 65 acres of kelp forest off Goleta Beach. The applicant states that the absence of the kelp forest contributes to beach erosion, and that a restored kelp forest would help with the overall health of the marine ecosystem, create local sustainable fisheries and help with sequestering carbon. The proposed five-year study would evaluate whether the kelp would hold fast to the Sea Caves and if the Sea Caves would provide habitat to various marine species. The proposal has the necessary coastal nexus.
- (+/-) **Criterion #2, Coastal Resource Enhancement.** The proposal is a five-year study to see if the Sea Caves can create a kelp forest ecosystem (see *Criterion #1* above). However, until the study is

completed, it is uncertain if the proposal will enhance kelp forests regeneration and enhance habitats for small fish and lobsters.

- (+/-) **Criterion #3, Broad Public Benefit.** If the proposed project is successful in enhancing the kelp forest, retaining sand and providing habitat for small fish and lobsters, it could have a broad public benefit to visitors of Goleta Beach. However, until the study is completed it is uncertain whether the project will be beneficial to the public.
- (-) **Criterion #4, Higher Priority - Capital Improvements and Coastal Acquisition.** The proposal is considered planning & research and equipment purchases, neither of which are considered a higher priority of CRMF- (capital improvements and acquisitions).
- (+/-) **Criteria #5 and 7, Matching Funds and Viable Funding Mechanisms.** The applicant seeks \$75,000 for the five-year monitoring costs from CRMF. The applicant states it has secured \$37,500 in additional monies from the Santa Barbara Foundation, Deckers Brands, Southern California Gas Company and Brighten Solar. The applicant has not stated where it plans to seek an additional \$37,500. These numbers are based on the applicant's budget in the proposal but there could be changes to the budget. The applicant states it has secured the estimated \$85,000 to install the sea caves on the ocean floor.
- (-) **Criterion #6, Ongoing County Costs.** There would be no ongoing County operations or maintenance involved with this proposal.
- (+/-) **Criterion #8, Feasibility of Successfully Implementing Project.** The applicant explains that it has already fabricated the 16 Sea Caves and has obtained a lease agreement for the 5-year study with SLC. The applicant is currently seeking permits and approvals from state and federal agencies. Staff believes the five-year study can be implemented once it is permitted. However, it remains uncertain if the project will be successful with its desired benefits (see *Criteria #1 and #2* above).

Other Considerations: None.

PROJECT # 7 GAVIOTA OVERLOOK PROPERTY ACQUISITION

3rd District
The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County
Requests \$750,000
Total Project Costs: \$2,750,000

Staff Recommendation: Fund a partial request of \$375,000 from the 2022 acquisition fund, contingent upon the following:

- The applicant shall secure all necessary funds to complete the purchase.
- The County shall approve any limitations proposed on public access to the site.
- The County shall approve and the applicant shall record approved restricting uses (in a legal instrument, such as a conservation easement) in perpetuity which aligns with the Arroyo Hondo Preserve's Recorded Grant Deed.
- Any transfer of the land ownership must be approved by County prior to its transfer.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests a CRMF grant to help purchase approximately 48 acres located immediately west of and adjacent to the Arroyo Hondo Preserve (known as the Gaviota Overlook Property). The property is a coastal marine terrace and has been added to the Arroyo Hondo Preserve, which the applicant owns and manages, increasing the Preserve's acreage from 782 to 830 acres. The Gaviota Overlook Property is highly visible from Highway 101 as it borders the highway for a half mile. The property is mostly rolling rangeland that contains three intermittent drainages. Although the drainages have been disturbed by past cattle grazing, the applicant states there is much potential to restore and increase the drainages' wildlife habitat. In addition, the applicant would add trails to the site and connect those trails to the existing preserve acreage.

The applicant states that it is developing plans for new public programs, access and trails for the newly acquired site while balancing human uses with resource protection. The applicant states it would increase the limited amount of visitors to the Preserve and anticipates by approximately 25%. See *Other Considerations* below for information on the managed public access at the Preserve.



Background: In October 2022, the applicant acquired the approximate 48-acre Gaviota Overlook Property, located immediately west of and adjacent to the Arroyo Hondo Preserve. In order to protect this important property in perpetuity, the former owners required the applicant to purchase it in 2022. In exchange, they reduced the asking price to the Land Trust from \$3 million to \$2.75 million. Had the applicant not acquired the property last year, it could have been lost to the highest bidder and ultimately developed with a large, highly visible development. The applicant is now in the process of raising the \$2.75 million it had to "borrow" from its own reserves.

The applicant's objectives include protecting, restoring and managing open space, wildlife habitat and agricultural land in Santa Barbara County by, 1) acquiring land and conservation easements from willing landowner sellers, 2) creating conservation plans and providing conservation incentives for landowners, 3) promoting the preservation, stewardship and restoration of wildlife habitat and watershed resources on the land we protect, and 4) educating both children and adults about ecology, agriculture and conservation through programs and events at Land Trust preserves.

To date, the applicant has helped to preserve 27,000 acres of natural resource and agricultural land. The applicant has received 28 CRMF grants in the past, totaling over \$1.7 million that helped with restoration or acquisition of various areas throughout Santa Barbara County, including: Carpinteria Salt Marsh, Carpinteria Bluffs, Coronado Butterfly Preserve, Ellwood Mesa, Ocean Meadows, Arroyo Hondo Preserve, Gaviota Village Property and Point Sal. In addition, the Land Trust purchased two conservation easements along the Gaviota Coast, the 660-acre Freeman Ranch and the 750-acre La Paloma Ranch.

Satisfaction of CRMF Criteria:

The eight CRMF criteria can be found on pages 3-4 of the staff report. The symbol (+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; the symbol (-) means it doesn't satisfy; and the symbol (+/-) means it partially satisfies.

