

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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SUBJECT: Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF): 2006 Cycle and Status Report of Grants

Recommendation(s):

- A. Direct staff to commence the year 2006 CREF cycle on July 12, 2005;
- B. Set a special hearing for the evening of Monday, November 21, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. to take public testimony on 2006 CREF grant proposals;
- C. Set a hearing for Tuesday, December 6, 2005 to award 2006 CREF grants; and
- D. Receive and file the 1988-2005 Status Report of CREF Grants (attached).

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

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

Executive Summary and Discussion:

2006 Funding Cycle: The County will have approximately \$1 million available in the 2006 CREF cycle. Staff requests that the 2006 CREF cycle commence according to the following schedule:

- (1) July 12 Commencement of the CREF cycle by soliciting proposals through newspaper notices, direct mailings, and public workshops
- (2) July 25th & Aug. 1st Workshops in Lompoc, Santa Maria, and Santa Barbara
- (3) September 12 Proposals due
- (4) November 21 Special Monday evening hearing, starting at 3:00 p.m., for applicants to present their proposals to the Board

- (5) December 6 Regular Tuesday meeting for the Board of Supervisors to select CREF proposals for funding
- (6) February, 2005 Funds become available

Commencing with this cycle, P&D will consult with the County's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and his staff prior to formalizing recommendations to the Board of Supervisors about CREF awards. Among other things, this consultation will allow the CEO to weigh the County's priorities, including those identified in its Capital Improvement Program, against proposals from non-County agencies.

1988-2005 Status Report of CREF Grants. Staff's annual status report (attached) describes the 238 CREF grants (including one loan) awarded by the Board of Supervisors in the past seventeen years. To date, 168 grants have been completed, while another 47 grants are currently in various stages of development. Thirteen of these 47 grants are from the 1999 cycle or earlier. All thirteen projects are either from the County Parks Department or the County Planning & Development, Comprehensive Planning Division. In each of the thirteen cases, the agencies have valid reasons for being delayed. If a project is substantially delayed without adequate cause, the agency or grantee is obligated to relinquish the remaining CREF monies for reallocation in a future CREF cycle. Appendix A to the status report lists all grants by district. Appendix B describes each grant and reports on the progress of implementing the grant.

We encourage interested parties to visit our website at www.countyofsb.org/energy to view pictures of selected projects funded by CREF.

MANDATES & SERVICE LEVELS:

Permits for four projects to develop and transport offshore oil and gas require mitigation of impacts to coastal resources through the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund. No changes in programs or service level.

FISCAL AND FACILITIES IMPACTS:

No fiscal and facilities impacts to the General Fund. Funding for staff time to conduct the 2006 funding cycle is budgeted in FY05/06 (Fund #0063, Department #053, Program #5090, Account #7506) and is funded from interest earned on CREF principal. CREF principal comprises fees that are paid by four offshore oil and gas projects – Point Arguello, Gaviota Oil Terminal, Santa Ynez Unit, and Point Pedernales – to mitigate residual impacts to coastal resources. The CREF program is part of the mitigation program within the Energy Division Cost Center on page D-305 in the Planning & Development Department's section of the County's Budget F05/06.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Clerk of the Board will: (a) make all logistical arrangements for conducting a special hearing on November 21, 2005, in Santa Barbara and, via telecommunications, in Santa Maria; and (b) schedule a continuance of that hearing to Tuesday, December 6, 2005.

Concurrences: N/A

Attached: CREF Status Report of Grants (1988-2005)

COASTAL RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT FUND

STATUS REPORT OF GRANTS

1988-2005

June 29, 2005

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report reviews the status of grants and one loan from the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) since its inception. The County established CREF as a permit condition for major oil and gas projects offshore Santa Barbara County. Environmental impact reports determined that the construction and operation of these projects cause significantly adverse impacts to four categories of coastal resources:

- (a) environmentally sensitive resources,
- (b) aesthetics,
- (c) recreation, and
- (d) tourism.

These impacts remain significantly adverse after all feasible, direct mitigation has been implemented. CREF minimizes the residual adverse impacts by funding projects that enhance the affected coastal resources with mitigation fees. Each January, payments of CREF fees are presently required of the following projects:

- (a) Point Arguello Project;
- (b) Las Flores Canyon Project;
- (c) Gaviota Terminal Project; and
- (d) Point Pedernales Project.

Molino Gas Project paid CREF fees when its drilling rig was erected in 1997 and when it plugged and abandoned its sole exploratory well in 2003.

In 1988, the Board of Supervisors approved Guidelines for the CREF program. The first solicitation of CREF proposals began in the summer of 1988. Between the 1988 and 2005 cycles, the Board of Supervisors awarded 238 CREF grants (including one loan).

2.0 SUMMARY OF GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

Solicitation of proposals generally occurs in the summer, and hearings to select CREF awards for proposals are generally held in late-fall. These events occur prior to collection of annual fees so that grants can be dispersed as soon as possible after receipt of annual fees in February. Commencing with the 2006 cycle, P&D will consult with the County's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and his staff prior to formalizing recommendations to the Board of Supervisors about CREF awards. Among other things, this consultation will allow the CEO to weigh the County's priorities, including those identified in its Capital Improvement Program, against proposals from non-County agencies.

After the Board of Supervisors initially approves CREF awards, the Planning & Development Department (P&D), Energy Division staff prepares formal contractual agreements with all successful grantees except for County agencies. These agreements are docketed on the Board's agenda for approval. Grants to County agencies are formalized through the County's budget process.

The Energy Division tracks the status of each grant; however, each County agency that receives a grant is accountable directly to the County's Chief Executive Officer for the budget and management of its CREF projects. For non-County projects, the Energy Division staff monitors the progress of projects via periodic progress reports required of the grantees and through site visits, if appropriate.

Unless otherwise stipulated in the agreement, the CREF Guidelines require projects to commence within one year of the Board's allocation, or the grant becomes void, and the funds are returned to CREF for reallocation. P&D may allow a maximum extension of one year if the award recipient demonstrates good cause for the delay. Any additional extensions require approval by the Board of Supervisors. A termination date is set for individual grants and specified in the final agreement.

The Board often awards partial funding to proposals. In such cases, CREF awards are not disbursed until the grantee collects the necessary additional funds to complete the project or revises its project to match the amount of secured funding while maintaining the same intent of the proposal. This practice reasonably ensures the County that a project is financially viable before CREF awards are expended.

3.0 SUMMARY OF GRANT AND LOAN STATUS

The Board of Supervisors awarded 238 CREF grants for a total of \$15,516,684 between 1988 and 2005. Of these 238 CREF grants, 168 have been completed, 47 are in various stages of development, 22 grants were either fully or partially reallocated to other grants, and one grant defaulted. Tables 1-4, below, summarize the types of projects and applicants who received CREF awards.

Table 1: CREF Allocations by Type of Project

PROJECT CATEGORIES	DOLLAR AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Acquisitions	\$7,811,641	50%
Capital Improvements	\$5,842,728	38%
Planning & Research	\$1,032,078	7%
Educational	\$693,850	4%
Equipment	\$136,387	< 1%
Total	\$15,516,684	

Table 2: CREF Allocations by Type of Grantee*

GRANTEE	DOLLAR AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Cities	\$1,072,880	7%
County Agencies	\$7,237,176	47%
Non-Profit Agencies	\$6,576,767	42%
State & Federal Agencies	\$5,000	<1%
Educational Institutions	\$624,861	4%
Total	\$15,516,684	

* Some projects have partnerships between a Non-Profit Agency and a Governmental Agency.

Table 3: Total CREF Allocations to Cities

CITY	DOLLAR AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Santa Barbara	\$457,931	43%
Carpinteria	\$347,823	32%
Goleta	\$45,000	4%
Santa Maria	\$55,000	5%
Lompoc	\$142,126	13%
Guadalupe	\$25,000**	2%
Total	\$1,072,880	

** The City of Guadalupe co-partnered with non-profit agencies on various CREF awards for a total of \$170,000 which is figured into the non-profit category in Table 2.

Table 4: Total CREF Allocations to Santa Barbara County Departments

COUNTY DEPT.	DOLLAR AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Parks	\$4,232,443	58%
Public Works	\$1,137,389	16%
Planning & Development	\$1,396,294	19%
County Administrator	\$281,162	4%
General Services	\$120,000	2%
Fish & Game Commission	\$3,000	<1%
Third District Supervisor	\$45,000	<1%
Ag. Commissioners Office	\$21,888	<1%
	\$7,237,176	

APPENDIX A

At-a-Glance

**CREF Allocations by Supervisorial District
(1988-2005)**

Table 1: First District¹

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Andree Clark Bird Refuge	\$ 170,000	1988	Cap. Improv. ²
Carpinteria Swimming Pool	150,000	1988	Cap. Improv.
Carpinteria Salt Marsh Land Acquisition	83,000	1990	Acq. ³
Carpinteria Salt Marsh Land Acquisition	150,000	1993	Acq.
Carpinteria Salt Marsh Land Acquisition	25,000	1995	Acq.
Carpinteria Salt Marsh Nature Park Interpretative Signs	38,500	2002	Cap Improv.
Carpinteria Salt Marsh, Basin I and So. Marsh Improve. Plan	50,000	2003	Cap Improv.
Santa Barbara Zoo – Sea Lion Exhibit	25,000	1990	Cap. Improv.
Santa Barbara Harbor Boat Launch	150,000	1990	Cap. Improv.
Carpinteria Bluffs Appraisals	20,000	1991	Acq.
Carpinteria Bluffs Appraisals	15,000	1992	Acq.
Carpinteria Bluffs Appraisals	15,000	1997	Acq.
Carpinteria Bluffs Acquisition	100,000	1998	Acq.
Carpinteria Bluffs Acquisition	350,000	1999	Acq.
Carpinteria Bluffs Restroom/Storage Facility	30,000	2004	Cap. Improv.
Carpinteria Creek Appraisals	5,000	1992	Acq.
Loon Point Beach Access Easement	2,872	1990	Acq.
Loon Point Beach Access Easement Realignment	66,000	1994	Cap. Improv.
Lookout Park Accessibility Modifications	30,000	1994	Cap. Improv.
Carpinteria Lions Community Building	25,000	1995	Cap. Improv.
Oceanview Park (Careaga) Acquisition	200,000	1995	Acq.
Channel Drive/Butterfly Beach Stair Refurbishment	27,000	1995 (1999 ⁴)	Cap. Improv.
Pedestrian Improvements at Butterfly Beach	30,000	2005	Cap. Improv.
Coastal Bikeway, North Jameson Lane	95,000	1995	Cap. Improv.
Summerland Greenwell Park Improvements			
Phase 1	20,000	1996	Cap. Improv.
Phase 2	16,000	2001	Cap. Improv.
Seed Storage/Demonstration Garden	10,000	2005	Cap. Improv.
Bikeway Studies: Santa Claus Lane/Carp. Ave & Ortega Hill	50,000	1996	Cap. Improv.
Hammonds Meadows Beach Access Stairs	10,500	1996	Cap. Improv.
Ocean Recreation Center	60,000	1997	Cap. Improv.
Rincon Beach Access	29,000	1997	Cap. Improv.
Rincon Beach Day Use Area Planning	28,500	2001	Cap. Improv.
Rincon Beach Day Use Area Implementation	7,720	2002	Cap. Improv.
Rincon Beach Day Use Area, Phase I	37,037	2003	Cap. Improv.
Finney Street Beach Access	21,413	1997	Cap. Improv.
Surfrider Extension Trail	51,500	2000	Acq.
Santa Claus Lane Preliminary Beach Access	26,000	2000	Acq.
Santa Claus Lane Beach Access, Phase I	22,500	2004	Acq.
Design Guidelines for Hwy 101 Landscaping and Structures	10,000	1998	Plan/Rsch. ⁵
Carpinteria Creek Watershed Outreach	14,671	2002	Edu ⁶
Carpinteria-Rincon Coastal Multi-Use Trail, Feasibility Study	50,000	2003	Plan/Rsch

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¹ Grants awarded between 1988-1991, 1992-2001 and 2002-on all reflect different district boundaries.

²Capital improvement

³Acquisition

⁴Reallocated in the 1999 cycle

⁵Planning & Research

⁶Education

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Harbor Seal Sanctuary Improvement	19,323	2004	Cap. Improv.
Lifeguard Facility at Ash Avenue/Beach	20,000	2005	Cap. Improv.
Total	\$ 2,356,536		

Table 2: Second District⁷

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Arroyo Burro Beach			
Tot Lot	\$ 0	1988	Cap. Improv.
Parking Lot	50,000	1991	Cap. Improv.
Parking Lot Appraisals/Negotiations	6,000	1996	Acq.
Coastal Overlook	26,300	1998	Cap. Improv.
Wheelchair Accessible Coastal Overlook	15,000	2002	Cap. Improv.
Pampas Grass Removal	21,888	2003	Cap. Improv.
Estuary Restoration	12,930	2005	Cap. Improv.
Sea Center			
Renovation/Expansion	115,000	1988	Cap. Improv.
Touch Tank Shade Canopy	23,523	1994	Cap. Improv.
Wharf Improvements	50,000	2003	Cap. Improv.
Shark Exhibit	13,000	2005	Cap. Improv.
Santa Barbara City College Improvements			
La Playa Stadium Renovation	150,000	1990	Cap. Improv.
Restoration of Chumash Point	15,000	1992	Cap. Improv.
West Campus Walkway	19,470	1995	Cap. Improv.
Bikeway	0	1997	Cap. Improv.
More Mesa Vehicle Restriction	3,649	1992	Cap. Improv
Goleta Beach			
Parking Lot	28,274	1990	Cap. Improv.
Revetment	0	1992	Cap. Improv.
Fireline	202,500	1993	Cap. Improv.
Master Plan	55,000	1993	Plan/Rsch.
Irrigation	70,000	1994	Cap. Improv.
Pier Structural Rehabilitation	90,000	1994	Cap. Improv.
Restrooms	37,500	1997	Cap. Improv.
Carrying Capacity	15,000	1999	Plan/Rsch.
Coastal Data Collection	36,500	2001	Plan & Rsch.
Winter Sand Berm, Phase I	15,000	2003	Cap. Improv.
Coastal Data Collection	55,000	2004	Plan & Rsch.
Coastal Data Collection	63,700	2005	Plan & Rsch.
Los Marineros Marine Education	20,000	1992	Edu.
Los Marineros Marine Education Expansion	11,723	1995	Edu.
Santa Barbara Waterfront Aquatic Park Dredging	15,000	1992	Cap. Improv.
Santa Barbara Waterfront Aquatic Park Dredging	0	2001	Cap. Improv.
Los Banos del Mar Pool	15,000	1992	Cap. Improv.
Los Banos del Mar Pool	30,000	1993	Cap. Improv.
Oral History of Santa Rosa Island	9,250	1993	Edu.
Douglas Family Preserve (Wilcox Property) Acquisition	1,000,000	1994	Acq.
Los Positas Park Master Plan	50,000	1995	Plan/Rsch.
Los Positas Park Expansion/Acquisition	175,000	1995	Acq.
Los Positas Park Expansion/Acquisition	25,000	1997	Acq.
Los Positas Park Expansion/Acquisition	325,000	1998	Acq.
Santa Barbara Maritime Museum			
-- Museum Construction	30,000	1996	Cap. Improv.
-- Auditorium Construction	15,172	1998	Cap. Improv.
-- Outreach Library	8,850	1999	Cap. Improv.
-- Increase Visibility Project	10,000	2004	Edu.
Santa Barbara County Veterans Memorial	20,000	1996	Cap. Improv.

