

COASTAL RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT FUND

STATUS REPORT OF GRANTS AND LOAN

1988-2001

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report reviews the status of grants and one loan from the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) since its inception. The County established CREF as a permit condition for major oil and gas projects offshore Santa Barbara County. Environmental impact reports determined that the construction and operation of these projects cause significantly adverse impacts to four categories of coastal resources: environmentally sensitive resources, aesthetics, recreation, and tourism. These impacts remain significantly adverse after all feasible, direct mitigation has been implemented. CREF minimizes the residual adverse impacts by funding projects that enhance the affected coastal resources with mitigation fees. Each January, payments of CREF fees are presently required of Plains ResourcesTM (originally Chevron's) Point Arguello Project; Exxon's Las Flores Canyon Project; Equilon's (originally Texaco's) Gaviota Terminal Project; and Torch's (originally Unocal's) Point Pedernales Project. Benton's Molino Gas Project, which commenced in 1997, pays CREF fees each year its drilling rig is erected.

In 1988, the Board of Supervisors approved Guidelines for the CREF program. The first solicitation of CREF proposals began in the summer of 1988 for a combined 1988/89 cycle. Between 1988 and 2001, the Board of Supervisors awarded one hundred and seventy-eight (179) CREF grants (including one loan).

2.0 SUMMARY OF GRANTS AND LOAN ADMINISTRATION

Solicitation of proposals generally occurs in the summer, and hearings to select CREF awards for proposals are generally held in winter. These events occur prior to the annual cycle so that grants can be dispersed as soon as possible after receipt of annual fees in January.

After the Board of Supervisors initially approves CREF awards, the Planning & Development Department (P&D), Energy Division staff prepares formal contractual agreements with all successful grantees except for County agencies. These agreements are docketed on the Board's agenda for approval. Grants to County agencies are formalized through the County's budget process.

The Energy Division tracks the status of each grant; however, each County agency that receives a grant is accountable directly to the Board of Supervisors for the budget and management of its CREF projects. For non-County projects, the Energy Division staff monitors the progress of projects via periodic progress reports required of the grantees and through site visits, if appropriate.

Unless otherwise stipulated in the agreement, the CREF Guidelines require projects to commence within one year of the Board's award, or the grant becomes void, and the funds are returned to CREF for reallocation. P&D may allow a maximum extension of one year if the award recipient demonstrates good cause for the delay. Any additional extensions require approval by the Board of Supervisors. A termination date is set for individual grants and specified in the final agreement.

The Board often awards partial funding to proposals. In such cases, CREF awards or loans are not disbursed until the grantee collects the necessary additional funds to complete the project or revises its budget to match the amount of secured funding while maintaining the same intent of the proposal. This practice reasonably ensures the County that a project is financially viable before CREF awards are expended.

3.0 SUMMARY OF GRANT AND LOAN STATUS

The Board of Supervisors awarded 179 CREF grants for a total of \$12,680,138 between 1988 and 2001. Of these 179 CREF grants, 117 have been completed, 45 are in various stages of development, and 17 grants were either fully or partially reallocated to other grants. Tables 1-4, below, summarize the types of projects and applicants who received CREF awards.

Table 1: CREF Allocations by Type of Project

PROJECT CATEGORIES	DOLLAR AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Acquisitions	\$6,273,523	49%
Capital Improvements	\$5,188,681	42%
Planning & Research	\$666,878	5%
Educational	\$ 551,056	4%
Total	\$12,680,138	

Table 2: CREF Allocations by Type of Grantee*

GRANTEE	DOLLAR AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Cities	\$825,281	7%
County Agencies	\$6,333,266	50%
Non-Profit Agencies	\$4,890,992	39%
State & Federal Agencies	\$5,000	<1%
Educational Institutions	\$625,599	5%
Total	\$12,680,138	

* Some projects have partnerships between a Non-Profit Agency and a Governmental Agency.