- (+) **Criterion #1, Coastal Nexus.** The Gaviota Overlook Property is located on a coastal marine terrace. It is within the coastal view corridor and would be consistent with the Local Coastal Program by protecting scenic public views. This property, along with the entire Gaviota Coast, is under significant development pressure. The California Wilderness Coalition identified the Gaviota Coast as one of California's ten most threatened wild places, and Scenic America, a national non-profit, named the Gaviota Coast one of America's ten most threatened scenic landscapes. Protecting this land for open space has the necessary coastal nexus.
- (+) **Criterion #2, Coastal Resource Enhancement.** This proposal preserves open space along the coast, thereby enhancing coastal aesthetics, recreation, tourism, and environmentally sensitive resources. Highway 101 is a scenic highway in this area and the newly acquired property's open space borders Highway 101 for a half mile. Expanding the Arroyo Hondo Preserve enhances coastal recreation and coastal tourism to visitors.
- (+) **Criterion #3, Broad Public Benefit.** The proposed property has the potential to benefit present and future generations visiting the Gaviota Coast. The Gaviota Coast has striking scenic beauty and can be viewed and accessed along Highway 101, Refugio and El Capitan state beaches and Arroyo Hondo Preserve. The Gaviota Coast Property is highly visible from Highway 101.
- (+/-) The proposal increases the 782-acre Arroyo Hondo by almost 50 acres. Visitors to the Arroyo Hondo Preserve will benefit by having this expanded area to visit. The Preserve is open to a limited amount

of people on the weekend days of each first and third weekend of the month (60 visitors per weekend day). In addition, the applicant's proposal lists the various groups that are allowed access to the Preserve (see *Other Considerations* below), aside from the public access weekends allowed. However, visitation to the Arroyo Hondo Preserve is limited; therefore, the public benefit for using the site is considered limited versus expansive.

- (+) **Criterion #4, Higher Priority - Capital Improvements and Coastal Acquisition.** The proposal is a coastal acquisition, which satisfies this criterion.
- (+) **Criteria #5 and 7, Matching Funds and Viable Funding Mechanisms.** The CRMF request is for 27% of the total budget. The applicant has secured over \$1.7 million towards the \$2.75 million purchase price from individuals, organizations and private foundations. The applicant has approximately \$300,000 pending. The applicant offers approximately \$75,000 as in-kind services for staff costs, appraisals and escrow fees.
- (+) **Criterion #6, Ongoing County Costs.** There would be no ongoing County operations or maintenance involved with this proposal. The applicant will own and manage the property, along with the Arroyo Hondo Preserve, with its Arroyo Hondo's annual budget in perpetuity.
- (+) **Criterion #8, Feasibility of Successfully Implementing Project.** The applicant has successfully purchased and restored many properties in the past and the acquisition has already been successfully completed (see *Background* above). Staff believes the applicant can successfully restore the property's wildlife habitat and provide for passive recreation onsite.

Other Considerations: The applicant's purchase of this property permanently eliminates the construction of visible development along this stretch of the Gaviota Coast. The property had in the past a coastal development permit to build an approximate 5,000 square foot (s.f.) residence/garage (along with an approximate 800 s.f. guest house).

The Preserve is open to a limited amount of people on the weekend days of each first and third weekend of the month (60 visitors per weekend day). During the summer season, the applicant states that visitation occurs at the preserve approximately 20-25 days per month as people enjoy the site during good weather. This total includes days with general public access, school field trips, or group visits scheduled at the preserve. Arroyo Hondo Preserve's limited public access includes self-guided public hiking, docent-led hikes, research, plant, trail and creek rehabilitation, school groups (3,575 elementary school groups in 2020), college students, and non-profit groups (e.g., Wilderness Youth Project, NatureTrack, The Ventura Land Trust, Rising Scholars, UCSB, and the YMCA). The applicant provides several free programs at the Preserve, such as Wildflower Hikes, Mushroom Hikes, Geology, and Natural History Hikes. Since 2002, roughly 100,000 people have visited the Preserve, not including volunteers.

This project has support from numerous local community organizations, including the Wilderness Youth Project, Rising Scholars~Beyond Incarceration Greater Education, The Sea League, Leading From Within, Santa Barbara Audubon Society, the Gaviota Coast Conservancy, and the Environmental Defense Center.

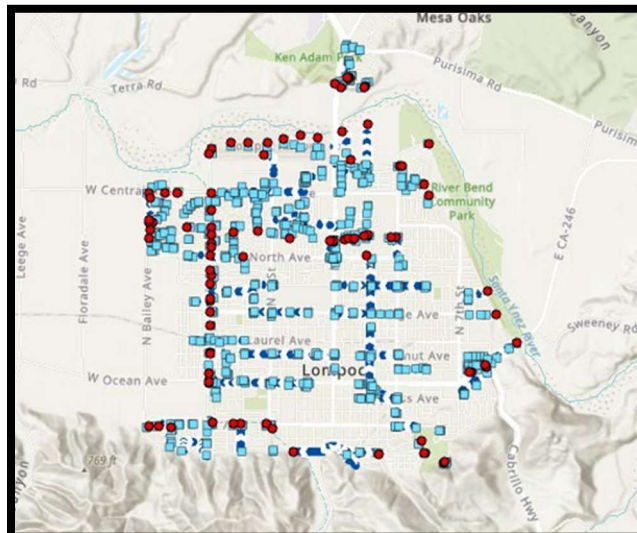
PROJECT # 8 STORMWATER SYSTEM FULL TRASH CAPTURE PROJECT

*3rd District
City of Lompoc
Requests \$65,000
Total Project Costs: \$130,000*

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends a partial award of 42,263 from the 2023 general allocation fund, contingent on the applicant securing the additional funds to complete the project.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests CRMF monies to prepare a study for their *Stormwater System Full Trash Capture Implementation Plan*. This plan will determine the best type of full trash capture devices for the City’s street curb storm drain inlets, capturing trash before it enters the stormwater system. The plan aims to protect the City's storm-drain pipes/water as required by the State Water Resources Control Board. The proposal includes three phases:

- 1) Phase 1: Assessment of the City’s storm drain inlets, evaluation of at least five trash capture products, and recommendation of one of the products, based on feasibility, cost, and long-term maintenance.
- 2) Phase 2: Physical survey of all storm drain inlets, development of a Site Health and Safety Plan and a Traffic Control Plan, and calculation of cost estimates for maintenance of trash capture products.
- 3) Phase 3: Creation of the *Stormwater System Full Trash Capture Implementation Plan*, including all data compiled in Phases 1 and 2. Preparation of figures and schematic drawings. Development of a phased implementation schedule.