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Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Lower Westside Bikeway	\$ 29,720	1997	Cap. Improv.
South Coast Watershed Resource Center (WRC)	50,000	2000	Cap. Improv.
WRC & Arroyo Burro Firehydrant/Underground Utilities	29,883	2001	Cap. Improv.
WRC Improvements and Exhibits	19,861	2003	Edu
Shoreline Drive Enhancement	50,281	2000	Cap. Improv.
Shoreline Park Stairs Beach Access	30,000	2002	Cap. Improv.
Audubon Goleta Slough Restoration	15,500	2000	Cap. Improv.
Atascadero Mutt Mitt Stations	4,800	2002	Cap. Improv.
Atascadero Creek Trail Bridge Decking	5,118	2004	Cap Improv.
Shade Structure for Native Plants ⁸	15,000	2002	Cap. Improv.
Lifeguard Towers at Arroyo Burro, Goleta, and Jalama Beaches ⁹	57,505	2002	Cap. Improv.
San Jose Creek Bikeway	45,000	2004	Cap. Improv.
Total	\$3,302,897		

⁸ Benefits both the Second and Third Districts.

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Table 3: Third District¹⁰

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Isla Vista			
Camino Corto Acquisition	\$ 550,000	1988	Acq.
Isla Vista Redevelopment Agency -- \$250,000 Loan	0	1991	Acq.
Del Playa Land Swap	10,300	1996	Acq.
Blufftop Acquisition	57,500	2001 (2005) ¹¹	Acq.
Blufftop Acquisition	493,159	2003 (2005) ¹²	Acq.
Camino Corto Master Plan & Implementation	17,355	1994	Plan/Rsch.
Camino Corto and Del Sol Vernal Pool Reserve	30,311	1996	Cap. Improv.
Camino Corto and Del Sol Vernal Pool Reserve – Irrig.	30,000	1997	Cap. Improv.
Estero Park Lathhouse for Propagating Natives	24,000	1998	Cap. Improv.
Pescadero Blufftop Improvement	25,000	1999	Cap. Improv.
Del Playa Pelican Park – Water Meter	10,000	2001	Cap. Improv.
Camino del Sur Stairway Improvements	25,000	2001	Cap. Improv.
Bathrooms, Preliminary Planning & Permitting	30,000	2003	Cap. Improv.
Blufftop Acquisition	215,350	2005	Acq.
Goleta Valley Transfer Development Rights	10,500	1988	Plan/Rsch.
Goleta Beach Slough Revetment	100,000	1988	Cap. Improv.
Santa Barbara Shores/Ellwood Mesa			
Acquisition (Santa Barbara Shores)	1,000,000	1988	Acq.
Acquisition (Santa Barbara Shores)	140,000	1991	Acq.
Improvements	280,000	1991	Cap. Improv.
Improvements	49,981	1991	Cap. Improv.
Improvements	201,724	1991	Cap. Improv.
Debt Repayment (on Santa Barbara Shores loan)	115,217	1996	Acq.
Improvements	46,351	1997	Cap. Improv.
Regional Plan	50,000	2000	Plan/Rsch.
Regional Plan	50,000	2002	Plan/Rsch.
Acquisition (Ellwood Mesa)	367,963	2004	Acq.
Acquisition (Ellwood Mesa)	50,000	2005	Acq.
More Mesa Appraisal and Hazardous Waste Survey	25,000	1990	Acq.
More Mesa Management Plan	10,000	1991	Plan/Rsch.
Conservation Efforts Along the Gaviota Coast			
Phase IV: Coop. Permanent Coastal Preservation	14,452	1994	Plan/Rsch.
Phase V	25,000	1995	Edu.
Gaviota Coast Resource Study	20,000	1997	Plan/Rsch.
Gaviota Coast Resource Study	27,000	2000	Plan/Rsch.
Agricultural Conservation Easement Appraisals	32,810	1997	Acq.
Easement Fund	25,000	1998	Acq.
Easement Fund	100,000	1999	Acq.
Easement Fund	303,268	2000	Acq.
Easement Fund	330,000	2002	Acq.
Suitability/Feasibility Study	10,000	1999	Plan/Rsch.
Suitability/Feasibility Study	15,000	2002	Plan/Rsch.
Facilitation of Common Ground Process	15,000	1999	Plan/Rsch.
Facilitation of Common Ground Process	45,000	2003	Plan/Rsch.
Arroyo Hondo Ranch Acquisition	208,929	2001	Acq.
Gaviota Ranch/Brinkman Estate Conservation Easement	230,000	2003 (2005) ¹³	Acq.
Gaviota Ranch/Brinkman Estate Conservation Easement	55,000	2005	Acq.

¹⁰ Grants awarded between 1988-1991, 1992-2001 and 2002 on all reflect different district boundaries.

¹¹ Reallocated in the 2005 cycle

¹² Reallocated in the 2005 cycle

¹³ Reallocated in the 2005 cycle

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Mission Santa Ines and Its Harbors Project	8,723	1995	Edu.
Phase II – El Capitan Bikeway and Trail	\$ 50,000	1996	Cap. Improv.
Gaviota Creek Fish Passage	50,000	1991 (1996) ¹⁴	Cap. Improv.
Gaviota Creek Fish Passage	20,000	1993 (1996) ¹⁵	Cap. Improv.
Gaviota Creek Fish Passage	30,000	1996	Cap. Improv.
Jalama Beach County Park Expansion	10,000	1996	Acq.
Coronado Acquisition	43,005	1998	Acq.
Coronado Acquisition and Restoration	25,000	1999	Acq.
Ponds and Aviaries -- Animal Hospital	0	1998	Cap. Improv.
San Jose Creek Class I Bike, Planning	75,000	1998	Cap. Improv.
Snowy Plover & Coastal Access Pilot Program	25,000	2001	Edu.
Ocean Beach Nature Center	50,000	2003	Cap. Improv.
Surf Beach Snowy Plover Docent Wind Shelter	0	2004	Cap. Improv.
Total	\$5,857,898		

¹⁴Reallocated in the 1996 cycle

¹⁵Reallocated in the 1996 cycle

Table 4: Fourth District¹⁶

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Leroy Park Recreational Center	\$ 75,000	1988	Cap. Improv.
Leroy Park Recreational Center	75,000	1990	Cap. Improv.
Leroy Park Recreational Center	75,000	1991	Cap. Improv.
Point Sal Acquisition	125,000	1988	Acq.
Point Sal Road Reopening Alternative Analysis Report	50,000	2005	Plan/Rsch.
Ocean Park Improvements	400,000	1988	Cap. Improv.
Ocean Park Improvements	100,000	1990	Cap. Improv.
Host Site	19,000	1999	Cap. Improv.
Mission Vieja Site Acquisition	50,000	1990	Acq.
Burton Mesa Management Plan	19	1988	Plan/Rsch.
Burton Mesa Management Plan	76,320	1992	Plan/Rsch.
Burton Mesa Management Plan	40,000	1994	Plan/Rsch.
Burton Mesa Acquisition	281,162	1996	Acq.
Burton Mesa Acquisition	72,691	1996	Acq.
Burton Mesa Acquisition	210,000	1997	Acq.
Cabrillo High School Aquarium			
Construction	100,000	1994	Cap. Improv.
Construction	77,943	1998	Cap. Improv.
Construction	123,335	2000	Cap. Improv.
Outreach Program	11,724	1995	Edu.
Technology/Media Exhibit	71,142	2001	Edu.
Santa Ynez River Enhancement Plan ¹⁷	36,088	1995	Plan/Rsch.
Surf Beach Pedestrian Crossing	120,000	1997	Cap. Improv.
Santa Ynez River Open Space/Park	25,000	1998	Acq.
Burton Mesa Chaparral Garden	2,271	2000	Cap. Improv.
Guadalupe Dunes Vehicle Barrier to Protect Snowy Plovers	13,450	2002	Cap. Improv.
Guadalupe Dunes Tractor	89,000	2004	Equipment
Lompoc Aquatic Center	67,126	2002	Cap. Improv.
Dunes Center			
Exhibit Hall/Visitor Center	168,000	2003 (2005) ¹⁸	Cap. Improv.
Exhibit Hall/Visitor Center	22,000	2005	Cap. Improv.
Pioneer Space Center's Coastal Display	11,942	2004	Equipment
Total	\$2,588,213		

¹⁶ Grants awarded between 1988-1991, 1992-2001 and 2002 on all reflect different district boundaries.

¹⁷ Benefits both the Third and Fourth Districts.

¹⁸ Reallocated in the 2005 cycle

Table 5: Fifth District¹⁹

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Waller Park Water Conservation	\$ 125,000	1988	Cap. Improv.
Allan Hancock Theater Expansion	175,000	1990	Cap. Improv.
Peregrine Falcon Reintroduction	5,000	1992	Plan/Rsch.
S.M./Guadalupe Dunes Bikeway			
Bikeway Study	30,000	1992	Plan/Rsch.
General Plan Amendment	374	1996	Plan/Rsch.
Construction of Bikeway, Phase IV	0	1997	Cap. Improv.
Guadalupe Dunes County Park			
Kiosk Staffing	0	1993	Edu.
Management Plan Update	33,222	1994	Plan/Rsch.
Trailer	5,000	1996	Cap. Improv.
Phase II, Master Plan for Road Repairs	23,705	1996	Plan/Rsch.
Implementation Plan	104,065	1998	Cap. Improv.
Implementation Plan	22,935	1999	Cap. Improv.
Guadalupe Dunes Education Center (Dunes Center)			
Construction of Center	0	1994	Cap. Improv.
Construction of Exhibit Hall	0	2000	Cap. Improv.
Exhibits	120,000	1995	Edu.
Ecosystem Education Unit Package	22,500	1999	Edu.
Video of Dunes	22,000	1999	Edu.
Land & Sea Mammals Interactive Computer Program	21,500	2001	Edu.
Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum			
SEA IT!	24,550	1994	Edu.
SEA IT! Phase II	13,444	1997	Edu.
Ocean Supermarket Exhibit, Phase I	20,000	2002	Edu.
Ocean Supermarket Exhibit, Phase II	79,000	2005	Edu.
Marine Exhibit	115,000	2004	Cap. Improv.
Point Sal Appraisals	5,000	1995	Acq.
Point Sal Acquisition	33,415	1999	Acq.
Pioneer Park	25,000	1996	Acq.
Santa Maria YMCA Pool	0	1997	Cap. Improv.
Santa Maria Valley Beautiful Earth Week	10,000	1998	Edu.
Salmon & Trout Educational Program	3,000	1998	Edu.
Guadalupe Community Park Ball Fields	25,000	1998	Cap. Improv.
Van for the Environmental Education on Wheels	0	1999	Edu.
Van for the Environmental Education on Wheels	16,500	2001	Edu.
Marine Science Curriculum, Pilot Program	8,332	2000	Edu.
Santa Maria Natural History Museum			
-- Exploring the Seashore Exhibit	26,000	2001	Edu.
-- Sand & Sea Learning Area	30,000	2004	Cap. Improv.
Total	\$ 1,144,542		

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Table 6: Grants Benefiting Three or More Districts

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Earth Day 1990	\$ 10,000	1990	Edu.
Earth Day 1995	10,000	1995	Edu.
Open Space and Recreation Element	50,000	1991	Plan/Rsch.
Coastal Access Implementation Plan	30,000	1992	Plan/Rsch.
Offers to Dedicate Coastal Access	37,843	1996	Plan/Rsch.
South Coast Water Quality – Education Component	26,000	1998	Edu.
California Central Coast Birding Trail	0	1998	Cap. Improv.
Snowy Plover Video	8,930	1998	Edu.
Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network	1,580		
Upgrades to Seabird Rehabilitation Facility	1,037	2000	Cap. Improv.
Seabird Net Enclosure	31,800	2004	Equipment
Seabird Care Compound		2005	Cap. Improv.
Waves on Wheels Van	25,000	2001	Edu.
Marine Mammal Rescue Project	24,408	2004	Equipment
Marine Mammals Rescue Project	10,000	2005	Equipment
Santa Barbara Beaches Hazards Removal Project	0	2004	Cap. Improv.
Total	\$266,598		

Table 7: Amounts Allocated by Districts²⁰

District	Amount
First	\$ 2,356,536
Second	\$ 3,302,897
Third	\$ 5,857,898
Fourth	\$ 2,588,213
Five	\$ 1,144,542
Three or More Districts	\$ 266,598
Total	\$15,516,684

²⁰ Grants awarded between 1988-1991, 1992-2001 and 2002 on all reflect different district boundaries.

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FIRST DISTRICT GRANTS

\$2,356,536

Coastal Acquisitions

(\$1,065,872)

Carpinteria Salt Marsh Land Acquisitions – Three Separate Grants

1990 Cycle, \$83,000

Description: Originally the Board of Supervisors granted a \$90,000 award to acquire approximately 34 acres of wetlands within the boundaries of the Carpinteria Salt Marsh. The University of California Reserve (which owns the adjacent 115 acres) and the Land Trust manage the property.

Status: The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County used \$83,000 to acquire 31 acres in January of 1999. One property owner owns the remaining 3 acres with an open space conservation easement; the Land Trust refunded \$7,000.

1993 Cycle, \$150,000

1995 Cycle, \$25,000

Description: The 1993 CREF grant helped acquire 3.29 acres of wetlands and beachfront property at Ash Avenue in the City of Carpinteria. The 1995 grant helped the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County finance associated legal and administrative costs.