Table 3: Total CREF Allocations to Cities

CITY	DOLLAR AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Santa Barbara	\$430,281	54%
Carpinteria	\$240,000	28%
Santa Maria	\$55,000	6%
Lompoc	\$75,000	9%
Guadalupe	\$25,000**	3%
Total	\$825,281	

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

Table 4: Total CREF Allocations to Santa Barbara County Departments

COUNTY DEPT.	DOLLAR AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Parks	\$3,861,548	61%
Public Works	\$1,052,271	17%
Planning & Development	\$1,015,285	16%
County Administrator	\$281,162	4%
General Services	\$120,000	2%
Fish & Game Commission	\$3,000	<1%
	\$6,333,266	

APPENDIX A

At-a-Glance

CREF Allocations by Supervisorial District

**CREF ALLOCATIONS BY DISTRICT
(1988-2001)**

Table 1: First District¹

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Andree Clark Bird Refuge	\$ 170,000	1988	Cap. Improv. ²
Carpinteria Swimming Pool	150,000	1988	Cap. Improv.
Carpinteria Marsh Land Acquisition	83,000	1990	Acq. ³
	150,000	1993	Acq.
	25,000	1995	Acq.
Santa Barbara Zoo -- Sea Lion Exhibit	25,000	1990	Cap. Improv.
Santa Barbara Harbor Boat Launch	150,000	1990	Cap. Improv.
Carpinteria Bluffs Appraisals	20,000	1991	Acq.
	15,000	1992	Acq.
	15,000	1997	Acq.
Carpinteria Bluffs Acquisition	100,000	1998	Acq.
	350,000	1999	Acq.
Carpinteria Creek Appraisals	5,000	1992	Acq.
Loon Point Beach Access Easement	2,872	1990	Acq.
	66,000	1994	Cap. Improv.
Lookout Park Accessibility Modifications	30,000	1994	Cap. Improv.
Carpinteria Lions Community Building	25,000	1995	Cap. Improv.
Careaga Open Space Acquisition	200,000	1995	Acq.
Channel Drive Beautification	27,000	1995/reissued in 1999	Cap. Improv.
Coastal Bikeway, North Jameson Lane	95,000	1995	Cap. Improv.
Summerland Greenwell Park	20,000	1996	Cap. Improv.
	16,000	2001	Cap. Improv.
Bike Studies: Santa Claus Lane-Carp. Ave and Ortega Hill Bikeways	50,000	1996	Cap. Improv.
Hammonds Meadows Beach Access Stairs	10,500	1996	Cap. Improv.
Ocean Recreation Center	60,000	1997	Cap. Improv.
Rincon Beach Access	29,000	1997	Cap. Improv.
Rincon Beach Day Use Area	28,500	2001	Cap. Improv.
Finney Street Access	21,413	1997	Cap. Improv.
Surfrider Extension Trail	51,500	2000	Acq.
Santa Claus Lane Preliminary Beach Access	26,000	2000	Acq.
Design Guidelines for Hwy 101 Landscaping and Structures	10,000	1998	Plan/Rsch. ⁴
Total	\$2,026,785		

¹ 1988-1991 awards reflect old district boundaries; 1992-1993 awards reflect new district boundaries.