Locations of City of Lompoc’s Stormwater drainage inlets

Background: The State Water Resources Control Board is requiring the City of Lompoc to install full trash capture screens on storm water systems by December 2030 (Water Code 13383).

The City of Lompoc has received three CRMF grants in the past for a total of \$142,126:

- \$50,000 grant in the 1990 cycle to help purchase six parcels that were the site of the Mission Vieja de la Purisima. The mission, which was one of the original 21 California missions, was buried in a mudslide in 1812 after an earthquake.
- \$25,000 grant in the 1998 cycle to help purchase 76 acres in and along the Santa Ynez River to be used as open space and parkland.
- \$67,126 grant in the 2002 cycle to help construct an aquatic center, including a competition pool, a therapy pool, and a recreational pool.

Satisfaction of CRMF Criteria:

The eight CRMF criteria can be found on pages 3-4 of the staff report. The symbol (+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; the symbol (-) means it doesn't satisfy; and the symbol (+/-) means it partially satisfies.

- (+/-) **Criterion # 1, Coastal Nexus.** The project is considered to have a partial coastal nexus. The applicant's proposal goal is to meet the State Water Resources Control Board's mandate to clean up waterways by installing trash captures on storm water inlets. Ocean Beach is approximately 9 miles away from Lompoc and is one source of waterway that would benefit from reduced trash. Lompoc's San Miguelito Creek and the Santa Ynez River would also benefit from reduced trash. Therefore, this proposal is considered to have a partial coastal nexus.
- (+/-) **Criterion #2, Coastal Resource Enhancement.** The project is considered to enhance the waterways near the City of Lompoc (see *Criterion #1* above). Ocean Beach and the ocean, approximately 9 miles away from Lompoc, would benefit from reduced trash. Trash capturing devices would enhance inland creek areas around Lompoc and the ocean, a partial enhancement of an environmentally sensitive coastal resource.
- (+) **Criterion #3, Broad Public Benefit.** The proposal would benefit wildlife in San Miguelito Creek, the Santa Ynez River, Ocean Beach and the ocean waters by reducing the amount of trash that reaches these areas. The proposal would benefit users of these areas, too. Mostly Lompoc residents would benefit but tourist visiting these areas would benefit too.
- (-) **Criterion #4, Higher Priority - Capital Improvements and Coastal Acquisition.** The proposal is considered planning & research, which is not one of the higher priorities of CRMF.
- (+/-) **Criteria #5 and 7, Matching Funds and Viable Funding Mechanisms.** The applicant is seeking half the costs of the plan from CRMF. The applicant stated that it would seek additional funding from the Coastal Conservancy and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The applicant estimates that \$60,000 of its staff time would be applied to this proposal and considered as in-kind services.

- (+) **Criterion #6, Ongoing County Costs.** The proposal is for a plan only. Implementation of the plan would be funded through water utility customer revenues. Maintenance on each drainage inlet could increase by cleaning out the inlet four times a year. Increased maintenance costs could also be funded by utility customer revenues. The project would not require any additional ongoing County operational or maintenance costs.

- (+) **Criterion #8, Feasibility of Successfully Implementing Project.** If funded, the project is considered to be completed successfully. The proposal is to prepare a plan. The proposal is a mandate from the State and must be completed by December 2030 and implementation monies have been identified in the form of utility customer revenues.

Other Considerations: On page 104 in the applicant’s Capital Improvement Program FY 2022-2027, the project description identifies a certain full trash capture product that it states is used by Los Angeles and San Francisco Bay areas. It further states that it can be fabricated in about a half hour and “is expected to be able to be installed in all curb inlets in the City.” When staff asked why the need for the \$130,000 study, the applicant stated that they want to evaluate various trash capturing devices for the City’s system to ensure which is the most cost-effective..

PROJECT # 9 COASTAL GALLERY PROJECT

4th District
Cabrillo High School Aquarium/Lompoc Unified School District
Requests \$100,000
Total Project Costs: \$604,300 (Phase 1)

Staff Recommendation: Fund a full request of \$100,000 from both the 2022 and 2023 general allocation funds (\$93,537 from 2022 and \$6,463 from 2023), contingent on the applicant securing the necessary funds to complete the project.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant is seeking funds for Phase 1 of a three-phase multi-million dollar expansion of the Cabrillo High School Aquarium, entitled “Coastal Gallery Project.”

Phase 1 specifically consists of the following:

- Remove two outdated (original) exhibits/tanks.
- Design and install the Cal Coastal Wetlands Exhibit, which will feature estuarine habitats. This 1,200-gallon exhibit would be located in the center of the main exhibit floor’s rear wall. The exhibit would be approximately 15 feet long, 2-feet deep with a kidney-shaped pool. A 6-inch step and ramp will be around the pool for easy viewing for children. The pool would be clear acrylic and designed to simulate coastal wetlands and estuaries. A boardwalk ramp in the rear of the exhibit will allow wheelchair access. A large mural, interpretative signs,
- Relocate the blue jellies exhibit to another area.
- Replace the reef tank exhibit with another exhibit in an adjacent gallery space.



Illustration of the Cal Coastal Wetlands Exhibit

The applicant is not seeking funds from CRMF for Phases 2 and 3. Phase 2 consists of renovating a connecting classroom into a new gallery, featuring seven exhibits, five of which have been donated by the Monterey Bay Aquarium (valued at \$400,000). Phase 3 would be construction of a separate educational building for Aquarium students to develop curriculum, and host and teach elementary classes.

Background: Since 1986, the Cabrillo High School aquarium has been educating high school students and visitors of all ages about the marine environment. In 2002, the applicant completed construction of a new building to house the aquarium at Cabrillo High School. The school aquarium currently has 25 existing exhibits. Students (K-12th grade) from several districts, college students and the general public all visit the aquarium. The school aquarium allows for a hands-on experience of the various marine life habitats, from the shallow water rocky tidal habitat to the deep waters. During the coronavirus closures, the applicant had been conducting online virtual tours.