Status: The City of Carpinteria closed escrow on the property in August of 1996. Acquisition of the property allowed for restoration of tidal wetlands and provides for public access to the beachfront portion of the property.

Carpinteria Bluffs Appraisals and Acquisitions – Five Separate Grants

1991 Cycle, \$20,000

1992 Cycle, \$15,000

Description: As a first step to preserve an 83-acre ocean-front mesa in Carpinteria, the 1991 award funded an appraisal of thirteen properties known as Carpinteria Bluffs I. The 1992 award supplied additional research on fair market values of the properties.

Status: The Land Trust served as the fiscal agent for these projects and completed the appraisal and research in April of 1992.

1997 Cycle, \$15,000

Description: The Citizens for the Bluffs, Inc., which formed to preserve the Carpinteria Bluffs I property in open space, updated the 1992 appraisal (described above) with the help of this CREF grant.

Status: The Citizens for the Bluffs, Inc. completed the appraisal update in June of 1997.

1998 Cycle, \$100,000

1999 Cycle, \$350,000

Description: Adding to the purchase price of \$3,950,000, these two CREF awards helped acquire 53 acres of the Carpinteria Bluffs coastal property. A deed recorded with the land requires a minimum of 50% of the land to be used as open space for purposes of habitat preservation and passive recreation (trails and ocean viewing); the remaining percentage of land can be used as active recreation (soccer and softball fields).

Status: The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County closed escrow in December of 1998 for a purchase price considerably less than the appraised value of the property. Currently, 47 acres are preserved in habitat preservation and passive recreation and five acres contain two ball fields.

Carpinteria Creek Appraisals

1992 Cycle, \$5,000

Description: Originally the Board of Supervisors granted a \$20,000 award to pay for appraisals, negotiations, and purchase of conservation easements or purchase of three parcels known as the Carnevale property, adjacent to Carpinteria Creek.

Status: The Carpinteria Creek Committee expended \$5,000 for appraisals and negotiations; however it could not raise the needed monies to purchase the easements. Therefore, the City of Carpinteria returned \$15,000 of the CREF grant, and the Board reallocated that money in the 1998 CREF cycle.

Loon Point Beach Access Easement

1990 Cycle, \$2,872

Description: Originally, the Board of Supervisors awarded \$10,000 to pursue acquisition of a public access easement along an existing trail next to the railroad tracks from the parking lot at Padaro Lane to Loon Point beach.

Status: The Union Pacific Railroad rejected all offers by the County to grant an easement on its property. After repeated attempts to negotiate an easement, the Parks Department refunded \$7,128 back to CREF and the Board reallocated the refunded money in the 2000 CREF cycle.

Oceanview Park (Careaga Open Space) Acquisition

1995 Cycle, \$200,000

Description: Summerland's newest park, Oceanview Park, sits on 3.5 acres on the eastern side of the town. Park amenities, such as trails, picnic area, grass playing field, benches at scenic lookouts, signage, ancillary parking, and landscaping entice the visitor to use the park and enjoy its panoramic views of the ocean.

Status: In December of 1996, the Planning & Development Department, Comprehensive Planning Division paid \$105,000 to the property owner for an open space easement onsite. The owner installed the recreational

improvements in early 2002, allowing the park to open at that time. The division released the remaining \$95,000 in February of 2003, after the Board of Supervisors approved a Resolution of Acceptance; this Resolution transferred the property in fee from the owner to the County.

Surfrider Extension Trail

2000 Cycle, \$51,500

Description: The Surfrider Trail runs north to south, with its northern end at the railroad tracks and its southern end at Hammonds Beach. The Parks Department plans on acquiring an easement and developing a trail along the south side of the railroad tracks from Olive Mill Road, heading west for 1,125 feet to meet up with the northern end of the Surfrider Trail.

Status: With this CREF grant, the Parks Department prepared documents necessary to acquire the easement (e.g., legal description, appraisal). Purchase of the easement was moving forward until Union Pacific noted that, for the first 400 feet of the easement, five feet of the proposed 10-foot wide easement was within the safety zone of the railroad tracks. The department has submitted a revised application for purchase of the easement, where the first 400 feet of the easement would have a width of 5 feet and the remaining 725-foot portion of the easement would have a width of 10 feet. The department believes the Coastal Conservancy will fund the purchase and hopes to close escrow by summer of 2006.

Santa Claus Lane Beach Access – Two Separate Grants

2000 Cycle, \$26,000

Phase I – Description: With the goal of identifying a safe public beach access at Santa Claus Lane, this grant paid for surveying and preparing a preliminary title search for eight properties along Santa Claus Lane, the railroad property, Santa Claus Lane right-of-way, Highway 101, and CalTrans property along Highway 101. Parks Department explains that identification of the legal mean high tide line still needs to be accomplished.

Status: The Parks Department completed the surveys in August of 2001 and identified a preliminary beach access. The department has prepared a preliminary application to the California Public Utilities Commission for the proposed beach access across the railroad tracks. The department plans to submit the application once Planning & Development completes Phase II (described immediately below).

2004 Cycle, \$22,500

Phase II – Description: Coinciding with the Parks Department's effort described above, the Planning & Development Department plans to use this grant money to:

- determine the legal mean high tide line on eight properties (may involve obtaining land boundary determinations and surveys from the State Lands Commission);
- evaluate land use issues (e.g., development potential and Coastal Act and Local Coastal Plan consistency); and
- obtain preliminary appraisals to determine budget costs for Phase II, which involves acquiring the properties.

Status: Planning & Development Department has commenced the project with preliminary discussions with the State Lands Commission and the Coastal Commission. The department anticipates a completion date in spring of 2006.

Coastal-Related Capital Improvements **(\$1,215,993)**

Andree Clark Bird Refuge

1988 Cycle, \$170,000

Description: The Andree Clark Bird Refuge includes 29 acres of a freshwater/brackish lake on a 42-acre site that has an outlet across from East Beach in the City of Santa Barbara. This grant implemented various improvements that helped upgrade the Refuge's water quality and wildlife habitat. In addition, the grant help pay for constructing three viewing platforms.

Status: The City of Santa Barbara completed the project in December of 1991.

Carpinteria Swimming Pool

1988 Cycle, \$150,000

Description: Phase II of the Carpinteria swimming pool renovation included the completion of the dressing and shower rooms, lockers, lights, bleachers, lifeguard stands, and landscaping.

Status: The Carpinteria Swimming Pool Association completed the project in June of 1989.

Santa Barbara Zoo – Sea Lion Exhibit

1990 Cycle, \$25,000

Description: The existing sea lion exhibit received a new animal holding area, a visitor space, interpretive graphics, a native island plant garden, and a water filter system.

Status: The Santa Barbara Zoological Gardens completed this project in August of 1990.

Santa Barbara Harbor Boat Launch

1990 Cycle, \$150,000

Description: This project restored and improved the boat launch ramp at the Santa Barbara Harbor, allowing for use of the ramp during the full range of tides and by all vessels.

Status: The City of Santa Barbara completed the project in April of 1991.

Loon Point Beach Access Easement Realignment

1994 Cycle, \$66,000

Description: An existing trail runs from the parking lot at Padaro Lane to Loon Point Beach in Carpinteria. A portion of this trail eroded severely due to poor drainage and high tidal activity. With this CREF grant, the Parks Department plans on realigning the easement and paving the trail to correct drainage problems that lead to continued deterioration.

Status: Early on, the department completed major drainage repairs (e.g., removed and replaced concrete culvert, brought in soil to reestablish trail) to address public access and safety issues; however, extensive erosion continues. The department reports that the property owner has proposed a realigned easement, and the Planning & Development Department is working with the owner on its proposed realignment. The Parks Department is hopeful that a realigned easement can be obtained but says it cannot predict when it will be considered by the Planning Commission due to the complex nature of the project. If and when the project gets approved, the Parks Department would use the remaining CREF funds from this grant (approximately \$13,000) to complete the engineering plans and pay for permits. This project is 9 years behind schedule; the department reports delays are related to difficult negotiations with the property owner.

Lookout Park Accessibility Modifications

1994 Cycle, \$30,000

Description: Lookout Park, a coastal blufftop park in Summerland, now meets federal requirements for wheelchair access (Americans With Disability Act). Improvements included a wider, paved pathway from the parking lot to the restrooms and a wheelchair accessible restroom.

Status: The Parks Department completed the project at the end of May of 1996.

Carpinteria Lions Community Building

1995 Cycle, \$25,000

Description: Lions Park in Carpinteria hosts a new community building. CREF monies helped purchase and construct a prefabricated cabin.

Status: The Carpinteria Lions Community Building Association raised an additional \$200,000 to complete construction in November of 1995.

Channel Drive/Butterfly Beach Stair Refurbishment

1995 Cycle, \$27,000

Description: Originally the Board of Supervisors awarded \$30,000 to the Montecito Association to refurbish the beach stairway along Channel Drive, construct a seating area and trash enclosure, and extend the walkway. The Montecito Association could not obtain an encroachment permit to extend the walkway, since one property owner objected. In the 1999 CREF cycle, the Board transferred \$27,000 of this grant to the Parks Department to refurbish the stairs and reallocated the remaining \$3,000 in that cycle.

Status: The department completed the project in May of 2001.

Pedestrian Improvements at Butterfly Beach

2005 Cycle, \$30,000

Description: The Public Works Department plans to install a five-foot wide, 620-foot long pathway along Channel Drive at Butterfly Beach. The pathway would extend east from the beach steps (located at the intersection of Channel Drive and Butterfly Lane) to the end of the existing pedestrian pathway, a decomposed granite path that extends west from the Coral Casino.

Status: The department reports that the matching funds are currently being secured, and it hopes to complete construction by the end of this year.

Coastal Bikeway, North Jameson Lane

1995 Cycle, \$95,000

Description: A section of the popular Coastal Bikeway runs along North Jameson Lane. The Public Works Department widened and restriped North Jameson Lane between San Ysidro Lane and Sheffield Drive to accommodate 4-foot-wide shoulders on both the south and north sides for bicycles.

Status: Public Works completed the project in June of 1998.

Summerland Greenwell Park – Three Separate Grants

1996 Cycle, \$20,000

2001 Cycle, \$16,000

Description: The Summerland Citizens Association converted approximately two acres of land that was used as a County road yard into a passive recreational park. The 1996 CREF grant went towards Phase 1 improvements, which included demolition, restoration of a creek, installation of fences and a parking area. The 2001 grant went towards Phase 2, which included irrigation, plants, pathways, building improvements, and signs. The Summerland Citizens Association is responsible for maintaining the park and for on-going restoration at the park.

Status: The Association completed Phase 1 and opened the park in February of 2000 as a habitat preserve. The Association completed Phase 2 at the end of 2004.

2005 Cycle \$10,000

Description: Growing Solutions Restoration Education Institute grows native plants for restoration projects along the south coast. Growing Solutions' office is in one of the refurbished buildings at the Summerland Greenwell Park, and Growing Solutions plans to install a seed processing and storage

facility for its operations at the park site. In addition, Growing Solutions will install a demonstration garden of local coastal native plant species at the park.

Status: The applicant is currently securing additional monies to complete the project and has until December of 2005 to commence the project or request a one-year extension.

Bikeway Studies: Santa Claus Lane – Carpinteria Avenue and Ortega Hill

1996 Cycle, \$50,000

Description: The Public Works Department prepared two Project Study Reports for: (a) a Class I bikeway extending from Santa Claus Lane to Carpinteria Avenue; and (b) a Class I bikeway around Ortega Hill.

Status: Public Works completed these reports in July of 1997. CalTrans plans on constructing the Ortega Hill bikeway in fall of 2006 with other Highway 101 operational improvements. The City of Carpinteria is seeking funds for the Santa Claus Lane – Carpinteria Avenue bikeway.

Hammonds Meadows Beach Access Stairs

1996 Cycle, \$10,500

Description: The public has historically used an existing beach access across Hammonds Meadows. However, a severe drop-off prohibited access at the end of the legal easement. This CREF grant provided for the installation of permanent stairs atop the seawall to the beach.

Status: The Parks Department completed the stairs in July of 1997.

Ocean Recreation Center

1997 Cycle, \$60,000

Description: A half block from Carpinteria City Beach, there is a building that stores lifeguard equipment and ocean-related recreational equipment (e.g., snorkels, kayaks, and surfboards). The CREF grant helped construct this building that also supplies restrooms for beach-goers and visitors to the Carpinteria Salt Marsh.

Status: The City of Carpinteria completed this project in August of 1999.

Finney Street Beach Access

1997 Cycle, \$21,413

Description: Finney Street in Summerland, located next to Lookout Park, provides access to the beach below. This grant helped reconstruct a failed slope and regain 8-10 parking spaces for the beach access.

Status: The Public Works Department completed the project in fall of 1998 and reports that the department continues to deal with bluff erosion.

Rincon Beach Park – Four Separate Grants

1997 Cycle, \$29,000

Beach Access – Description: This grant helped to expand a concrete ramp that leads to Rincon Beach. The expanded ramp provides year-round coastal access for the physically disabled and for Parks Department vehicles.

Status: The Parks Department completed construction in July of 2000.

2001 Cycle, \$28,500

2002 Cycle, \$7,720

2003 Cycle, \$37,037

Rincon Beach Day Use Area – Description: The 2001 award initiated first steps to construct a day-use area at Rincon Beach; this included preparing engineering, landscape, and irrigation designs, conducting a Phase 1 archaeological report, and securing permits. The 2002 and 2003 awards, along with a \$69,480 AB1431 grant, will help fund Phase I improvements for the park:

- constructing group picnic areas,
- installing disabled access walkways to the restroom and beach ramp;
- planting lawn; and
- installing an irrigation system.

Status: The Parks Department completed Phase I in May of 2005. Phase II will add a bioswale, more paved surface area, walls, trash/recycling bin enclosures, tables, chairs, drinking fountain, signs, plants and trees. The department has not secured any monies towards funding Phase II's budget; it has unsuccessfully sought Prop 12, 13, and 40 monies.

Carpinteria Salt Marsh Improvements – Two Separate Grants

2002 Cycle, \$38,500

Nature Park Interpretative Signs – Description: The salt marsh is one of the few relatively natural estuaries along the Southern California coast and one of the State's most important coastal resources. With this grant, ten new interpretative signs, along with nine others, will inform Carpinteria Salt Marsh Nature Park visitors about beach shoreline processes, historical oil development in the area, ecology, geology, marsh species, and specific habitats of the marsh.

