

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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STAFF

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SUBJECT: Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) – Grant Contract

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors executes the attached CREF contract (BC-05-136) with the Santa Maria Natural History Museum to design and install a 'Sand and Sea Learning Area' at The Natural History Museum located in downtown Santa Maria, in the amount of \$30,000 for the period of February 22, 2005 to July 15, 2005.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

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

Executive Summary and Discussion:

In December of 2003, the Board of Supervisors awarded the Santa Maria Natural History Museum a \$30,000 CREF grant to design and install an educational area geared for children to learn about the marine environment. The 'Sand and Sea Learning Area' will be located on the grounds at the Museum in downtown Santa Maria. The learning area will include:

- a) a large sand box with various pieces of whale bone, shell, and other marine fossils;
- b) a life-size, jadeite dolphin statue/fountain;
- c) a fossil-rubbing bench with sea animal images;
- d) media equipment with whale and dolphins sounds;
- e) four life-size cut-outs of a whale, a shark, and two types of dolphins;
- f) a sign that identifies the habitat and behavior of the four marine cut-out animals; and
- g) a docent kit (equipped with brushes, microscopes, clay, video scope, plankton net, and parachute).

The Natural History Museum secured an additional \$31,990 from seven other foundations and individuals, and the Museum is ready to implement this project.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Mitigation of impacts to coastal resources from offshore oil and gas development is required as a condition of permits on five projects. Mitigation is provided through the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund. There are no changes in service level as a result of this agreement.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

No fiscal and facilities impacts. The Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund is funded by mitigation fees paid by developers of offshore oil and gas reserves. Staff costs to prepare this agreement have been offset by interest accrued to the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund. The \$30,000 for The Natural History Museum's project is expended from Fund #0063, Department #053, Program #5090, Account #7863, Project #0412. The CREF program is part of the mitigation program within the Energy Division Cost Center on page D-300 in the Planning & Development Department's section of the County's Budget F04/05.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board will forward a copy of the agreement to Kathy McNeal Pfeifer of the Planning and Development Department, Energy Division, who will mail a copy of the agreement to the grantee and request the Auditor Controller to pay the award.

Concurrence:

County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Risk Manager

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