The Board of Supervisors has awarded the applicant eight CRMF awards in the past for a total of \$649,144:

- \$100,000 in the 1994 cycle (\$29,000 went towards exhibits), \$77,943 in the 1998 cycle, and \$123,335 in the 2000 cycle to construct the high school aquarium;
- \$11,724 grant in the 1995 cycle to implement an outreach program for the aquarium;
- \$71,142 grant in the 2001 cycle to purchase and install various technology and media equipment;
- \$75,000 grant in the 2014 cycle to expand the aquarium space by 1,776 square feet to accommodate a shark exhibit and a cold water marine organism exhibit;
- \$100,000 grant in the 2018 cycle to fabricate and install the Interactive Tidepool Exhibit; and
- \$90,000 grant in the 2020-2021 cycle to fabricate and install the Coastal Splash Exhibit.

Satisfaction of CRMF Criteria:

The eight CRMF criteria can be found on pages 3-4 of the staff report. The symbol (+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; the symbol (-) means it doesn't satisfy; and the symbol (+/-) means it partially satisfies.

- (+) **Criterion # 1, Coastal Nexus.** The proposal has a strong coastal nexus; students and visitors to the Cabrillo High School Aquarium are educated about the marine environment through hands-on and visual stimulating aquarium tanks. The proposed exhibit focuses education on the estuarine habitats.
- (+) **Criterion #2, Coastal Resource Enhancement.** The project enhances coastal recreation by teaching students and the general public about the marine environment, and in so doing, heightens the sensitivity and enjoyment of the marine habitat. Secondly, the project enhances tourism in the Lompoc region and contributes indirectly towards enhancing coastal environmentally sensitive habitats via education.
- (+) **Criterion #3, Broad Public Benefit.** Thousands of students from Lompoc, Santa Maria, Santa Ynez and visitors from all over visit the Cabrillo High School aquarium. The school aquarium opens its doors to visitors free of charge and states that it holds over 8,000 visitors annually (increase in 40% since closing due to Covid).
- (+) **Criterion #4, Higher Priority - Capital Improvements and Coastal Acquisition.** This project is considered a capital improvement, which satisfies the higher priority use of CRMF (capital improvements and acquisitions).
- (+) **Criteria #5 and 7, Matching Funds and Viable Funding Mechanisms.** The applicant seeks 17% of the project's costs from CRMF. The applicant has secured \$425,000 through a grant from the California Museum Grants Program and an additional \$10,000 from a private donor. The remaining

funds (\$69,300) are currently being raised from donations and reserve funds. The applicant offers approximately \$6,000 as in-kind services for project planning and management, installation and electrical work.

- (+) **Criterion #6, Ongoing County Costs.** The project would not require any additional ongoing County operational or maintenance costs. The applicant has successfully operated the aquarium for over 20 years.
- (+) **Criterion #8, Feasibility of Successfully Implementing Project.** Staff believes the project will be completed successfully once funded. The applicant would use the same exhibit design experts that it used for the successfully installed Interactive Tidepool Exhibit, which was partially funded by CRMF. These design experts were former aquarists at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. In addition the applicant has successfully completed eight CRMF projects in the past.

Other Considerations: The applicant states that the Aquarium has over seventy-five partnerships with the business community, industrial community, students, staff, and local experts. The application contains 15 support letters from various individuals and organizations, including elective representatives of the area.

The Cabrillo High School aquarium has gained state and national recognition: the United State's President's Environmental Youth Award, the California School Boards Association Golden Bell Award, Best of Show and the People's Choice Awards at California State University of San Luis Obispo Science Fair, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Environmental Hero Award.

Appendix 2

1988-2021 CRMF Awards by District

Table 1: First District²

Project Name	Amount	Approved	Type
Andree Clark Bird Refuge	\$170,000	1988	Cap. Improve.
Andree Clark Bird Refuge - Margin Wetlands Restore Prj	\$30,901	2014	Cap. Improve.
Carpinteria Swimming Pool	\$150,000	1988	Cap. Improve.
Carpinteria Salt Marsh Land Acquisition	\$83,000	1990	Acq.
Carpinteria Salt Marsh Land Acquisition	\$150,000	1993	Acq.
Carpinteria Salt Marsh Land Acquisition	\$25,000	1995	Acq.
Carpinteria Salt Marsh Nature Park Interpretative Signs	\$38,500	2002	Cap Improve.
Carpinteria Salt Marsh, Basin I and So. Marsh Improve. Plan	\$50,000	2003	Cap Improve.
Santa Barbara Zoo – Sea Lion Exhibit	\$25,000	1990	Cap. Improve.
Santa Barbara Harbor Boat Launch	\$150,000	1990	Cap. Improve.
Carpinteria Bluffs Appraisals	\$20,000	1991	Acq.
Carpinteria Bluffs Appraisals	\$15,000	1992	Acq.
Carpinteria Bluffs Appraisals	\$15,000	1997	Acq.
Carpinteria Bluffs Acquisition	\$100,000	1998	Acq.
Carpinteria Bluffs Acquisition	\$350,000	1999	Acq.
Carpinteria Bluffs Restroom/Storage Facility	\$30,000	2004	Cap. Improve.
Carpinteria Bluffs III Acquisition	\$144,750	2017	Acq.
Carpinteria Creek Appraisals	\$5,000	1992	Acq.
Loon Point Beach Access Easement	\$2,872	1990	Acq.
Loon Point Beach Access Easement Realignment	\$65,519	1994	Cap. Improve.
Lookout Park Accessibility Modifications	\$30,000	1994	Cap. Improve.
Lookout Park Arundo Removal	\$40,000	2007	Cap. Improve.
Lookout Park Arundo Removal	\$8,500	2010	Cap. Improve.
Lookout Park Arundo Renovation	\$60,000	2019	Cap. Improve.
Carpinteria Lions Community Building	\$25,000	1995	Cap. Improve.
Oceanview Park (Careaga) Acquisition	\$200,000	1995	Acq.
Channel Drive/Butterfly Beach Stair Refurbishment	\$27,000	1995	Cap. Improve.
Pedestrian Improvements at Butterfly Beach	\$0	2005	Cap. Improve.
Coastal Bikeway, North Jameson Lane	\$95,000	1995	Cap. Improve.
Summerland Greenwell Park Improvements, Phase 1	\$20,000	1996	Cap. Improve.
Phase 2	\$16,000	2001	Cap. Improve.
Seed Storage/Demonstration Garden	\$10,000	2005	Cap. Improve.
Bikeway Studies: Santa Claus Lane/Carp. Ave & Ortega Hill	\$50,000	1996	Cap. Improve.
Hammonds Meadows Beach Access Stairs	\$10,500	1996	Cap. Improve.
Ocean Recreation Center	\$60,000	1997	Cap. Improve.
Rincon Beach Access	\$29,000	1997	Cap. Improve.
Rincon Beach Day Use Area Planning	\$28,500	2001	Cap. Improve.
Rincon Beach Day Use Area Implementation	\$7,720	2002	Cap. Improve.
Rincon Beach Day Use Area, Phase I	\$37,037	2003	Cap. Improve.
Rincon Beach Day Use Area, Phase II	\$40,000	2006	Cap. Improve.
Rincon Beach Day Use Area, Phase II	\$92,000	2007	Cap. Improve.
Rincon Creek Arundo Removal	\$20,000	2010	Cap. Improve.
Finney Street Beach Access	\$21,413	1997	Cap. Improve.
Surfrider Extension Trail	\$6,440	2000	Acq.
Santa Claus Lane Preliminary Beach Access	\$26,000	2000	Acq.
Santa Claus Lane Beach Access, Phase I	\$22,500	2004	Acq.
Santa Claus Lane Streetscape Plan	\$73,889	2010	Plan/Rsch
Santa Claus Lane Streetscape Plan	\$69,559	2011	Plan/Rsch
Santa Claus Lane Streetscape Plan	\$96,404	2012	Plan/Rsch
Santa Claus Lane Streetscape Plan	\$10,000	2017	Plan/Rsch
Design Guidelines for Hwy 101 Landscaping and Structures	\$10,000	1998	Plan/Rsch
Carpinteria Creek Watershed Outreach	\$14,671	2002	Education

