



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Parks
Department No.: 052
For Agenda Of: May 27, 2008
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Daniel C. Hernandez (568-2461)
Director(s)
Contact Info: Jeff Stone, North County Deputy Parks Director (934-6145)

SUBJECT: Allocation of \$7,500 from the Santa Maria Quimby Fee Agency Fund for Installation of Two Panels for the Interpretive Kiosk at Rancho Guadalupe Dunes County Park and Updating and Printing of Educational Brochures; Fourth Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors approve a budget revision to appropriate \$7,500 from the Santa Maria Quimby Fee Agency Fund (#1403) for the design, fabrication, and installation of two informational panels for the interpretive kiosk at Rancho Guadalupe Dunes County Park and for updating and printing of educational and informational brochures that are made available to the public at the park.

Summary Text:

An interpretive kiosk was funded and installed at Rancho Guadalupe Dunes County Park in 2007 by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. An individual panel describing and directing the public to the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes National Wildlife Refuge to the north of the park was installed within the kiosk. The kiosk is able to accommodate two additional panels, which will provide additional educational/interpretive information on the unique habitats and ecosystems associated with the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes for the public.

The Center for Natural Lands Management (CNLM) currently circulates educational/informational brochures for the public at the park. The brochures inform the public of the sensitivity and uniqueness of the coastal dunes habitat. They are available in both English and Spanish and provide an important

educational function for the interpretation and protection of the preserve. The brochures need to be updated with current information for circulation to visitors.

There is currently no funding available within CNLM’s or the Parks Department’s operating budgets to fund these requests. It is therefore recommended that \$7,500 be allocated from the Santa Maria Quimby Fee Agency Fund (#1403) to fund the interpretive panels and brochure updates.

Background:

Rancho Guadalupe Dunes is a 592-acre preserve/park owned by Santa Barbara County and managed by the Center for Natural Lands Management (CNLM) through a management lease agreement with the County. The park provides an important coastal access to a unique ecosystem and provides recreational opportunities for an estimated 70,000 annual visitors. Interpretative and educational materials and information for visitors to this site are important in the overall management of the park, as it allows the public to enjoy the many resources available to them while at the same time informing them of the sensitive and special ecosystem they are visiting.

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Attachment 1 is a written request from CNLM, via the Guadalupe Dunes Preserve Manager, for the Quimby funding for this project. There is currently no funding available within CNLM’s or the Parks Department’s operating budgets to fund these requests. It is therefore recommended that \$7,500 be allocated from the Santa Maria Quimby Fee Agency Fund (#1403) to fund the interpretive panels and brochure updates.

The Park Commission approved this funding request at its April 24, 2008 meeting.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

| <u>Funding Sources</u> | <u>Current FY Cost:</u> | <u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u> | <u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| General Fund | | | |
| State | | | |
| Federal | | | |
| Fees (Santa Maria Quimby Fee Fund) | \$ 7,500.00 | | \$ 7,500.00 |
| Other: | | | |
| Total | \$ 7,500.00 | \$ - | \$ 7,500.00 |

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Narrative:

The requested funding (\$7,500) is available in the Santa Maria Quimby Fee Agency Fund (#1403).

Use of Santa Maria Quimby funds are restricted to park and recreational facilities within the Santa Maria Quimby and Development Fee Demand Area. The current combined balance in the Santa Maria Quimby and Development Fee Agency Funds is \$106,910. Approval of this request will reduce the combined balance in these Funds to \$99,410.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

0

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board to provide a copy of the minute order to the Parks Department/Administration, Attn: Mike Gibson

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Quimby Funding Request from Center for Natural Lands Management (CNLM)

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