Status: The City reports that five of the ten signs have been fabricated and installed. In June of 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved an extension, allowing the City until the end of the year to complete the project.

2003 Cycle, \$50,000

Basin I and South Marsh Improvement Plan – Description: This CREF grant added to a \$1.9 million project to restore 31 acres in the Carpinteria Salt Marsh’s Basin I and the South Marsh area. An Improvement Plan called out for the following enhancements:

- removal of non-native plant species and planting native species;
- creation of new channels to reflect the historic web of tidal channels;
- development of pedestrian trails and viewing areas;
- fabrication and installation of 3-4 signs, focusing on the marsh, tidal habitat, and raptors;
- installation of fencing and signs to discourage biking, trespassing on private properties, and dangerous railroad crossing; and
- protection of adjacent areas from flooding.

Status: The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County has completed all work except for planting of approximately 8,000 plants and installation of pedestrian trails and interpretative signs. The Trust plans on completing the restoration at the end of 2005.

Carpinteria Bluffs Restroom/Storage Facility

2004 Cycle, \$30,000

Description: Along with another \$165,000 secured by the City of Carpinteria, this grant helped build a 650 square-foot restroom and small storage area next to the ball fields on the Carpinteria Bluffs property. This facility serves users of the nearby ball fields and users of the coastal trails.

Status: The City completed the facility in August of 2004.

Harbor Seal Sanctuary Improvements

2004 Cycle, \$19,323

Description: Due to increasing public access in the general area of the harbor seal rookery, the City of Carpinteria will accomplish the following tasks to inform visitors that the rookery is protected and not subject to human access:

- install a set of offshore buoys that alert vessels of the protected area;
- install more informative and durable on-shore signage;
- develop and distribute an informational brochure about protecting the harbor seals; and
- add safety and aesthetic improvements to the public overlook (e.g., fencing, erosion control, and landscaping).

Status: The City has been implementing the project; it still needs to design, fabricate and install interpretative signs and design and disseminate the brochure. The City plans to complete the project by March of 2006.

Lifeguard Facility at Ash Avenue

2005 Cycle, \$20,000

Description: A new prefabricated lifeguard facility will replace the 20-year old lifeguard station at the beach at the end of Ash Avenue. The new facility will have a lifeguard kiosk – equipped with insulation, hot water heater, electricity, and an observation deck. In addition, it'll have a storage area, sufficient to store life-saving equipment.

Status: The City has secured an additional \$30,000 and plans to install the facility in August of 2005. The County is currently preparing a contract with the City to execute this CREF grant.

Planning & Research **(\$60,000)**

Design Guidelines for Highway 101 Landscaping and Structures

1998 Cycle, \$10,000

Description: This grant helped to develop design guidelines for landscaping and structures (e.g., bridges) along Highway 101 between the eastern boundary of the City of Santa Barbara and the western boundary of Ventura. Two sets of guidelines are available: one set, specifically, for the Montecito area, and another set outside Montecito. The former contains more detail with specific recommendations.

Status: The Planning & Development Department, Comprehensive Planning Division submitted these guidelines to the Coastal Commission in March of 2002; however, the Coastal Commission staff requested Comprehensive Planning to make various revisions, including removing the portions associated with the City of Goleta (since the City does not have a Coastal Plan yet). Due to the division's workload, it has not been able to make the necessary changes until recently. The division reports that in May of 2005 it has begun responding to Coastal Commission's comments and anticipates bringing the revised guidelines back to the Commission by summer of 2006. The project is six years behind schedule. The CREF grant has been expended.

Carpinteria-Rincon Coastal Multi-Use Trail, Feasibility Study

2003 Cycle, \$50,000

Description: Currently, the formal route for bicyclists along the California Coastal Trail, between Rincon Beach County Park and the east end of the City of Carpinteria, is the shoulder of Highway 101. The Comprehensive Planning Division of Planning & Development will prepare a feasibility study that analyzes the costs, the environmental impacts, and the real property issues involved with three possible routes for this crucial segment of the California Coastal Trail

Status: The Planning & Development Department drafted a request for proposal to select a consultant. The Department plans to hire a consultant this summer and complete the study by fall of 2006.

Educational **(\$14,671)**

Los Marineros Marine Education -- Two Separate Grants

(This project benefits both the First and Second Districts. See same title under Second District Grants, Educational.)

Carpinteria Creek Watershed Outreach

2002 Cycle, \$14,671

Description: The Carpinteria Creek Watershed Coalition formed in response to the National Marine Fisheries Service designation of Carpinteria Creek as critical habitat for Southern California steelhead trout. The Coalition promoted the restoration of steelhead habitat in the Carpinteria Creek by preparing an informational brochure, fact sheets, a quarterly newsletter, webpages on the internet, and a set of portable display panels. The coalition distributed these materials by hand and through town meetings, mailings, and the Internet.

Status: The Community Environmental Council completed the project in March of 2005 and returned \$365 from the original grant amount (\$15,036).

SECOND DISTRICT GRANTS **\$3,302,897**

Coastal Acquisitions **(\$1,531,000)**

Douglas Family Preserve (Wilcox Property) Acquisition

1994 Cycle, \$1,000,000

Description: This CREF grant provided essential seed money to acquire a 69-acre coastal blufftop property, known as the Douglas Family Preserve, for \$3.6 million. A restricting use recorded with the grant deed stipulates that the property must be used for public education and low-intensity uses as an urban wilderness preserve.

Status: On behalf of the Small Wilderness Area Preserve, the Trust for Public Lands in San Francisco purchased the property in January of 1997, with help from the local community. In March of 1997, the Trust handed over the ownership and stewardship of the coastal property to the City of Santa Barbara.

Elings Park (Las Positas Park) Expansion/Acquisition – Three Separate Grants

1995 Cycle, \$175,000

1997 Cycle, \$25,000

1998 Cycle, \$325,000

Description: The California Province of the Society of Jesus (more commonly known as the Jesuits) was the previous owner of 136 acres of open space adjacent to Las Positas Park. The Jesuits sold the land, allowing the existing park (now known as Elings Park) to expand. The Jesuits contributed \$1 million to the purchase price of \$2.5 million. The Restricting Use requires 120 acres to be used as passive recreation and wildlife habitat and allows ten acres to continue as agriculture.

Status: The Las Positas Foundation completed this purchase in December of 1998.

Arroyo Burro Beach Parking Lot Appraisal/Negotiations

1996 Cycle, \$6,000

Description: Previously, the County rented and extended the parking lot area for this popular beach for several years. In 1997, it was sold to the Trust for Public Lands in association with the Douglas Family Preserve acquisition (see above). The Parks Department used this grant money to pay for an appraisal and Real Property Division staff time to negotiate donation of this piece of land in turn for the \$1 million CREF grant to purchase the Preserve.

Status: Trust for Public Lands in San Francisco donated the land with the parking lot to the County in March of 1997, thereby eliminating future rental payments by the County.

Coastal-Related Capital Improvements (\$1,425,863)

Arroyo Burro Beach – Six Separate Grants

1988 Cycle, \$0

Tot Lot – Description: Originally the Board of Supervisors awarded a \$50,000 grant to construct a pre-school play area on the lawn adjacent to the Arroyo Burro Beach Park ranger's house.

Status: In December 1991, the Board reallocated the entire \$50,000 award for the reconstruction of the beach's parking area along Cliff Drive (see *Parking Lot Description* below).

1991 Cycle, \$50,000

Parking Lot – Description: With this grant, Arroyo Burro Beach's parking expanded from 60 to 97 spaces. Other improvements included landscaping and a sidewalk along Cliff Drive.

Description: The Parks Department completed the project in October 1992.

1998 Cycle, \$26,300

2002 Cycle, \$15,000

Coastal Overlook Enhancement – Description: Soon Arroyo Burro Beach will have two coastal viewing areas, one at the east end of the walkway near the creek mouth and one at the west end of the park, part way up on the bluffs. The eastern most viewing area will be accessible for wheelchairs and designed with an artistic element, interpretative panels, and a viewing scope. The western most view area currently exists but will be improved with new stairs, benches and decorative tiles.

Status: The Parks Department commenced construction and anticipates completion by end of the summer in 2005.

2003 Cycle, \$21,888

Arroyo Burro Pampas Grass Removal – Description: With this CREF grant, pampas grass, an invasive non-native weed that is a significant threat to California's native coastal ecosystems, has been eliminated from much of the lower Arroyo Burro Creek watershed. The focus area of this grant was along Jeff Elings Road in Elings Park and Arroyo Burro Creek's riparian habitat along Las Positas Road and Cliff Drive. After the removal, the Agricultural Commissioner's Office restored the areas with coastal sage scrub vegetation.

Status: The Agricultural Commissioner's Office, Elings Park and CalTrans removed the pampas grass with a backhoe, hand labor, and herbicides. The Office completed the project in June of 2005.

2005 Cycle, \$12,930

Arroyo Burro Estuary Restoration – Description: The City of Santa Barbara is spear-heading a restoration project aimed at enhancing the water quality and the habitat of the Arroyo Burro estuary. The approximate \$1 million project includes naturalizing the last 300 feet of Mesa Creek (which drains into the Arroyo Burro Estuary), removing all non-native vegetation, replanting with native species, enlarging the estuary, and constructing three small step pools to allow for passage of steelhead fish. In addition, the City plans on creating new trails, connecting Arroyo Burro Beach County Park with the Douglas Family Preserve.

Status: The City plans to secure additional monies and commence the project in summer of 2006.

Sea Center – Four Separate Grants

1988 Cycle, \$115,000

Renovation/Expansion – Description: The Sea Center, located on Stearns Wharf in Santa Barbara, has been a visitor center for local marine education. A major renovation at the Sea Center consisted of enclosing a 600-square-foot area adjacent to the Center and installing a touch tank, outside seating for lectures, and a view port to observe sea life under the pier. The project also included revamping the interpretive signs along Stearns Wharf.

Status: The Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History completed the project in January of 1991. After ten years of use, the Museum demolished the touch tank, along with other aspects of the Sea Center in order to construct a newer, larger center (described below under *2003 Cycle, \$50,000*).

1994 Cycle, \$23,523

Touch-Tank Canopy – Description: This grant helped fabricate and install a canopy for the touch-tank area, sheltering marine organisms from exposure to sunlight and ultraviolet radiation and protecting Sea Center visitors on rainy days.

Status: The Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History completed the project in April of 1997. After five years of use, the canopy was demolished so that the Museum could construct a newer, larger center (described below under *2003 Cycle, \$50,000*).

2003 Cycle, \$50,000

Wharf Improvements – Description: After extensive renovation and expansion work, the Sea Center doubled its size to a 6,734 square-foot facility. This CREF grant helped upgrade the wharf under the Sea Center to meet current seismic code requirements for the larger facility. The budget for the entire expansion project is \$8 million.

Status: The Museum completed the wharf improvements and opened the new facility in April of 2005.

2005 Cycle, \$13,000

Shark Exhibit – Description: The interactive shark exhibit has a tank with live juvenile swell sharks and translucent egg cases, a microscope video and interpretative panels.

Status: The Museum installed the exhibit and opened the new facility in April of 2005.

Santa Barbara City College Improvements – Four Separate Grants

1990 Cycle, \$150,000

La Playa Stadium Renovation – Description: Renovating the City College stadium included construction of restrooms, a ticket booth, a concession stand, a new press box, and new seating.

Status: The Foundation for Santa Barbara City College completed the project in July of 1995.

1992 Cycle, \$15,000

Restoration of Chumash Point – Description: With a total cost of \$150,000, the overall project included preservation of a Chumash burial ground and village site and installation of landscaping, a viewing area, and a coastal bluff trail.

Status: The Foundation for Santa Barbara City College completed the project in June of 1993.

1995 Cycle, \$19,470

West Campus Walkway – Description: Visitors and students of City College’s west campus can enjoy ocean views along a 1,200-foot, decomposed granite walkway located on the blufftop.

Status: The Foundation for Santa Barbara City College completed the walkway in April of 1997.

1997 Cycle, \$0

Bikeway – Description: Originally the Board of Supervisors awarded a \$5,000 challenge grant to construct a 2,700-foot bikeway, spanning across the west campus and installing two bicycle parking areas.

Status: The Foundation for Santa Barbara City College was unable to secure the additional funds for the bikeway within the required two years and relinquished the \$5,000 to CREF. The Board reallocated that money in the 1999 cycle.

More Mesa Vehicle Restriction

1992 Cycle, \$3,649

Description: The More Mesa Management and Restoration Plan identifies areas to block motorized vehicular access onsite. Originally the Board of Supervisors awarded \$50,000 to install gates and fences along these identified areas.

Status: In May of 1997, the Board reallocated \$46,351 towards permitting, mitigating, and monitoring the soil remediation at the Santa Barbara Shores site. With the remaining \$3,649, the Parks Department erected a barrier to More Mesa at the end of Mocking Bird Lane.

Goleta Beach – Seven Separate Grants²¹

1990 Cycle, \$28,274

Parking Lot – Description: Originally the Board of Supervisors awarded a \$230,000 CREF grant to add approximately 170 parking spaces by reconstructing and restriping the existing Goleta Beach parking lot.

Status: The Board reallocated \$201,726 of this grant to the Santa Barbara Shores project in 1991 (see *Santa Barbara Shores Improvements – Four Separate Grants*, under Third District Grants, Coastal-Related Capital Improvements). The Parks Department spent the remaining monies on preliminary designs for the parking lot.

1992 Cycle, \$0

Revetment Project – Description: Originally the Board awarded a \$38,000 challenge grant to extend a previously completed revetment an additional 580 linear feet, along the south bank of the Goleta Slough.

Status: The Parks Department had not been able to raise additional funds; therefore, in the 1994 CREF cycle, the Board of Supervisors reallocated the \$38,000 towards structural improvements to the Goleta Beach pier (see *Goleta Beach Pier Structural Rehabilitation Description* below).

1993 Cycle, \$202,500

Fireline – Description: The Fire Department notified the Parks Department that the previous firewater system at Goleta Beach did not meet county building and fire code nor the recommendations of the National Fire Protection Association. The department installed 2,900 feet of 10-inch diameter pipeline to transport water for firefighting purposes.

Status: The department completed the project in October of 1994.

1994 Cycle, \$70,000

Irrigation – Description: A new irrigating system for the lawn at Goleta Beach provides water-efficient irrigation, using reclaimed water.