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Carpinteria-Rincon Multi-Use Trail, Feasibility Study	\$49,622	2003	Plan/Rsch
Harbor Seal Sanctuary Improvement	\$12,629	2004	Cap. Improve.
Lifeguard Facility at Ash Avenue/Beach	\$20,000	2005	Cap. Improve.
Carpinteria Old Town (Palm to Linden) Trail Segment	\$24,500	2006	Plan/Rsch
Franklin Trail	\$0	2007	Cap. Improve.
Summerland Community Plan Update	\$68,791	2010	Plan/Rsch
Circle G Ranch Fish Passage Restoration Project	\$42,417	2015	Cap Improve.
	\$3,095,634		

Table 2: Second District³

Project Name	Amount	Approved	Type
Arroyo Burro Beach, Tot Lot	\$0	1988	Cap. Improve.
Parking Lot	\$50,000	1991	Cap. Improve.
Parking Lot Appraisals/Negotiations	\$6,000	1996	Acq.
Coastal Overlook	\$26,300	1998	Cap. Improve.
Wheelchair Accessible Coastal Overlook	\$14,762	2002	Cap. Improve.
Pampas Grass Removal	\$21,888	2003	Cap. Improve.
Estuary Restoration	\$12,930	2005	Cap. Improve.
Estuary Restoration	\$75,000	2006	Cap. Improve.
Arroyo Burro Beach Restrooms	\$402,500	2013	Cap. Improve.
Tide Pool Care Interpretative Sign	\$2,500	2014	Edu.
Sea Center, Renovation/Expansion	\$115,000	1988	Cap. Improve.
Touch Tank Shade Canopy	\$23,523	1994	Cap. Improve.
Wharf Improvements	\$50,000	2003	Cap. Improve.
Shark Exhibit	\$13,000	2005	Cap. Improve.
Generator for Aquariums	\$52,925	2009	Cap. Improve.
Marine-Themed Interpretative Signs	\$10,000	2017	Cap. Improve.
Coastal Immersion Zone Exhibits	\$30,000	2014	Cap. Improve.
SB City College Improvements, La Playa Stadium Renovation	\$150,000	1990	Cap. Improve.
Restoration of Chumash Point	\$15,000	1992	Cap. Improve.
West Campus Walkway	\$19,470	1995	Cap. Improve.
Bikeway	\$0	1997	Cap. Improve.
More Mesa Vehicle Restriction	\$3,649	1992	Cap. Improv.
Goleta Beach, Parking Lot	\$28,274	1990	Cap. Improve.
Revetment	\$0	1992	Cap. Improve.
Fireline	\$202,500	1993	Cap. Improve.
Master Plan	\$55,000	1993	Plan/Rsch.
Irrigation	\$70,000	1994	Cap. Improve.
Pier Structural Rehabilitation	\$90,000	1994	Cap. Improve.
Restrooms	\$37,500	1997	Cap. Improve.
Carrying Capacity	\$15,000	1999	Plan/Rsch.
Coastal Data Collection	\$36,500	2001	Plan & Rsch.
Winter Sand Berm, Phase I	\$15,000	2003	Cap. Improve.
Coastal Data Collection	\$55,000	2004	Plan & Rsch.
Coastal Data Collection	\$63,700	2005	Plan & Rsch.
Goleta Slough Mouth Hydrologic Modeling Study	\$30,000	2014	Plan & Rsch.
Los Marineros Marine Education	\$20,000	1992	Edu.
Los Marineros Marine Education Expansion	\$11,723	1995	Edu.
Santa Barbara Waterfront Aquatic Park Dredging	\$15,000	1992	Cap. Improve.
Santa Barbara Waterfront Aquatic Park Dredging	\$0	2001	Cap. Improve.
Los Banos del Mar Pool	\$15,000	1992	Cap. Improve.
Los Banos del Mar Pool	\$30,000	1993	Cap. Improve.
Oral History of Santa Rosa Island	\$9,250	1993	Edu.
Douglas Family Preserve (Wilcox Property) Acquisition	\$1,000,000	1994	Acq.
Los Positas Park Master Plan	\$50,000	1995	Plan/Rsch.
Los Positas Park Expansion/Acquisition	\$175,000	1995	Acq.
Los Positas Park Expansion/Acquisition	\$25,000	1997	Acq.
Los Positas Park Expansion/Acquisition	\$325,000	1998	Acq.
Santa Barbara Maritime Museum, Museum Construction	\$30,000	1996	Cap. Improve.
-- Auditorium Construction	\$15,172	1998	Cap. Improve.
-- Outreach Library	\$8,850	1999	Cap. Improve.
-- Increase Visibility Project	\$0	2004	Edu.
-- Surf Exhibit	\$50,000	2007	Cap. Improve.

