

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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## Agenda Number:

**Prepared on:** February 26, 2004  
**Department Name:** Planning & Development  
**Department No.:** 053  
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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Val Alexeeff, Director  
Planning & Development

**STAFF CONTACT:** Kathy McNeal Pfeifer, 568-2507

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

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## Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors executes the attached CREF contract (BC-04-152) with the Santa Barbara Marine Mammals Center to purchase various equipment to rescue a large number of marine mammals being stranded on beaches, in the amount of \$24,408 for the period of March 9, 2004 to September 15, 2004.

## 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 Barbara Marine Mammals Center a \$24,408 CREF grant to purchase various equipment (e.g., nets, cages, enclosures, etc.), enabling it to respond better to a catastrophic event. The grant also allows the Marine Mammals Center to train qualified government agencies countywide in the rescue of marine mammals so that more trained personnel may be available. The Marine Mammal Center matches the CREF grant with \$12,000 worth of in-kind services and is ready to begin this much needed 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 \$24,408 for the Marine Mammals Center's equipment project is expended from Fund #0063, Department #053, Program #5090, Account #7863, Project #0415. The CREF program is part of the mitigation program within the Energy Division Cost Center on page D-298 in the Planning & Development Department's section of the County's Budget F03/04.

**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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