² Capital improvement

³ Acquisition

⁴ Planning & Research

Table 2: Second District⁵

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Arroyo Burro Beach			
Tot Lot	\$ 0	1988	Cap. Improv.
Parking Lot	50,000	1991	Cap. Improv.
Parking Lot Acquisition	6,000	1996	Acq.
Coastal Overlook	26,300	1998	Cap. Improv.
Sea Center Enhancement	115,000	1988	Cap. Improv.
	23,523	1994	Cap. Improv.
Santa Barbara City College Improvements			
La Playa Stadium Renovation	150,000	1990	Cap. Improv.
Restoration of Chumash Point	15,000	1992	Cap. Improv.
West Campus Walkway	19,470	1995	Cap. Improv.
Bikeway	0	1997	Cap. Improv.
More Mesa Vehicle Restriction	3,649	1992	Cap. Improv.
Goleta Beach			
Parking Lot	28,274	1990	Cap. Improv.
Revetment	0	1992	Cap. Improv.
Fireline	202,500	1993	Cap. Improv.
Master Plan	55,000	1993	Plan/Rsch.
Irrigation	70,000	1994	Cap. Improv.
Pier Structural Rehabilitation	90,000	1994	Cap. Improv.
Restrooms	37,500	1997	Cap. Improv.
Carrying Capacity	15,000	1999	Plan/Rsch.
Parking Lot Reinforcement	36,500	2001	Cap. Improv.
Santa Barbara Waterfront Aquatic Park Dredging	15,000	1992	Cap. Improv.
Los Banos del Mar Pool	15,000	1992	Cap. Improv.
	30,000	1993	Cap. Improv.
Oral History of Santa Rosa Island	9,250	1993	Edu.
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.
	25,000	1997	Acq.
	325,000	1998	Acq.
Santa Barbara Maritime Museum			
-- Museum Construction	30,000	1996	Cap. Improv.
-- Auditorium Construction	15,172	1998	Cap. Improv.
-- Outreach Library	8,850	1999	Cap. Improv.
Santa Barbara County Veterans Memorial	20,000	1996	Cap. Improv.
Lower Westside Bikeway	45,000	1997	Cap. Improv.
South Coast Watershed Resource Center	50,000	2000	Cap. Improv.
Firehydrant/Underground Utilities	47,200	2001	Cap. Improv.
Shoreline Drive Enhancement	50,281	2000	Cap. Improve.
Audubon Goleta Slough Restoration	15,500	2000	Cap. Improve.
Total	\$2,869,969		

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Table 3: Third District⁶

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Isla Vista			
Camino Corto Acquisition	\$ 550,000	1988	Acq.
Isla Vista Redevelopment Agency -- Loan	250,000	1991	Acq.
Del Playa Master Plan (Land Swap)	10,300	1996	Acq.
Five parcels Ocean Bluff Acquisition,	57,500	2001	Acq.
Camino Corto Master Plan & Implementation	17,355	1994	Plan/Rsch.
Camino Corto and Del Sol Vernal Pool Reserve	30,311	1996	Cap. Improv.
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Estero Park Lathhouse for Propagating Natives	24,000	1998	Cap. Improv.
Pescadero Blufftop Improvement	25,000	1999	Cap. Improv.
Del Playa Pelican Park -- Water Meter	10,000	2001	Cap. Improv.
Camino del Sur Stairway Improvements	25,000	2001	Cap. Improv.
Goleta Valley Transfer Development Rights	10,500	1988	Plan/Rsch.
Goleta Beach Slough Revetment	100,000	1988	Cap. Improv.
Santa Barbara Shores Acquisition	1,000,000	1988	Acq.
	140,000	1991	Acq.
Santa Barbara Shores Improvements	280,000	1991	Cap. Improv.
	49,981	1991	Cap. Improv.
	201,724	1991	Cap. Improv.
	115,217	1996	Cap. Improv.
	46,351	1997	Cap. Improv.
Ellwood Beach/Santa Barbara Shores Plan.	50,000	2000	Plan/Rsch.
More Mesa Appraisal and Hazardous Waste Survey	25,000	1990	Acq.
More Mesa Management Plan	10,000	1991	Plan/Rsch.
Conservation Efforts Along the Gaviota Coast			
Phase IV: Coop. Permanent Coastal Preservation	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.
Suitability/Feasibility Study	25,000	1999	Plan/Rsch.
Arroyo Hondo Ranch Acquisition	300,000	2001	Acq.
Mission Santa Ines and Its Harbors Project	8,723	1995	Edu.
Phase II -- El Capitan Bikeway and Trail	50,000	1996	Cap. Improv.
Gaviota Creek Fish Passage	50,000	1990	Cap. Improv.
	20,000	1993	Cap. Improv.
	30,000	1996	Cap. Improv.
Jalama Beach County Park Expansion	10,000	1996	Acq.