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-- Presentation Wall Upgrade	\$30,000	2014	Cap. Improve.
-- History of Oil Exhibit	\$10,000	2017	Education
Santa Barbara County Veterans Memorial	\$20,000	1996	Cap. Improve.
Lower Westside Bikeway	\$29,720	1997	Cap. Improve.
South Coast Watershed Resource Center (WRC)	\$50,000	2000	Cap. Improve.
WRC & Arroyo Burro Firehydrant/Underground Utilities	\$29,883	2001	Cap. Improve.
WRC Improvements and Exhibits	\$19,861	2003	Edu
Shoreline Drive Enhancement	\$50,281	2000	Cap. Improve.
Shoreline Park Stairs Beach Access	\$30,000	2002	Cap. Improve.
Shoreline Park Improvements	\$40,000	2010	Cap. Improve.
Audubon Goleta Slough Restoration	\$15,500	2000	Cap. Improve.
Atascadero Mutt Mitt Stations	\$4,800	2002	Cap. Improve.
Atascadero Creek Trail Bridge Decking (near Patterson Ave.)	\$5,118	2004	Cap Improve.
Atascadero Creek Trail Bridge Decking (near Turnpike Road)	\$19,000	2006	Cap. Improve.
Shade Structure for Native Plants	\$15,000	2002	Cap. Improve.
Lifeguard Towers at Arroyo Burro, Goleta, and Jalama Beaches	\$57,505	2002	Cap. Improve.
San Jose Creek Bikeway	\$0	2004	Cap. Improve.
Santa Cruz Island Habitat Restoration	\$40,000	2014	Cap. Improve.
The Story of California's Channel Island Film	\$30,000	2015	Edu
Arroyo Burro Creek Acquisition	\$300,000	2015	Acq.
Arroyo Burro Open Space Restoration	\$50,000	2020 (\$24,672) 2021 (\$25,328)	Cap. Improve.
	\$4,419,584		

Table 3: Third District⁴

Project Name	Amount	Approved	Type
Isla Vista, Camino Corto Acquisition	\$550,000	1988	Acq.
Isla Vista Redevelopment Agency -- \$250,000 Loan	\$0	1991	Acq.
Del Playa Land Swap	\$10,300	1996	Acq.
Blufftop Acquisition	\$57,500	2001	Acq.
Blufftop Acquisition	\$493,159	2003	Acq.
Camino Corto Master Plan & Implementation	\$17,355	1994	Plan/Rsch.
Camino Corto and Del Sol Vernal Pool Reserve	\$30,311	1996	Cap. Improve.
Camino Corto and Del Sol Vernal Pool Reserve – Irrig.	\$30,000	1997	Cap. Improve.
Estero Park Lathhouse for Propagating Natives	\$24,000	1998	Cap. Improve.
Pescadero Blufftop Improvement	\$25,000	1999	Cap. Improve.
Del Playa Pelican Park – Water Meter	\$10,000	2001	Cap. Improve.
Camino del Sur Stairway Improvements	\$25,000	2001	Cap. Improve.
Bathrooms, Preliminary Planning & Permitting	\$30,000	2003	Cap. Improve.
Blufftop Acquisition	\$215,350	2005	Acq.
Improvements to Three Beach Accesses	\$210,000	2006	Cap. Improve.
Improvements to Walter Capps Park	\$54,305	2007	Cap. Improve.
Improvements to Walter Capps Park	\$130,800	2008	Cap. Improve.
Improvements to Walter Capps Park	\$90,125	2009	Cap. Improve.
Goleta Valley Transfer Development Rights	\$10,500	1988	Plan/Rsch.
Goleta Beach Slough Revetment	\$100,000	1988	Cap. Improve.
Santa Barbara Shores/Ellwood Mesa, Acquisition	\$1,000,000	1988	Acq.
Acquisition (SB Shores)	\$140,000	1991	Acq.
Improvements	\$280,000	1991	Cap. Improve.
Improvements	\$49,981	1991	Cap. Improve.
Improvements	\$201,724	1991	Cap. Improve.
Debt Repayment (on Santa Barbara Shores loan)	\$115,217	1996	Acq.
Improvements	\$46,351	1997	Cap. Improve.
Regional Plan	\$50,000	2000	Plan/Rsch.
Regional Plan	\$31,599	2002	Plan/Rsch.
Acquisition (Ellwood Mesa/Sperling Preserve)	\$367,963	2004	Acq.
Acquisition (Ellwood Mesa/Sperling Preserve)	\$50,000	2005	Acq.
Doty Property Acquisition	\$300,000	2007	Acq.
Ocean Meadows Acquisition	\$438,500	2010	Acq.
Ocean Meadows Acquisition	\$311,500	2011	Acq.
Mathilda Drive Parcels	\$64,845	2010	Acq.
Coronado Acquisition	\$43,005	1998	Acq.
Coronado Acquisition and Restoration	\$25,000	1999	Acq.
Coronado Revitalization Project	\$23,000	2015	Plan/Rsch.
Ellwood Drive Parcel Acquisition	\$48,000	2015	Acq.
Trails and Habitat Restoration Planning	\$35,000	2014	Plan/Rsch.
North Campus Open Space Trail & Bridge Design	\$18,000	2016	Plan/Rsch.
Mathilda Drive Parcels	\$10,750	2017	Acq.
Mathilda Drive Parcels	\$66,430	2018	Acq.
More Mesa Appraisal and Hazardous Waste Survey	\$25,000	1990	Acq.
More Mesa Management Plan	\$10,000	1991	Plan/Rsch.
Mission Santa Ines and Its Harbors Project	\$8,723	1995	Edu.
Phase II – El Capitan Bikeway and Trail	\$50,000	1996	Cap. Improve.
Gaviota Creek Fish Passage	\$50,000	1991	Cap. Improve.
Gaviota Creek Fish Passage	\$20,000	1993	Cap. Improve.
Gaviota Creek Fish Passage	\$30,000	1993	Cap. Improve.
Gaviota Creek Fish Passage	\$10,000	2017	Plan/Rsch.

