



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

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Agenda Number:

**Submitted on:
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Department Name: Planning &
Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: February 7, 2017
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: June 7, 2016
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Two Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) Grant Contracts with the University of California, Santa Barbara to: (1) renovate a building for the Coal Oil Point Reserve Education and Conservation Center, and (2) complete the final construction drawings for the North Campus Open Space area in Goleta, Third District

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Real Property

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund contract with the University of California, Santa Barbara, in the amount of \$23,000, to help renovate a building for an Education and Conservation Center for the Coal Oil Point Reserve in Goleta, Third Supervisorial District (Attachment A);
- b. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund contract with the University of California, Santa Barbara, in the amount of \$18,000, to

complete the final construction drawings for the North Campus Open Space area in Goleta, Third Supervisorial District (Attachment B);

- c. Determine that the allocation of the CREF grant for both projects is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) (Attachment C).**

Summary Text:

Coal Oil Point Preserve Award: The Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) contract, in Attachment A of this board letter, awards the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) a \$23,000 grant to renovate an existing building to become the Education and Conservation Center for the Coal Oil Point Reserve (COPR) in Goleta. Additionally, the new Conservation Center would have Americans with Disabilities Act compliant pathways, and exhibits and displays that focus on COPR’s natural resources and special status species. UCSB has secured approximately \$1.3 million towards renovating the Center. Once completed, UCSB states it would expand the conservation and restoration programs by 30% and educational programs by 50%.

North Campus Open Space Award: The CREF contract, in Attachment B of this board letter, awards UCSB an \$18,000 grant to complete final construction documents for the 136-acre North Campus Open Space (NCOS) renovation in Goleta. Specifically, the money would go towards signed and stamped drawings, technical specifications, and all bidding documents for the trails, boardwalk and bridge components. The applicant has secured the funds to construct and renovate the trails, boardwalk and bridges.

The action to approve and execute the contracts, awarding Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund grants, does not meet the definition of a “project” pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4). This section exempts government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities that do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment (Attachment D).

Background:

Mitigation of impacts to coastal resources from offshore oil and gas development is required as a condition of approval on the Point Arguello, Point Pedernales, and Santa Ynez Unit projects. Mitigation is provided through the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF).

At the June 7, 2016 Board of Supervisors hearing, the Board awarded UCSB two CREF grants from the 2016 CREF cycle.

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	Current FY Cost:	Annualized On-going Cost:	Total One-Time Grants Costs
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other: 2 CREF grants			\$ 41,000.00
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,000.00

No fiscal or facilities impacts are associated with staff's recommendations. The COPR Conservation Center and the North Campus Open Space restoration project do not involve County property or ongoing costs. Funding for these projects is budgeted on page D-291 of the FY 2016-17 budget in the Coastal Mitigation Budget Program, and is fully supported by funds in the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund. CREF is funded by annual mitigation fees paid by developers of offshore oil and gas reserves.

Key Contract Risks:

Risk analyses were performed for the two proposed contracts and they were determined to be of low risk: the contract amounts are less than \$100,000; the performance periods are less than two years; the complexities of each of the contract requirements are low; and, the contracts are not controversial.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board will forward copies of the contracts to Kathy Pfeifer of the Planning and Development Department, Energy & Minerals Division, who will mail copies of the contracts to the grantee and request the Auditor Controller to pay the awards.

Attachment:

- A. Contract with UCSB for COPR Conservation and Education Center
- B. Contract with UCSB for NCOS Final Construction Drawings
- C. Notice of Exemptions

Attachment A

Contract with the University of California, Santa Barbara
for Coal Oil Point Reserve Conservation and Education Center

Attachment B

Contract with the University of California, Santa Barbara
for North Campus Open Space Final Construction Drawings

Attachment C

Notice of Exemptions