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Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Coronado Acquisition	43,005	1998	Acq.
Coronado Acquisition and Restoration	25,000	1999	Acq
Ponds and Aviaries -- Animal Hospital	0	1998	Cap. Improv.
San Pedro Creek Class I Bike Path	75,000	1998	Cap. Improv.
Total	\$4,242,497		

Table 4: Fourth District⁷

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Leroy Park Recreational Center	\$ 75,000	1988	Cap. Improv.
	75,000	1990	Cap. Improv.
	75,000	1991	Cap. Improv.
Point Sal Appraisals/Acquisitions	125,000	1988	Acq.
	5,000	1995	Acq.
	33,415	1999	Acq.
Ocean Park Improvements	400,000	1988	Cap. Improv.
	100,000	1990	Cap. Improv.
Host Site & Ramp	69,000	1999	Cap. Improv.
Mission Vieja Site Acquisition	50,000	1990	Acq.
Burton Mesa Management Plan	19	1988	Plan/Rsch.
	76,320	1992	Plan/Rsch.
Burton Mesa Acquisition	40,000	1994	Plan/Rsch.
	281,162	1996	Acq.
	72,691	1996	Acq.
Cabrillo High School Aquarium Construction	210,000	1997	Acq.
	100,000	1994	Cap. Improv.
	77,943	1998	Cap. Improv.
Outreach Program	123,335	2000	Cap. Improv.
	11,724	1995	Edu.
Technology/Media Exhibit	71,142	2001	Edu.
	36,088	1995	Plan/Rsch.
Santa Ynez River Enhancement Plan ⁸	120,000	1997	Cap. Improv.
Surf Beach Pedestrian Crossing	25,000	1998	Acq.
Santa Ynez River Open Space/Park	2,271	2000	Cap. Improv.
Burton Mesa Chaparral Garden	25,000	2001	Edu.
Snowy Plover & Coastal Access Pilot Program ⁹			
Total	\$2,280,110		

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⁸ Benefits both the Third and Fourth Districts.

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Table 5: Fifth District¹⁰

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Waller Park Water Conservation	\$ 125,000	1988	Cap. Improv.
Allan Hancock Theater Expansion	175,000	1990	Cap. Improv.
Peregrine Falcon Reintroduction	5,000	1992	Plan/Rsch.
S.M./Guadalupe Dunes Bikeway			
Bikeway Study	30,000	1992	Plan/Rsch.
General Plan Amendment	374	1996	Plan/Rsch.
Construction of Bikeway, Phase IV	0	1997	Cap. Improv.
Guadalupe Dunes County Park			
Kiosk Staffing	0	1993	Edu.
Management Plan Update	33,222	1994	Plan/Rsch.
Trailer	5,000	1996	Cap. Improv.
Phase II, Master Plan for Road Repairs	23,705	1996	Plan/Rsch.
Implementation Plan	104,065	1998	Cap. Improv.
	22,935	1999	Cap. Improv.
Guadalupe Dunes Education Center (Dunes Center)			
Construction of Center	0	1994	Cap. Improv.
Construction of Exhibit Hall	166,836	2000	Cap. Improv.
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's SEA IT!			
	24,550	1994	Edu.
	13,444	1997	Edu.
Pioneer Park	25,000	1996	Acq.
Santa Maria YMCA Pool	0	1997	Cap. Improv.
Santa Maria Valley Beautiful Earth Week	10,000	1998	Edu.
Guadalupe Community Park Ball Fields	25,000	1998	Cap. Improv.
Van for the Environmental Education on Wheels	0	1999	Edu.
	16,500	2001	Edu.
Marine Science Curriculum, Pilot Program	9,070	2000	Edu.
Exploring the Seashore Exhibit	26,000	2001	Edu.
Total	\$1,026,701		

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Table 6: Multiple Districts

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Earth Day	\$ 10,000	1990	Edu.
	10,000	1995	Edu.
Open Space and Recreation Element	50,000	1991	Plan/Rsch.
Coastal Access Implementation Plan	30,000	1992	Plan/Rsch.
Los Marineros Marine Education	20,000	1992	Edu.
	11,723	1995	Edu.
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. Improv.
Salmon & Trout Educational Program	3,000	1998	Edu.
Snowy Plover Video	8,930	1998	Edu.
Upgrades to Seabird Rehabilitation Facility	1,580	2000	Cap. Improv.
Waves on Wheels Van	25,000	2001	Edu.
Total	\$234,076		

Table 7: Amounts Allocated by Districts

District	Amount
First	\$ 2,026,785
Second	\$ 2,869,969
Third	\$ 4,242,497
Fourth	\$ 2,280,110
Five	\$ 1,026,701
Multiple Districts	\$ 234,076
Total	\$12,680,138

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