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Conservation Efforts Along the Gaviota Coast, Phase IV	\$14,452	1994	Plan/Rsch.
Phase V	\$25,000	1995	Edu.
Gaviota Coast Resource Study	\$20,000	1997	Plan/Rsch.
Gaviota Coast Resource Study	\$27,000	2000	Plan/Rsch
Agricultural Conservation Easement Appraisals	\$32,810	1997	Acq.
Easement Fund	\$25,000	1998	Acq.
Easement Fund	\$100,000	1999	Acq.
Easement Fund	\$303,268	2000	Acq.
Easement Fund	\$204,732	2002	Acq.
Suitability/Feasibility Study	\$10,000	1999	Plan/Rsch.
Suitability/Feasibility Study	\$15,000	2002	Plan/Rsch.
Facilitation of Common Ground Process	\$15,000	1999	Plan/Rsch.
Facilitation of Common Ground Process	\$45,000	2003	Plan/Rsch.
Arroyo Hondo Ranch Acquisition	\$208,929	2001	Acq.
Gaviota Ranch/Brinkman Conservation Easement	\$0	2003	Acq.
Gaviota Ranch/Brinkman Conservation Easement	\$0	2005	Acq.
Gaviota Village Property	\$1,360,938	2008	Acq.
Gaviota Coast Plan	\$280,710	2010	Plan/Rsch
Gaviota Coast Plan	\$260,580	2011	Plan/Rsch
Gaviota Coast Plan	\$296,497	2012	Plan/Rsch
Gaviota Coast Plan	\$273,000	2013	Plan/Rsch
Gaviota Cove Acquisition	\$0	2016	Acq.
Orella Ranch Conservation Easement	\$0	2020-2021	Acq.
Jalama Beach County Park Expansion	\$616	1996	Acq.
Jalama Beach Restrooms	\$280,000	2014	Cap. Improve.
Jalama Beach Restrooms	\$170,752	2015	Cap. Improve.
Jalama Beach Restrooms	\$100,000	2016	Cap. Improve.
Jalama Coastal Trail	\$20,000	2018	Plan/Rsch.
Ponds and Aviaries -- Animal Hospital	\$0	1998	Cap. Improve.
San Jose Creek Class I Bike, Planning	\$74,266	1998	Cap. Improve.
Snowy Plover & Coastal Access Pilot Program	\$24,989	2001	Edu.
Ocean Beach Nature Center	\$48,007	2003	Cap. Improve.
Surf Beach Snowy Plover Docent Wind Shelter	\$0	2004	Cap. Improve.
Guadalupe Dunes ByPass Road	\$224,346	2012	Cap. Improve.
Rancho Guacamole Fish Passage Project	\$0	2014	Cap. Improve.
Cabrillo High School Aquarium Expansion	\$75,000	2014	Edu.
Cabrillo High School Aquarium Exhibit Upgrades	\$100,000	2018	Cap. Improve.
Cabrillo High School Aquarium Splash Zone Exhibit	\$90,000	2020 (\$40,000) 2021 (\$50,000)	Cap. Improve.
Dunes Center Heritage Preservation Exhibit	\$80,000	2014	Edu.
Dunes Center Exhibition Project	\$76,000	2015	Edu.
Dunes Center Sphinx Excavation	\$27,600	2016	Edu.
Dunes Center Sphinx Excavation	\$0	2019	Edu.
Coal Oil Point Preserve Education Center	\$23,000	2016	Cap. Improve.
Baron Ranch Trail Realignment	\$20,000	2017	Cap. Improve.
	\$10,986,785		

Table 4: Fourth District⁵

Project Name	Amount	Approved	Type
Leroy Park Recreational Center	\$75,000	1988	Cap. Improve.
Leroy Park Recreational Center	\$75,000	1990	Cap. Improve.
Leroy Park Recreational Center	\$75,000	1991	Cap. Improve.
Point Sal Acquisition	\$125,000	1988	Acq.
Point Sal Road Reopening, Alternative Analysis Report	\$50,000	2005	Plan/Rsch.
Ocean Park Improvements	\$400,000	1988	Cap. Improve.
Ocean Park Improvements	\$100,000	1990	Cap. Improve.
Host Site	\$16,896	1999	Cap. Improve.
Mission Vieja Site Acquisition	\$50,000	1990	Acq.
Burton Mesa Management Plan	\$19	1988	Plan/Rsch.
Burton Mesa Management Plan	\$76,320	1992	Plan/Rsch.
Burton Mesa Management Plan	\$40,000	1994	Plan/Rsch.
Burton Mesa Acquisition	\$281,162	1996	Acq.
Burton Mesa Acquisition	\$72,691	1996	Acq.
Burton Mesa Acquisition	\$210,000	1997	Acq.
Cabrillo High School Aquarium, Construction	\$100,000	1994	Cap. Improve.
Construction	\$77,943	1998	Cap. Improve.
Construction	\$123,335	2000	Cap. Improve.
Outreach Program	\$11,724	1995	Edu.
Technology/Media Exhibit	\$71,142	2001	Edu.
Santa Ynez River Enhancement Plan	\$36,088	1995	Plan/Rsch.
Surf Beach Pedestrian Crossing	\$120,000	1997	Cap. Improve.
Santa Ynez River Open Space/Park	\$25,000	1998	Acq.
Burton Mesa Chaparral Garden	\$2,271	2000	Cap. Improve.
Guadalupe Dunes Vehicle Barrier to Protect Snowy Plovers	\$13,450	2002	Cap. Improve.
Guadalupe Dunes Tractor	\$89,000	2004	Equipment
Lompoc Aquatic Center	\$67,126	2002	Cap. Improve.
Dunes Center, Exhibit Hall/Visitor Center	\$0	2003	Cap. Improve.
Exhibit Hall/Visitor Center	\$0	2005	Cap. Improve.
Pioneer Space Center's Coastal Display	\$11,942	2004	Equipment
The Natural Ways Exhibit at La Purisima	\$63,531	2006	Cap. Improve.
	\$2,459,640		

