

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Department Name: Parks
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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rick Wheeler
Parks Director

STAFF CONTACT: Mike Gibson
Business Manager (568-2477)

SUBJECT: Allocation of \$17,500 from the South Coast West Quimby Fee Trust Fund for the Installation of a Drinking Fountain, Two Park Benches, and a Fence at Tabano Hollow Open Space in the Goleta Area; Second Supervisorial District

Recommendation:

That the Board of Supervisors approve the attached budget revision to appropriate \$17,500 from the South Coast West Quimby Fee Trust Fund (#1400) for the installation of a drinking fountain, two park benches, and a fence at Tabano Hollow Open Space in the Goleta area.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 5 – A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On March 22, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved Tabano Hollow Open Space, in the Goleta area, as one of the five permanent dog off-leash park locations in the South County. In addition to routine visitor usage, this site is visited by 15 to 30 pet owners daily during the off-leash hours (from 4:00 p.m. to sunset).

Currently, there is no drinking fountain on site and the two existing park benches are inadequate for the number of users that enjoy the park. Parks staff has received requests for additional benches and a drinking fountain that includes a fountain for dogs. Tabano Hollow currently has a walkway used by pedestrians and bicyclists. At this time, there is no separation between the off-leash area and the walkway or the street bordering the park on the west side. A fence between the lawn and the walkway is needed to prevent off-leash dogs from intruding into the walkway or the street.

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The total cost for the drinking fountain, two benches, and fence is approximately \$17,500. This includes the cost for installation of the fence. The drinking fountain and benches would be installed by Parks staff.

It is recommended that the cost for these improvements be allocated from the South Coast West Quimby Fee Trust Fund (#1400). The Park Commission approved the allocation of these funds at its June 23, 2005 meeting.

Mandates and Service Levels:

There are no mandates or changes in service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Funding for the \$17,500 requested for installation of the Tabano Hollow Open Space drinking fountain, two park benches, and fence is available in the South Coast West Quimby Fee Trust Fund (#1400). Use of this Trust Fund is restricted to development of park or recreational facilities within the South Coast West Quimby Demand Area. The current balance in the South Coast West Quimby Fee Trust Fund is \$143,443. Approval of this funding request would reduce the Trust Fund balance to \$125,943.

There is no impact to facilities that will result in additional staffing or other ongoing costs for the Parks Department.

Special Instructions:

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

Concurrence:

Auditor-Controller