Status: The Parks Department completed this project in June of 1996. In November of 2002, a big storm coinciding with a high tide threatened various amenities at Goleta Beach Park. The Parks Department reports that some of the lawn and irrigation was damaged, but the department capped the damaged lines and the irrigation is still functioning on the existing lawn.

²¹ Also see *Goleta Beach Slough Revetment*, under Third District's Coastal-Related Capital Improvements.

1994 Cycle, \$90,000

Pier Structural Rehabilitation – Description: This grant helped update a 1989 structural inspection of the Goleta Beach pier and made repairs to the pier pilings and other structural features.

Status: The Parks Department completed all structural repairs in August of 2000.

1997 Cycle, \$37,500

Restrooms – Description: The Parks Department renovated the interior of a Goleta Beach restroom for use by the physically disabled.

Status: The department completed the project in July of 1998.

2003 Cycle, \$15,000

Winter Sand Berm, Phase I – Description: In November of 2002, a big storm coinciding with a high tide threatened the lawn area and various amenities at Goleta Beach Park. To handle this emergency situation, the Parks Department used this CREF money to construct a 12 to 15-foot height, 1,000 lineal feet sand berm, running along the shoreline in front of the beach park.

Status: The Parks Department completed the project in January of 2003.

Santa Barbara Waterfront Aquatic Park Dredging – Two Separate Grants

1992 Cycle, \$15,000

Aquatic Park – Description: The Federal Government and the City of Santa Barbara jointly contributed to these funds to dredge a shallow-water, recreational area in the vicinity of the West Beach and the Santa Barbara Harbor, allowing safe sail boating for youth groups.

Status: The City of Santa Barbara, Waterfront Department moved 160,000 cubic yards of sand during the winter of 1993. However, sand continues to re-accumulate in this area and threatens to stop boating.

2001 Cycle, \$0

West Beach Restoration – Description: Originally, the County awarded \$25,000 to the City of Santa Barbara to dredge West Beach and restore the small boat area in the Santa Barbara Harbor. The Board of Supervisors made the award contingent on the City of Santa Barbara Waterfront Department commencing a stopgap dredging project in the Santa Barbara Harbor by the end of May, 2001. The Waterfront Department was unable to commence the stopgap dredging after several attempts to negotiate an agreement with contracting dredgers.

Status: The \$25,000 originally awarded to the City of Santa Barbara was subsequently transferred to the Cabrillo Aquarium's Technology/Media Exhibit pursuant to the Board of Supervisors' direction.

Los Banos Del Mar Pool – Two Separate Grants

1992 Cycle, \$15,000

1993 Cycle, \$30,000

Description: These two grants contributed to a new fiberglass liner and concrete deck at the City of Santa Barbara's Los Banos del Mar Pool.

Status: With the help of fund-raising from the Semana Nautica Association and the Friends of Los Banos del Mar, the City of Santa Barbara completed the project in May of 1996.

Santa Barbara Maritime Museum – Three Separate Grants

1996 Cycle, \$30,000

1998 Cycle, \$15,172

1999 Cycle, \$8,850

Description: The Santa Barbara Maritime Museum is located within the Naval Reserve Building at the waterfront. The three CREF grants helped modify the interior of the Naval Reserve building, construct a theater within the exhibit hall, and construct an outreach resource library, respectively.

Status: The organization opened the museum to the public in July of 2000.

Santa Barbara County Veterans Memorial

1996 Cycle, \$20,000

Description: The Veterans Committee constructed a memorial at Las Positas Park dedicated to the women and men of Santa Barbara County who served in past wars. The memorial consists of nine sandstone stations, integrated along the hillside and connected by a 1,500-foot landscaped walkway.

Status: Las Positas Park Foundation completed the entire memorial in November of 1997.

Lower Westside Bikeway

1997 Cycle, \$29,720

Description: The City of Santa Barbara had planned on constructing a Class I bikeway, extending from the intersection of Rancheria and Montecito Streets to the Beach Bikeway at Los Banos del Mar pool.

Status: The City encountered wetland issues when attempting to permit the bikeway route. The contract expired in December of 2003, without resolution of the wetland issues or completion of the project. The City returned \$15,280 of the \$45,000 award.

Shoreline Drive Enhancement

2000 Cycle, \$50,281

Description: The City of Santa Barbara modified a half-mile section of Shoreline Drive from Loma Alta and La Marina Drive by developing a linear park, promenade sidewalk, and separate bikepath on the ocean side of the existing median.

Status: The City of Santa Barbara completed the project in August of 2004.

Shoreline Park Stairs Beach Access

2002 Cycle, \$30,000

Description: The popular steps that lead from Shoreline Park down to the beach have been replaced. The new access replaced stairs from the 1960's, which had been deteriorated from long-term exposure to ocean waves and weather.

Status: The City of Santa Barbara completed the project and opened the stairs to the public in January of 2003.

Audubon Goleta Slough Restoration

2000 Cycle, \$15,500

Description: Efforts to restore the Goleta Slough Management Area included: removing the invasive pampas grass from the University of California, Santa Barbara east bluffs and revegetating areas within the Management Area with native coastal flora.

Status: The Santa Barbara Audubon Society completed the project in May of 2002.

South Coast Watershed Resource Center – Two Separate Grants

2000 Cycle, \$50,000

Construction – Description: The new South Coast Watershed Resource Center informs the public about the potential causes and solutions of watershed and ocean pollution. The Center provides informative fact sheets and educational exhibits about the Arroyo Burro creek, lagoon, beach ecology, native vegetation, culture and history. This grant helped fund re-construction of a vacated park ranger's house into the center.

Status: The Community Environmental Council completed construction of the Center and held a grand opening in August of 2001.

2001 Cycle, \$29,883

Firehydrant & Undergrounding Utilities – Description: Originally a \$47,200 grant, \$32,400 went to the County Parks Department to install 100 lineal feet of fireline and a fire hydrant, serving Arroyo Burro Beach County Park, the Brown Pelican Restaurant, and the South Coast Watershed Resource Center. The remaining \$14,800 went to the Community Environmental Council to trench and underground existing overhead

electrical and communication lines that traverse from its connection at Cliff Drive to the bathrooms and restaurant.

Status: The Parks Department completed the fire hydrant and fireline in December of 2001, refunding \$17,317. The Board reallocated that money in the 2002 cycle. The Community Environmental Council completed the utilities undergrounding in August of 2001.

Atascadero Bikeway – Two Separate Grants

2002 Cycle, \$4,800

Mutt Mitt Stations – Description: Eight pet waste disposal stations, fitted with a mutt mitt dispenser, a bilingual interpretative sign, and a garbage can, along the Atascadero Creek Bike Path assist people cleaning up after their pets. The signs inform people about water quality issues concerning pet waste and the association with ocean water pollution and beach closures.

Status: Project Clean Water, a group of various County agencies, installed the pet waste disposal stations in February of 2002.

2004 Cycle, \$5,118

Bridge Decking – Description: The heavily used Atascadero Creek trail bridge allows pedestrians, equestrians, and bicyclists to cross over Maria Ygnacio Creek on the multi-use Atascadero Creek trail (also known as the California Coastal Trail). The 1-inch thick wooden bridge decking was splintering, and the County Public Works Department replaced it with a 2-inch thick, recycled plastic lumber. This new decking material has 175% the tensile strength and is more weatherproofed than the original decking material.

Status: The Public Works Department completed this project in October of 2004.

Shade Structure for Native Plants

2002 Cycle, \$15,000

Description: The lathhouse at Estero Park, another CREF-funded project, grows native plants for restoration projects in Isla Vista; however, there was a need for more space to grow local native seeds for restoration projects in the second and third districts. This grant funded a 2,400-square-foot shade structure, a tool shed and irrigation system at the County's Solid Waste Transfer Station.

Status: Growing Solutions Restoration Education Institute completed the project in September of 2003.

Lifeguard Towers at Arroyo Burro, Goleta, and Jalama Beaches

2002 Cycle, \$57,505

Description: The County's Park Department replaced old wood lifeguard towers with new fiberglass towers at Goleta Beach (two towers), Arroyo Burro and Jalama Beaches.

Status: The department purchased the four towers and installed them by July of 2002.

San Jose Bikeway

2004 Cycle, \$45,000

Description: One day bicyclists may be able to ride the San Jose Bikeway from Cathedral Oaks Road to Goleta Beach. Monies have been secured already for the portion of the bikeway between Cathedral Oaks and Goleta Old Towne (including tunneling under Calle Real, Highway 101, and the railroad). This CREF grant will go towards constructing the lower portion of the bikeway from Goleta Old Towne to Goleta Beach. (The County received a \$75,000 grant towards this project, see *San Jose Bikeway* in the Coastal-Related Capital Improvements section under Third District Grants, since the district boundaries changed in the year 2000.)

Status: The City of Goleta is preparing the environmental review for the lower portion of the bikeway and has secured approximately \$435,000. The City needs to secure another \$1.5 million and is seeking monies from the TEA21/TEA3 grant program and a number of funding sources, including the Coastal Conservancy. When the Board awarded this grant to the City, it made the award contingent on the City securing all construction monies to complete the lower portion of the bikeway. Since the City has not secured these funds, it will need to reapply for this grant money in the 2006 CREF cycle.

Planning & Research **(\$275,200)**

Goleta Beach Studies – Five Separate Grants

1993 Cycle, \$55,000

1999 Cycle, \$15,000

Carrying Capacity – Description: A master plan and environmental carrying-capacity study for the Goleta Beach Park analyzes feasible options for future development and evaluates potential mitigation. The plan describes existing facilities, optional improvements, and environmentally sensitive resources in or near the park.

Status: The Parks Department completed the draft master plan and an administrative draft initial study for the Environmental Carrying Capacity Study. However, this initial draft is on hold until a Master Plan/Visioning process for the Goleta Beach is completed. The department has moved forward with various recommendations from the carrying-capacity study. For example, the department has installed recycling/trash lids for rodent control, planted native plants and installed viewing decks along the north end of the park. This project is approximately nine years behind its original schedule, and there is approximately \$3,000 left from the grants to complete studies.

2001 Cycle, \$36,500

2004 Cycle, \$55,000

2005 Cycle, \$63,700

Coastal Collection Data – Description: The County Parks Department, with much input from community meetings, is in the process of devising a comprehensive plan and long-term vision for Goleta Beach. Part of this long-term vision plan includes two years worth of quarterly data collection surveys (e.g., offshore kelp

dives and sampling and analysis of intertidal and sand beach species and ecosystem) offshore of Goleta Beach. This time period is necessary to develop a long-term solution to erosion of the beach. The three CREF grants helped pay for a number of these quarterly surveys.

Status: The department begun the first quarterly survey in 2004, and the three CREF grants helped pay for a number of quarterly surveys through May of 2005. The Department anticipates completing the two-year survey study in 2006. Meanwhile, the Department plans to bring the long-term vision plan to the Board of Supervisors by the end of 2005. The surveys will be used during the environmental review of that long-term vision plan.

[Regarding the 2001 grant, the Board of Supervisors had originally awarded the Parks Department the \$36,500 to reinforce the west portion of the parking lot to support heavy-duty trucks carrying sediment for beach nourishment. In July of 2004, the Board of Supervisors approved the Parks Department's request to reallocate this 2001 CREF grant towards technical data collection. The original project of reinforcing the parking lot was actually completed in May of 2005 with AB1431 monies and monies from the Public Works Department.]

Las Positas (Elings) Park Master Plan

1995 Cycle, \$50,000

Description: The Las Positas Park Foundation prepared a master plan for 136 acres of open-space adjacent to Las Positas Park (see *Elings Park [Las Positas Park] Expansion/Acquisition* under Second District Grants, Coastal Acquisitions). The plan includes protection of natural resources onsite and development of tennis courts, picnic areas, trails, and viewing areas. Of the 136 acres, the Foundation devoted approximately 133 acres to low-intensity uses. The Foundation dedicated six acres on the westside of Las Positas Road to the City of Santa Barbara to install a bikepath.

Status: The Foundation completed the plan in September of 1995. Currently, the 136 acres have been left in open space, with a portion serving as a paragliding area.

Educational (*\$70,834*)

Los Marineros Marine Education – Two Separate Grants

1992 Cycle, \$20,000

Description: The Channel Islands Marine Sanctuary and the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History expanded an active marine educational program geared to fifth grade students in the City of Santa Barbara, increasing the numbers of participating classrooms by 25%. The Los Marineros Program's activities include going on field trips, cleaning local beaches, visiting the UCSB lab to perform simple scientific transects on Campus Beach, touring the harbor, visiting the Sea Center, and studying ocean currents, water quality, marine invertebrates and the impacts of marine policy.

Status: The Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History implemented these field trips and classroom activities during the 1993-94 school year.

1995 Cycle, \$11,723

Description: The popularity of the Los Marineros Program (described above) prompted the museum to expand the marine educational program to all fifth graders in the Santa Barbara School District by providing curriculum materials and training.

Status: The Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History completed the expansion in January of 1997.

Oral History of Santa Rosa Island

1993 Cycle, \$9,250

Description: A portable public display and a written publication portray the cultural and natural history of Santa Rosa Island through photographs of the island and excerpts of oral interviews with individuals who lived, worked, and visited the island since the early 1900s.

Status: The Santa Cruz Island Foundation, Santa Rosa Island Chapter completed the project in December of 1995. The Foundation reports that the public displays have not been used recently but that in 2000, the Foundation published a coffee-table book that used the photographs and oral interviews.

South Coast Watershed Resource Center Exhibits & Improvements

2003 Cycle, \$19,861

Description: The Water Resource Center has been teaching visitors about personal responsibility and the connection to healthy watersheds since August 2001. With the CREF grant, the Community Environmental Council will:

- develop two new interactive exhibits;
- develop an indoor reading/interactive area for children;
- purchase optical equipment that allows visitors to view wildlife;
- install a small marine-theme tile mural in an area that drains water run-off to a vegetative swale; and
- install new shelving in the wetlab area for educational materials and equipment.

Status: The Community Environmental Council has begun the project and plans on completing all tasks at the end of 2005.

Increase Visibility to Santa Barbara Maritime Museum

2004 Cycle, \$10,000

Description: With confusion about the location of the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum and harbor area, various interested parties have come together to try to increase the number of visitors, both local and out-of-town. With this grant, the Maritime Museum plans to:

- develop a comprehensive plan to determine what is needed for increased visibility to the harbor;
- develop and print maps and signage to be installed along the waterfront between Stearn's Wharf and the harbor area; and
- develop street signs that give directions to the harbor and the Maritime Museum.