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Table 5: Fifth District⁶

Project Name	Amount	Approved	Type
Waller Park Water Conservation	\$125,000	1988	Cap. Improve.
Allan Hancock Theater Expansion	\$175,000	1990	Cap. Improve.
Peregrine Falcon Reintroduction	\$5,000	1992	Plan/Rsch.
S.M./Guadalupe Dunes Bikeway Study	\$30,000	1992	Plan/Rsch.
General Plan Amendment	\$374	1996	Plan/Rsch.
Construction of Bikeway, Phase IV	\$0	1997	Cap. Improve.
Guadalupe Dunes County Park, Kiosk Staffing	\$0	1993	Edu.
Management Plan Update	\$33,222	1994	Plan/Rsch.
Trailer	\$5,000	1996	Cap. Improve.
Phase II, Master Plan for Road Repairs	\$23,705	1996	Plan/Rsch.
Implementation Plan	\$93,133	1998	Cap. Improve.
Implementation Plan	\$22,935	1999	Cap. Improve.
Guadalupe Dunes Education Center, Construction	\$0	1994	Cap. Improve.
Construction of Exhibit Hall	\$0	2000	Cap. Improve.
Exhibits	\$120,000	1995	Edu.
Ecosystem Education Unit Package	\$22,500	1999	Edu.
Video of Dunes	\$22,000	1999	Edu.
Land & Sea Mammals Interactive Computer Program	\$21,500	2001	Edu.
Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum, SEA IT!	\$24,550	1994	Edu.
SEA IT! Phase II	\$13,444	1997	Edu.
Ocean Supermarket Exhibit, Phase I	\$20,000	2002	Edu.
Ocean Supermarket Exhibit, Phase II	\$79,000	2005	Edu.
Marine Exhibit, Phase I	\$115,000	2004	Cap. Improve.
Marine Exhibit, Phase II	\$47,750	2006	Cap. Improve.
Tide & Seek Exhibit	\$45,000	2007	Cap. Improve.
Belly of the Whale, Phase I	\$75,000	2008	Cap. Improve.
Belly of the Whale, Phase II	\$55,099	2009	Cap. Improve.
Marine-Themed Exhibits	\$25,000	2017	Edu.
Point Sal Appraisals	\$5,000	1995	Acq.
Point Sal Acquisition	\$33,415	1999	Acq.
Pioneer Park	\$25,000	1996	Acq.
Santa Maria YMCA Pool	\$0	1997	Cap. Improve.
Santa Maria Valley Beautiful Earth Week	\$10,000	1998	Edu.
Salmon & Trout Educational Program	\$3,000	1998	Edu.
Guadalupe Community Park Ball Fields	\$25,000	1998	Cap. Improve.
Van for the Environmental Education on Wheels	\$0	1999	Edu.
Van for the Environmental Education on Wheels	\$16,500	2001	Edu.
Marine Science Curriculum, Pilot Program	\$8,332	2000	Edu.
Santa Maria Natural History Museum, Exploring the Seashore	\$26,000	2001	Edu.
-- Sand & Sea Learning Area	\$30,000	2004	Cap. Improve.
-- From the Beginnings Under the Sea	\$50,000	2006	Cap. Improve.
-- Shore bird Collection Exhibit	\$12,309	2010	Edu.
-- Upgrades to Coastal Exhibits	\$37,349	2021	Edu.
Davey Brown/Munch Creek Fish Passage	\$19,818	2017	Plan/Rsch.
	\$1,500,935		

⁶ Grants listed reflect the district boundaries in effect at the time of the award.

Table 6: Grants Benefiting Three or More Districts

Project Name	Amount	Approved	Type
Earth Day 1990	\$10,000	1990	Edu.
Earth Day 1995	\$10,000	1995	Edu.
Open Space and Recreation Element	\$50,000	1991	Plan/Rsch.
Coastal Access Implementation Plan	\$30,000	1992	Plan/Rsch.
Offers to Dedicate Coastal Access	\$37,843	1996	Plan/Rsch.
South Coast Water Quality – Education Component	\$26,000	1998	Edu.
California Central Coast Birding Trail	\$0	1998	Cap. Improve.
Snowy Plover Video	\$8,930	1998	Edu.
SB Wildlife Care Network, Upgrades to Seabird Facility	\$1,580	2000	Cap. Improve.
Seabird Net Enclosure	\$1,037	2004	Equipment
Seabird Care Compound	\$31,800	2005	Cap. Improve.
Seabird Care Compound	\$120,000	2006	Cap. Improve.
Seabird Care Compound	\$150,000	2007	Cap. Improve.
Seabird Care Compound	\$191,000	2010	Cap. Improve.
Treating Ailing Seabirds	\$36,176	2019	Equipment
Pelagic Bird Care Equipment	\$6,039	2014	Equipment
Duckling Enclosures	\$50,662	2020	Equipment
Waves on Wheels Van	\$25,000	2001	Edu.
Marine Mammal Rescue Project	\$24,408	2004	Equipment
Marine Mammals Rescue Project	\$10,000	2005	Equipment
Channel Islands Marine & Wildlife Institute - Public Awareness	\$16,057	2017	Edu.
CIMWI – Marine Conservation Curriculum	\$33,929	2021	Edu.
Santa Barbara Beaches Hazards Removal Project	\$0	2004	Cap. Improve.
Channel Island's In-School Curriculum	\$15,000	2016	Edu.
Vehicle for Outdoor Field Trips	\$13,400	2018	Equipment
Beach-Friendly Wheelchair Trax Devices	\$26,272	2020	Equipment
Marine Protected Areas	\$4,000	2018	Edu.
Watershed Brigade Pilot-Project	\$5,000	2020	Plan/Rsch.
	\$934,133		

Table 7: Amounts Allocated by Districts⁷

District	Amount
First	\$3,095,634
Second	\$4,419,584
Third	\$10,986,785
Fourth	\$2,459,640
Five	\$1,500,935
Three or More Districts	\$934,133
Total	\$23,396,711

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