Status: The Maritime Museum is currently seeking additional monies for this project and has until the end of the year to contract with the County.

THIRD DISTRICT GRANTS

\$5,857,898

Coastal Acquisitions **(\$4,387,501)**

Camino Corto Acquisition

1988 Cycle, \$550,000

Description: CREF helped to purchase approximately 24 acres of coastal property in Isla Vista. The project created a park and open-space areas, preserved environmentally sensitive habitats, and constructed a small parking lot.

Status: The Public Works Department acquired this property, known as the Camino Corto site, in August of 1988.

Santa Barbara Shores Acquisition – Three Separate Grants

1988 Cycle, \$1,000,000

1991 Cycle, \$140,000 (CREF interest)

1996 Cycle, \$115,217

Description: The 1988 and 1991 CREF grants helped the County purchase a 118-acre undeveloped coastal property for open space and parkland for \$11.5 million. The 1996 CREF grant paid a portion of the 1995/1996 fiscal year's debt payment for the property.

Status: The County purchased the property in September of 1991. The property remains open space, open to the public. For more of an update on future planning for this site, see *Ellwood Mesa Acquisition* under this section and *Ellwood Mesa/Devereau Slough Regional Plan* under this District's Planning & Research section.

More Mesa Appraisal and Hazardous Waste Survey

1990 Cycle, \$25,000

Description: This grant paid for a land appraisal and hazardous waste survey of the More Mesa property.

Status: The More Mesa Foundation and The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County completed the appraisal and study in September of 1990. With additional funding from Proposition 70, The Land Trust purchased the portion of this site known as the Austin/Andrew property in June of 1991. After acquisition, the Land Trust transferred the property to Santa Barbara County.

Isla Vista Blufftop Acquisitions – Five Separate Grants/Loan

1991 Cycle, \$0 (Paid back a \$250,000 interest-free loan)

I.V. Redevelopment Agency Loan – Description: Used as seed money, this interest-free loan supplemented other funds obtained by the Public Works Department to acquire 14 of the 32 remaining, undeveloped, bluff-top properties in the Del Playa area of Isla Vista for a total price of \$2.6 million. The County plans to preserve these parcels as open-space parkland.

Status: The Agency planned to repay this loan to CREF beginning in fiscal year 1995-96; however, due to both shortfalls and state-reallocation of local property taxes, the Board of Supervisors extended the loan in June of 1996, making it due in Fiscal Year 2010-11. The Agency paid the loan back in fall of 2002, and the County reallocated that money in the 2003 cycle towards acquisition of blufftop properties in Isla Vista.

1996 Cycle, \$10,300

Del Playa Land Swap – Description: The locations of the 14 acquired parcels (described above) are scatter along the bluff top. The County's goal was to have as many County-owned parcels together as possible so that the County could provide the largest possible contiguous open space for public use. The County researched and contacted property owners to determine if they would be willing to consider a potential land swap.

Status: The Planning & Development Department, Comprehensive Planning Division completed the project in spring of 2003, without any success in swapping lands.

2001 Cycle, \$57,500

2003 Cycle, \$493,159

2005 Cycle, \$215,350

Blufftop Acquisition – Description: The County hopes to purchase five parcels along Del Playa Drive in Isla Vista, thereby creating a two-acre open space blufftop park.

Status: Planning & Development Department, Comprehensive Planning Division and the General Services Department report that it will be closing escrow on July 21st for three of the five parcels. The County is purchasing the three parcels for \$1.5 million with the three CREF grants, a Goleta Valley Land Trust grant, a CalTrans grant, a Coastal Conservancy grant, and Isla Vista Redevelopment Agency monies. The County is planning on purchasing the remaining two parcels for \$1 million by April of 2006, with money the County hopes to receive from selling two of its own parcels.

Jalama Beach County Park Expansion

1996 Cycle, \$10,000

Description: Currently, visitors trespass over Bixby Ranch property to reach a southern portion of Jalama Beach. The Parks Department is pursuing acquisition of 20 acres of bluff top land to the south of Jalama Beach County Park. The department prepared a conceptual development plan that includes the creation of additional day-use and dry-camping areas, parking, and beach access.

Status: The Board of Supervisors initiated environmental review of a preliminary master plan in July of 1999. Since then, the Parks Department prepared a negative declaration for the master plan and submitted the negative declaration to Planning & Development (P&D) for review in April of 2000. The Parks Department, P&D, County Counsel, and the property owners are currently working on project consistency with Agricultural Preserve policies. The Parks Department states it cannot bring the final master plan and environmental review before the Board of Supervisors until the issue of consistency with agricultural preserve status is resolved. The project is five years behind schedule, with most of the grant (approximately \$9,300) still intact.

Conservation Efforts Along the Gaviota Coast – Eight Separate Grants

1997 Cycle, \$32,810

Conservation Easement – Description: This grant originally was a \$35,000 award to conduct four land appraisals, preliminary title research, and negotiations for securing two conservation easements. The work on this project follows the outreach the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County conducted to Gaviota Coast landowners (see *Conservation Efforts Along the Gaviota Coast, Phase IV* under Third District Grants, Planning & Research).

Status: The Land Trust completed four appraisals by September 1999 and returned \$2,190 of the grant to be reallocated in future CREF cycles. Two of the appraisals resulted in acquiring conservation easements (Freeman Ranch and La Paloma Ranch, see next description below) and one appraisal resulted in acquiring the property (see *Arroyo Hondo Ranch Acquisition Description* below).

1998 Cycle, \$25,000

1999 Cycle, \$100,000

2000 Cycle, \$303,268

2002 Cycle, \$330,000

2003 Cycle, \$230,000

2005 Cycle, \$55,000

Gaviota Coast Easements – Description: With \$15,000 of the 1998 \$25,000 CREF grant, the entire \$100,000 1999 CREF grant, and other various grants, the Land Trust purchased a conservation easement over the 660-acre Freeman Ranch to conserve natural resources. In addition, the Land Trust purchased two conservation easements over the La Paloma Ranch, which is 745 acres and a nearby 5.66-acre coastal property, with the remaining \$10,000 of the 1998 CREF grant, the entire \$303,268 from the 2000 CREF grant, and \$205,000 of the \$330,000 2002 CREF grant.

Status: The Land Trust completed the Freeman Ranch easement to conserve natural resources in September of 2000 and La Paloma Ranch easements in March of 2003. The Trust hopes to use the remaining \$125,000 from the 2002 award, the \$230,000 2003 CREF award, and the \$55,000 2005 CREF award towards the Gaviota Ranch/Brinkman Family Estate property. The Land Trust is currently negotiating with the Brinkman heirs. If The Land Trust is unsuccessful in negotiating a purchase deal with the Brinkman Family prior to the time the County considers 2006 CREF awards, the 2003 and 2005 CREF grants (total of \$285,000) will be returned to CREF for reallocation in the 2006 cycle.

2001 Cycle, \$208,929

Arroyo Hondo Ranch Acquisition – Description: Originally a \$300,000 grant, the Land Trust used the bulk of the grant to purchase the Arroyo Hondo Ranch. This spectacular ranch covers 782 acres from the Santa Ynez mountains down to the ocean.

Status: The Land Trust closed escrow on the property in October of 2001 and returned \$91,071 to CREF. In the 2003 cycle, the Board of Supervisors allocated the returned monies to acquisition projects in the Third District.

Coronado Acquisition and Restoration – Two Separate Grants

1998 Cycle, \$43,005

1999 Cycle, \$25,000

Description: Using the full 1998 grant and \$21,500 of the 1999 grant, the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County purchased a 9.3-acre open space property in Goleta adjacent to the Ellwood Main Monarch Butterfly grove. The Land Trust limited the use of the property to wildlife habitat preservation, wildlife-oriented education, and public access to the coastal trail system. The remaining \$3,500 of the 1999 grant helped complete a master plan for the subject property and installed plants, trees, site signs, interpretive displays, and elementary school work stations.

Status: The Land Trust completed the acquisition in April of 1999 and completed the restoration work in December 2000.

Ellwood Mesa Acquisition

2004 Cycle, \$367,963

2005 Cycle, \$50,000

Description: One hundred and thirty-seven acres of open space, bluff top property, commonly known as the Ellwood Mesa, has been preserved forever. The Trust for Public Land purchased the land for approximately \$20 million. The land was appraised at \$45 million; the reason for the substantially lower purchase price is that the City of Goleta also offered the previous Ellwood Mesa landowner a land swap of 36 acres located at the northwest corner of the now City-owned Santa Barbara Shores Park, which is developable for housing.

Status: The Trust for Public Lands closed escrow and transferred the property to the City of Goleta on February 4, 2005.

Coastal-Related Capital Improvements (\$1,127,367)

Goleta Beach Slough Revetment

1988 Cycle, \$100,000

Description: Approximately 350 linear feet of rock revetment and native vegetation support a section of the south bank of the Goleta Slough at Goleta Beach Park. The project protects existing structures, including parking areas.

Status: The Park Department completed construction in January of 1990.

Gaviota Creek Fish Passage – Three Separate Grants

1991 Cycle, \$50,000

1993 Cycle, \$20,000

1996 Cycle, \$30,000

Description: The road crossing over Gaviota Creek in Gaviota State Park blocked the upstream migration of steelhead trout to approximately six miles of spawning and rearing habitat. The project, designed to correct the blockage, included a no-grout rock slope protection structure, a cofferdam for pedestrian access, and silt and debris protection for downstream habitat.

Status: The Public Works Department completed the project in February of 1997; however, in the winter of 1998, the crossing became a sediment trap during the El Nino storms. The department recently released an EIR for a new bridge that would be longer and higher than the original bridge. The department states that the new design would remove an existing impediment and allow for better steelhead trout passage. The department hopes to commence construction in summer of 2006.

Santa Barbara Shores Improvements – Four Separate Grants

1991 Cycle, \$49,981

1991 Cycle, \$201,724

1991 Cycle, \$280,000 (CREF reserves)

1997 Cycle, \$46,351

Description: Originally the Board of Supervisors awarded the three 1991 CREF grants towards the purchase of the 118-acre undeveloped coastal property for open space and parkland. The Parks Department subsequently shifted these three grants to fund improvements to the site. All four grants went towards preparation of a Master Plan, removal of diseased trees on the property, and clean-up of hazardous waste on the property left from oil developers several decades ago.

Status: The Parks Department completed remediation of oil contamination and restoration of the site by the summer of 2001. The Parks Department drafted a master plan for the site; however, it encountered strong

public opposition since it included several active recreational uses. A new master plan moved forward under the *Ellwood Mesa/Devereux Slough Regional Plan* (see under Third District Grants, Planning & Research).

Phase II – El Capitan Bikeway and Trail

1996 Cycle, \$50,000

Description: With other monies, this grant allowed the Parks Department to construct a 1.2-mile segment of the coastal trail between El Capitan Ranch and El Capitan State Park. This segment allows bicyclists the opportunity to travel both north and south along the coast for approximately 5 miles off the highway.

Status: The Parks Department completed construction of the bikeway in July of 2001.

Camino Corto and Del Sol Vernal Pool Reserve – Two Separate Grants

1996 Cycle, \$30,311

Implementation of the Master and Management Plan – Description: Similar grassland and vernal pool habitats link the Del Sol Reserve and the Camino Corto sites. Improvements to the Del Sol Reserve, identified in a Management Plan, included trail improvements and native grassland and vernal pool restoration. Improvements to the Camino Corto site, identified in the Master Plan for this site, included trail improvements and interpretive signs.

Status: The Planning & Development Department, Comprehensive Planning Division reported that the Isla Vista Recreation and Parks Department completed the improvements to the Del Sol Vernal Pool Reserve and Camino Corto site in June of 1998.

1997 Cycle, \$30,000

Description: This grant funded the purchase of a water meter and installation of water lines to supply water for drinking fountains and landscaping at the Camino Corto site.

Status: The Planning & Development, Comprehensive Planning Division reported that the Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District purchased the water meter and installed the water lines and the landscaping in September of 1998.

San Jose Creek Class I Bike Path

1998 Cycle, \$75,000

Description: Originally the Board of Supervisors granted this award towards the San Pedro Bikeway, but the San Jose Creek bikeway became a higher priority. The proposed San Jose Creek Bikeway extends from Hollister Avenue to the existing coastal trail bikeway at the Goleta Beach County Park. Monies have been secured already for the portion of the bikeway between Cathedral Oaks and Goleta Old Towne (including tunneling under Calle Real, Highway 101, and the railroad). This CREF grant will go towards constructing the lower portion of the bikeway from Goleta Old Towne to Goleta Beach. (The City of Goleta received a \$45,000 grant towards this project; see *San Jose Bikeway* under Coastal-Related Capital Improvements in the Second District section, since the district boundaries changed in the year 2000.)

Status: The Comprehensive Planning Division and the City of Goleta completed a draft Project Study Report and draft environmental review document for the lower portion of the bikeway between Goleta Old Town and Goleta Beach. The City and the County are currently working with CalTrans and the Gas Company to resolve some design and access issues. Once these issues are resolved the two documents will be finalized. It is estimated that it will take approximately 6 months to address these issues and produce the final documents. Towards construction of the project, the City of Goleta has secured approximately \$435,000 and needs to secure another \$1.5 million. The City is seeking monies from the TEA21/TEA3 grant program and a number of funding sources, including the Coastal Conservancy. The project is five years delayed, and there is approximately \$18,000 left from the grant.

Estero Park Lathhouse for Propagating Native Plants

1998 Cycle, \$24,000

Description: An 800 square-foot lathhouse at Estero Park is used for propagating native plants, allowing the Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District to grow plants locally for its restoration projects in the Isla Vista area.

Status: The district completed the lathhouse in March of 2000, ahead of schedule.

Ponds and Aviaries – Animal Hospital

1998 Cycle, \$0

Description: Originally the Board of Supervisor awarded a \$25,000 grant to develop ponds and aviaries at a proposed Oiled Wildlife Care Facility/Animal Hospital. The CREF grant would have helped fund construction of three concrete ponds and steel wire mesh aviaries to replicate a natural habitat for the multiple birds and mammal species treated by the association.

Status: When the Board awarded the CREF grant, the Department of Fish and Game had awarded the Care Network a \$450,000 grant towards the proposed Oiled Wildlife Care Facility. However, since that time, the Department of Fish and Game withdrew the \$450,000 grant. In turn, the Wildlife Care Network relinquished the \$25,000 CREF grant to the County since it could not develop the proposed hospital. The Board reallocated the \$25,000 in the 2000 CREF cycle. The Wildlife Care Network is proceeding with a permanent facility in Goleta (see *Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network* under Coastal-Related Capital Improvements in the Grants Benefiting Three or More Districts section).

Pescadero Blufftop Improvements

1999 Cycle, \$25,000

Description: The Isla Vista Parks & Recreation District used this grant with other funding to install recreational facilities (e.g., new landscaping, picnic tables, educational signs) at the Pescadero Blufftop Park in Isla Vista.

Status: The District completed the project in November of 2002.

Del Playa Pelican Park – Water Meter

2001 Cycle, \$10,000

Description: This grant paid for purchasing and installing a water meter at a new park in Isla Vista, the Del Playa Pelican Park, an approximate one-acre blufftop.

Status: The Isla Vista Recreation and Park District purchased the meter in April and completed the park in June of 2001.

Camino del Sur Stairway Improvements

2001 Cycle, \$25,000

Description: Approximately every one to three years, ocean waves damaged the wooden bottom steps at the Camino del Sur public beach access in Isla Vista; the County would have to close the beach access and repair the steps. This grant allowed the Department of Public Works to design, permit and install stainless-steel steps at the bottom of this existing stairway.

Status: The department completed the stairs during the summer of 2002. The department recently reported that the stairs have held up over the past winters.

Shade Structure for Native Plants

(This project is located in both the Second and Third Districts. See same title under Second District Grants, Capital Improvements)

Lifeguard Towers at Arroyo Burro, Goleta, and Jalama Beaches

(This project is located in both the Second and Third Districts. See same title under Second District Grants, Capital Improvements)

Ocean Beach Nature Center

2003 Cycle, \$50,000

Description: Originally a \$60,000 grant, the Board allocated this grant towards a nature interpretative center at Ocean Beach Park. In the 2004 cycle, the Parks Department relinquished \$10,000 and requested to use the remaining \$50,000 to design an interpretative open-air kiosk and approximately 100 feet of elevated boardwalk. The boardwalk would run along the perimeter of the parking lot, with views of the estuary and Santa Ynez River.

Status: The Parks Department has completed the design and received approval from the Park Commission in fall of 2004. The Department plans to prepare a coastal development permit and submit it to Planning & Development Department in the summer of 2005. The Parks Department hopes to have the project constructed and completed by the end of this year.

Isla Vista Coastal Bathrooms

2003 Cycle, \$30,000

Description: This CREF grant was a first step towards constructing a public restroom facility, with outdoor shower heads, along Del Playa in Isla Vista. The Parks Department prepared a feasibility study that looked at compatibility issues, space, adequate utilities, and cost estimates at all publicly owned properties along Del Playa.

Status: In November of 2002, the Third District held a workshop in Isla Vista to solicit input from area residents and interested parties to choose a site for the facility. The Parks Department completed the draft feasibility study, and the Third District brought it before the public in September of 2004. The Parks Department, the Third District, the Isla Vista Parks & Recreation District, and the Isla Vista Redevelopment Agency are currently working together to determine a final site location, based on community input. If the Isla Vista Community accepts a location, the Parks Department plans on using the remaining \$17,000 of the CREF grant on designing and permitting the restrooms.

Surf Beach Snowy Plover Docent Wind Shelter

2004 Cycle, \$0

Description: This CREF grant would have paid for constructing a bench and wind shelter for the docents at Surf Beach. Because of the volunteer docents that are stationed at Surf Beach, this beach has been able to remain open a good portion during the Snowy Plover nesting season, March 1st through September 30th. Since implementation of this docent program in 2000, it has been very successful in informing visitors about protecting the snowy plover and preventing beach access violations (see *Snowy Plover & Coastal Access Pilot Program* under Third District Grants, Educational).

Status: The Comprehensive Planning Division of Planning & Development relinquished the \$7,500 grant because the Department did not think the wind shelter was a viable stand-alone project without secured funding for the on-going docent program.

Planning & Research **(\$284,307)**

Goleta Valley Transfer of Development Rights -- American Farmland Trust

1988 Cycle, \$10,500

Description: The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County assessed the viability of a Transfer of Development Rights program for the Goleta Valley, in conjunction with the American Farmland Trust. The award financed appraisals, a survey, an educational outreach program to the agricultural landowners, and an analysis of the probable market value of development rights in the Goleta Valley.

Status: The Land Trust completed the project in 1990. However, no transfer of development rights has resulted.

More Mesa Management Plan

1991 Cycle, \$10,000

Description: The More Mesa Management and Restoration Plan looks at managing the site as a Natural Preserve. The plan promotes resource preservation and passive recreational use.

Status: The Land Trust completed this plan in February of 1993.

Camino Corto Master Plan & Implementation

1994 Cycle, \$17,355

Description: Using approximately \$5,000 of this grant, Planning & Development Department prepared a Master Plan for the 24-acre County-owned property in Isla Vista. The plan depicted areas on a map as open space, recreation, and public footpaths. Using the remaining approximate \$12,000, the department and Isla Vista Recreation and Park District installed a neighborhood recreation area, vehicle barriers, and landscaping.

Status: The Board of Supervisors approved the Master Plan in July of 1996, and the department and district installed the park improvements at the end of 1996.

Conservation Efforts Along the Gaviota Coast – Seven Separate Grants

1994 Cycle, \$14,452

Phase IV, Cooperative Permanent Coastal Preservation – Description: The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County contacted 62 landowners along the Gaviota Coast and held a number of workshops to inform the landowners about conservation easements, transfer of development rights, governmental deductions, agricultural preserve status, and charitable trusts to help preserve the Gaviota Coast in its rural state.

Status: The Land Trust completed this report in April of 1999 and reported that five landowners were interested in pursuing conservation options. Since then, two landowners have entered into conservation easements with the Land Trust.

1997 Cycle, \$20,000

2000 Cycle, \$27,000

Perspective on the Gaviota Coast Resources (previously known as the Gaviota Coast Resource Study) –

Description: The Planning & Development Department, Comprehensive Planning Division compiled an inventory and digital mapping of natural resources along the Gaviota Coast.

Status: The division completed the report in July of 2003.

1999 Cycle, \$10,000

2002 Cycle, \$15,000

Gaviota Coast Suitability/Feasibility Study – Description: The National Park Service evaluated resource values and methods to preserve the Gaviota Coast. The study analyzed four alternatives available for long-term management, protection, and use of the area, including management by other public agencies or the private sector, technical or financial assistance from an established programs or special projects, designation as something other than a National Seashore, and cooperative management by the National Park Service and other entities.

Status: Originally a \$25,000 allocation from the 1999 cycle, the Board of Supervisors delayed execution of the grant agreement to the Gaviota Coast Conservancy so that interested parties could work out conflicts in a process known as the Common Ground. In May of 2002 (not during a CREF cycle), the Board reallocated \$15,000 of the original \$25,000 grant to fund a facilitator for the Common Ground process (see below). Then, during the 2002 CREF cycle, the Board of Supervisors awarded \$15,000 to the Gaviota Coast Conservancy to replace the \$15,000 that was reallocated to the Common Ground facilitation. Fifteen thousand dollars of the grants paid for mapping and graphics and \$10,000 paid for printing the feasibility study. The National Park Service released the study in April of 2003, concluding that, while the Gaviota Coast offered unique resources of national significance, preservation of those resources should be addressed through state and local efforts.

No Cycle, \$15,000

2003 Cycle, \$45,000

Gaviota Coast Common Ground Facilitation – Description: The two awards paid for a professional facilitator to facilitate a total of 44 meetings during the Gaviota Coast Common Ground process in 2002 through 2004.

Status: In May of 2002 (not during a CREF cycle), the Board of Supervisors reallocated \$15,000 from a 1999 CREF award towards this project. (The 1999 CREF award was originally for \$25,000 and was designated to fund the Gaviota Coast feasibility study.) The Board executed a contract with the Cachuma Resource Conservation District to administer the \$15,000 grant. The Third District administrated the 2003 award. The Common Ground members completed the project at the end of 2004.

Ellwood Mesa/Devereux Slough Regional Plan – Two Separate Grants

2000 Cycle, \$50,000

2002 Cycle, \$50,000

Description: The Planning & Development Department, Comprehensive Planning Division, in conjunction with the University of California at Santa Barbara and the City of Goleta, prepared a regional master plan and an Open Space and Habitat Management Plan (OSHMP) for approximately 700 acres of blufftop property that encompass the Devereux Slough, Coal Oil Point Reserve, Ellwood Mesa, and Santa Barbara Shores areas. This project supercedes the amendment process to the 1997 Santa Barbara Shores–Ellwood Beach Specific Plan, which encompassed 255 acres.

Status: The division published the draft Joint Proposal for the regional plan and brought it before the public in May of 2002. The division prepared and released the joint OSHMP along with three separate environmental documents for each agency in March of 2004. The County, City of Goleta, and the University all finalized their prospective environmental documents, adopted the OSHMP, and submitted those documents to the Coastal Commission. The City received certification from the Coastal Commission in January of 2005; the University anticipates certification in fall of 2005, and the division anticipates certification by the end of 2005.

Santa Ynez River Enhancement Plan

(This project is located in both the Third and Fourth Districts. See same title under Fourth District Grants, Planning & Research.)

Educational **(\$58,723)**

Conservation Efforts Along the Gaviota Coast, Phase V

1995 Cycle, \$25,000

Description: Strategies for conserving the Gaviota Coast included education and awareness programs. The Gaviota Coast Conservancy held a public workshop in 1997, a field trip for agencies and elected officials in June of 1998, and a field trip for federal government staff in February of 1999. The Conservancy created an educational brochure and prepared a Gaviota Coast Resources Report.

Status: The Conservancy completed the project on time in December of 1999.

Mission Santa Ines and Its Harbors Project

1995 Cycle, \$8,723

Description: Originally a \$11,723 award, the Old Mission Santa Ines Preservation & Restoration Foundation proposed to research the Mission harbors' history, produce a historical booklet, and construct interpretive displays. The project aimed to inform people about the Mission's historical harbors and ports at Refugio and Gaviota state beaches.

Status: The Foundation defaulted²² numerous times on its contractual agreement by not submitting progress reports, a final report, and deliverables (i.e., a copy of a historical booklet and a sign at Gaviota State Beach). The Foundation ultimately refunded \$3,000 of the grant, which the Board of Supervisors allocated in the 2001 CREF cycle. The Foundation is not eligible for any future CREF grants as a result of the default, pursuant to CREF Guidelines.

Snowy Plover & Coastal Access Pilot Program

2001 Cycle, \$25,000

Description: A pilot program aimed at preserving public access at local beaches, while protecting the nesting and wintering snowy plovers has been underway at three beaches – Ocean, Surf, and Jalama beaches near Lompoc. A technical committee comprised of various stakeholders devised a Grant Implementation Strategy, which identified what various grant monies should be spent on: educational signs, training docents, and studying alternative beach access.

Status: The Planning & Development Department, Comprehensive Planning Division has completed the project. The Department trained docents, completed the *Ocean Beach County Park Alternative Beach Access Feasibility Study* in May of 2004, and installed interpretation signs in March of 2005.

²² Default of a CREF project occurs if the grantee commits a major violation in the terms and conditions of the CREF contract between the grantee and the County. Only one has occurred in all the years of issuing CREF grants. Per the Board's adopted CREF Guidelines, grantees that default on CREF grants are no longer eligible for future CREF grants.

FOURTH DISTRICT GRANTS \$2,588,213

Coastal Acquisitions (\$763,853)

Point Sal Beach Acquisition²³

1988 Cycle, \$125,000

Description: The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County purchased two parcels of coastal open space adjacent to Point Sal State Park, the 2.3-acre Phillips parcel and the 54-acre Borel Bank parcel. This purchase allowed the State Park to expand by 56.3 acres.

Status: In May of 1991, the Land Trust transferred title of these two parcels to the County of Santa Barbara.

Mission Vieja Site Acquisition

1990 Cycle, \$50,000

Description: An earthquake and mudslide in 1812 destroyed the Mission Vieja de la Purisima, which was one of the original 21 California missions. As a result, the mudslide buried the mission site, “freezing it in time”. The City of Lompoc purchased six privately owned parcels that contained the mission site; excavation and archaeological investigation occurred in spring of 1991.

Status: The City completed the purchase of the parcels in November of 1990.

Burton Mesa Acquisition – Three Separate Grants

1996 Cycle, \$281,162

Description: The County purchased the Kavian property, 960 acres of Burton Mesa chaparral, adjacent to the Purisima Mission for \$3.6 million. The purchase provides for protection of the Burton Mesa chaparral habitat onsite.

Status: The Administrator's Office acquired this property on behalf of the State Lands Commission in April of 1996.

²³ Also see two grants associated with Point Sal, under Fifth District's Acquisitions.

1996 Cycle, \$72,691
1997 Cycle, \$210,000

Description: For a total of \$320,000, the County acquired a 34-acre parcel, containing 27 acres of Burton Mesa chaparral. These 27 acres of Burton Mesa link the State's 20-acre Burton Mesa Nature Preserve to the 5,000-acre Burton Mesa preserve, providing continuity of preserved habitat.

Status: The County purchased the property in September of 1997. The Planning & Development, Comprehensive Planning Division returned \$2,309 of the original \$75,000 1996 grant.

Santa Ynez River Open Space Park Acquisition

1998 Cycle, \$25,000

Description: Approximately 76 acres in and along the Santa Ynez River now belongs to the City of Lompoc. The City plans on using the site as open space and a park.

Status: The City purchased the land from CalTrans and closed escrow in February of 2001. The City recently adopted a management plan for the land and is currently preparing a project development timeframe for installing park amenities.

Coastal-Related Capital Improvements **(\$1,438,125)**

Leroy Park Recreational Center – Three Separate Grants

1988 Cycle, \$75,000
1990 Cycle, \$75,000
1991 Cycle, \$75,000

Description: These three grants allowed for various improvements at Leroy Park in Guadalupe. Specifically, the Community Center at the park expanded by 9,500 square feet, allowing for an enclosed basketball court, a kitchen with a dining area, a stage, bathrooms, office space, showers and dressing rooms.

Status: The Club Comite Civico Mexicano de Guadalupe completed the improvements in November of 1992.

Ocean Park Improvements – Three Separate Grants²⁴

1988 Cycle, \$400,000

Recreational Improvements – Description: Ocean Park improvements included new picnic areas, landscaping, irrigation, walkways, a nature kiosk, interpretive signage, and a beach access ramp.

Status: The Parks Department completed the improvements in November of 1991.

1990 Cycle, \$100,000

Road Improvements – Description: The Parks Department reconstructed the existing access road into the park to avoid flooding from the Santa Ynez River.

Status: The department completed the project in 1992.

1999 Cycle, \$19,000

Host Site – Description: Ocean Park will soon have a new host site located near the restrooms, playground area, and picnic tables.

Status: Originally a \$69,000 grant, the Parks Department relinquished \$50,000 that was designated for an improved ramp leading to the beach. The ramp portion of the project had been on hold because Vandenberg Air Force Base closed Ocean Beach due to the Snowy Plover habitat. However, the department received approval from the Snowy Plover Working Group to proceed with the host site. The Parks Department completed the host site design and received approval from the Parks Commission in fall of 2004. The department hopes to complete construction by the end of this year.

Cabrillo High School Aquarium Expansion – Three Separate Grants

1994 Cycle, \$100,000

1998 Cycle, \$77,943

2000 Cycle, \$123,335

Description: Cabrillo High School hosts an improved and exciting aquarium. The project included construction of a new wall, enforcement of existing patio walls, installation of a roof, and fabrication and installation of various marine exhibits.

Status: The Lompoc Unified School District completed construction of the aquarium expansion in April of 2000 and finished installing most exhibits in January of 2003.

²⁴ Also see one grant associated with Ocean Park, under Third District's Coastal-Related Capital Improvements.

Surf Beach Pedestrian Crossing

1997 Cycle, \$120,000

Description: Surf Beach is a new stop for trains heading north and south. The General Services Department installed an at-grade pedestrian crossing over the railroad tracks, including auditory and visual warning devices. In addition, the department installed pre-fabricated restrooms and a parking lot.

Status: The department completed the project in March of 2000.

Burton Mesa Chaparral Garden

2000 Cycle, \$2,271

Description: The Chaparral Garden (also known as the botanical garden), located at Alan Hancock College, displays Maritime chaparral species, a native-plant community that grows on relic sand dunes. This small grant funded the following improvements to the garden: graveled paths, a vehicle barrier, and additional signage to identify plant species.

Status: The Lompoc Valley Botanic and Horticulture Society completed the project at the end of 2000.

Lompoc Aquatic Center

2002 Cycle, \$67,126

Description: With no current municipal pools in Lompoc, the City of Lompoc plans to build an aquatic center in Lompoc. The Center will have three pools – a competition pool, a therapy pool, and a recreational pool.

Status: The Lompoc City Council approved the center's design in November of 2001, secured approximately \$13 million, and has begun construction. The City hopes people will be swimming in the pools by spring of 2006.

Guadalupe Dunes Vehicle Barrier for Snowy Plover Habitat

2002 Cycle, \$13,450

Description: This CREF grant helped install a vehicle barrier on the south side of the access road, beginning from the Rancho Guadalupe Dunes Park's parking lot. The barrier stops vehicles from driving off road into Western Snowy Plover and California least tern habitat.

Status: In March of 2003, the Parks Department had the vehicle barrier installed.

Dunes Center Exhibit Hall – Two Separate Grants

2003 Cycle, \$168,000

2005 Cycle, \$22,000

Description: The Dunes Center plans on constructing a 7,300-square-foot visitor center that would house a main exhibit hall, a gift shop, restrooms, the Alfred & Anna Multari Environmental Education Center, the Special Collections Gallery, and a 45-seat multimedia theater. In addition, the Center will design, fabricate and install ten exhibits and displays. The previous exhibits funded by CREF grants (see Fifth District's Educational, *Guadalupe Dunes Educational Center – Four Separate Grants*) will be incorporated into the new exhibit hall. (Also see Fifth District's Coastal-Related Capital Improvements, *Guadalupe Dunes Educational Center – Two Separate Grants*.)

Status: In awarding the 2003 grant, the Board of Supervisors gave the Dunes Center two years (until December of 2004) to secure all necessary funds towards its \$3 million project. In December of 2004, the Dunes Center had not secured all the necessary funds. The Board renewed the 2003 grant and an additional \$22,000 grant from the 2005 cycle. The Dunes Center staff has secured just over \$1 million towards the project and has until December of 2006 to secure the additional \$2 million.

Planning & Research

(\$202,427)

Burton Mesa Management Plan – Three Separate Grants

1988 Cycle, \$19

Description: Originally a \$50,000 award to develop a plan to manage a 5,125-acre property of Burton Mesa chaparral.

Status: In 1991, the Board of Supervisors reallocated the majority of this award, \$49,981, towards purchasing the Santa Barbara Shores site.

1992 Cycle, \$76,320

1994 Cycle, \$40,000

Description: The 1992 award provided the funds for the Planning & Development Department to develop a long-term management plan for the 5,125-acre property of Burton Mesa chaparral. The Burton Mesa chaparral is an environmentally sensitive, coastal resource.

The 1994 award supplemented the 1992 award, providing more funding to: (a) prepare an Environmental Impact Report on the Burton Mesa Management Plan, (b) revise and adopt the final Management Plan by the County and State, and (c) create a regional mitigation banking program that would offset the impacts of loss of chaparral on land within the urban area designated for development.

Status: The Board of Supervisors endorsed a Draft Master Plan in May of 1994. The division completed an Administrative Draft EIR and Revised Management Plan and submitted it to the State Lands Commission in June of 1998. In 1999, the State Lands Commission leased the Burton Mesa Chaparral property to the State Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and transferred the Administrative Draft EIR and Revised Management Plan to DFG for adoption. In February of 2003, the division heard back from DFG; DFG reported that it will not adopt the Management Plan prepared by the division but will rewrite a new Land Management Plan. DFG reports that a draft Management Plan and environmental impact report will be available this summer and anticipates adoption by the end of the year. The division's role is limited to responsible agency review of the draft plan and the environmental analysis. This project is seven years behind schedule. The CREF grants have been expended.

Santa Ynez River Enhancement Plan

1995 Cycle, \$36,088

Description: The Board of Supervisors originally awarded this \$100,000 grant to prepare a comprehensive resource enhancement plan for the Santa Ynez River. The Land Trust hoped to create a plan that could: (a) restore degraded habitat; (b) avoid future land use and resource conflicts by documenting river's resources; (c) describe various conditions of the river (hydrologic, geomorphic, water quality); (d) identify problems facing the river; (e) formulate alternative solutions to the problems; and (f) obtain agreement on the plan's recommendations by all stake-holders. The project's boundaries reached within both the Third and Fourth Districts.

Status: In February of 1996, the Land Trust terminated the project due to irreconcilable differences between the stakeholders. The Land Trust returned all unspent funds (\$63,912) to CREF, which the County reallocated during the 1997 cycle.

Point Sal Reopening Alternative Analysis Report

2005 Cycle, \$50,000

Description: Since the 1990's, Point Sal Road, which is the only public access to the 130-acre Point Sal State Beach and 320 acres of County-owned property, has been closed off because portions of this road were heavily damaged by a number of severe storms. The Public Works Department plans to investigate alternatives for reopening Point Sal Road to facilitate public access to the beach and its rich coastal resources.

Status: The Department plans to commence the report by the end of this year and finalize it by summer of 2006.

Educational **(\$82,866)**

Cabrillo High School Aquarium – Two Separate Grants

1995 Cycle, \$11,724

Outreach Program – Description: The Cabrillo High School recruited additional adult docents, secured docent training material, developed sea creature costumes, and created an aquarium homepage to outreach for the new aquarium (see *Cabrillo High School Aquarium* under Fourth District Grants, Capital Improvements).

Status: The Lompoc Unified School District completed the outreach program in November of 2000.

2001 Cycle, \$71,142

Technology/Media Exhibit – Description: Cabrillo High School purchased and installed various technological and media equipment in its new aquarium. The project consists of two editing workstations, a control station, a server cluster, and one touch screen kiosk. Students can edit video and multimedia graphics, relating information about the aquarium exhibits through the kiosk.

Status: The Lompoc Unified School District completed the project in December of 2002.

Salmon & Trout Educational Program

(This project benefits both the Fourth and Fifth Districts. See same title under Fifth District Grants, Educational.)

Equipment **(\$100,942)**

Guadalupe Dunes Sand Clearing Tractor

2004 Cycle, \$89,000

Description: Visitors to Guadalupe Dunes County Park are no longer turned away because excessive sand has accumulated over the road. The Parks Department purchased a large tractor for the sole purpose of clearing sand from the park's parking lot and entrance road.

Status: The Parks Department received the tractor in August of 2004 and reports that the tractor is a huge improvement, never having to close access to the beach due to excessive sand accumulation.

Pioneer Space Center's Coastal Display

2004 Cycle, \$11,942

Description: The grant paid for purchasing various media equipment, including a computer and screen, DVD/CD/Video player, and mobile display cabinets. The equipment is used by Cabrillo High School Aquarium staff and students to display their media projects beyond the boundaries of the high school.

Status: The Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce Community Development Foundation completed the exhibit at the end of 2004 and has been touring the exhibit around to various venues throughout Lompoc.

FIFTH DISTRICT GRANTS
\$1,144,542

Coastal Acquisitions
(\$63,415)

Pioneer Park

1996 Cycle, \$25,000

Description: This grant funds 12.5 years of lease payments for the Pioneer Park property in Santa Maria. The Board determined that the resulting preservation of coast live oaks at Pioneer Park sufficiently met CREF criteria.

Status: This grant terminates in December of 2008, when the City of Santa Maria has made all lease payments.

Point Sal Appraisals and Acquisition – Two Separate Grants²⁵

1995 Cycle, \$5,000

Description: This grant funded the updating of appraisals for four parcels of open space adjacent to Point Sal State Park. These appraisals assisted the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County in negotiations for the acquisition of these parcels to complete the expanded Point Sal Preserve.

Status: The Land Trust completed the appraisals in January of 1995. Subsequently, the Land Trust reported closing the negotiations unsuccessfully due to the landowners' lack of interest in selling at fair market value.

1999 Cycle, \$33,415

Description: Planning & Development Department, Comprehensive Planning worked on the purchase of a 321-acre parcel at Point Sal. The parcel is rich in many native coastal plant species, and the Point Sal area is a haul out for sea lions and harbor seals.

Status: The County completed the purchase in January of 1999. Public access remains restricted.

²⁵ Also see one grant associated with Point Sal, under Fourth District's Acquisitions.

Coastal-Related Capital Improvements (\$602,000)

Waller Park Water Conservation

1988 Cycle, \$125,000

Description: Connecting a new waterline into an existing water well provides a new source of water to irrigate Waller Park.

Status: The Parks Department completed the project in January of 1990.

Allan Hancock Theater Expansion

1990 Cycle, \$175,000

Description: The College Arts Center at the Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts Theaterfest in Santa Maria expanded to include new performance space, lobby space, ticket offices, restrooms, and parking spaces.

Status: The Allan Hancock Joint Community College District completed the project in November of 1992.

Guadalupe Dunes Educational Center – Two Separate Grants²⁶

1994 Cycle, \$0

Construction – Description: Originally a \$50,000 award to construct a Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Educational Center in the City of Guadalupe.

Status: Due to difficulties in obtaining a permanent location for the educational center, the Dunes Center leased a building in Guadalupe instead. Therefore, the Board reallocated the \$50,000 during the 1997 CREF cycle.

2000 Cycle, \$0

Construction of Exhibit Hall – Description: Originally, the Board of Supervisors awarded a \$166,836 CREF grant towards the Dunes Center proposed \$350,000 exhibit hall. However, the Dunes Center re-designed the building, increasing the cost to \$2.3 million. Since the Center needed to seek additional funds and could not commence the project within the allotted two years, it returned the CREF grant. (The project continues with two CREF grants from the 2003 and 2005 cycles, see *Dunes Center Exhibit Hall*, under the Fourth District's Coastal-Related Capital Improvements, pursuant to redistricting in 2000.)

Status: The Dunes Center returned the \$166,836 grant in the 2003 cycle.

Guadalupe Dunes County Park – Three Separate Grants²⁷

²⁶ Also see one grant associated with the Guadalupe Dunes Center under Fourth District's Coastal-Related Capital Improvements.

1996 Cycle, \$5,000

Guadalupe Dunes Trailer – Description: One volunteer for the Guadalupe Dunes County Park resides on weekend days in a trailer, purchased with this small CREF grant. This trailer is equipped with exhibits and serves as an information station. In addition, the volunteer monitors the parking lot by alerting the volunteer at the kiosk if the parking lot is full.

Status: The Nature Conservancy (who has since transferred responsibility to the Dunes Center) purchased the trailer in March of 1998.

1998 Cycle, \$104,065

1999 Cycle, \$22,935

Implementation Plan – Description: Using a total of approximately \$1 million, including the two CREF grants, the Parks Department is preparing a habitat conservation plan and engineering plans, constructing a new parking lot, planting plants, and installing signs at Guadalupe Dunes County Park.

Status: The department drafted a Habitat Conservation Plan; however, the Fish and Wildlife Department (F&WD) had a number of comments, including the location of the parking lot and the use of a seawall. The Department revised the plan, resubmitted it to F&WD, and hopes to have approval by June of 2005. If F&WD approves the plan, F&WD will begin environmental review on the plan. The Department completed construction of the parking lot (in the new location without a seawall) in March of 2005. Interpretative signs will be installed in the summer of 2005. The 1999 CREF grant was originally a \$31,616 grant, and the department relinquished \$8,681 of this grant since the department had secured enough monies from other sources. The Board of Supervisors reallocated the relinquished money in the 2000 CREF cycle.

Santa Maria Valley YMCA Pool

1997 Cycle, \$0

Description: The Board of Supervisors originally awarded a \$50,000 grant to construct an indoor pool at the Santa Maria Valley YMCA. The total budget for the pool was approximately \$600,000.

Status: The Santa Maria Valley YMCA had other fund-raising priorities during the two years it had to secure the remaining \$550,000 for this project. The YMCA released the award, and the Board of Supervisors reallocated the \$50,000 in the 1998 CREF cycle.

²⁷ Also see one grant associated with the Guadalupe Dunes Park under Fourth District's Coastal-Related Capital Improvements.

Santa Maria/Guadalupe Dunes Bikeway, Construction of Phase IV

1997 Cycle, \$0

Description: The Board of Supervisor granted a \$143,200 award to construct Phase IV of the Santa Maria bikeway between State Route 1 and the Guadalupe Dunes. The plan called for: (a) widening two miles of Main Street for Class II bike lanes, between the western edge of Main Street to the Guadalupe Dunes kiosk; and (b) installing signage to denote a Class III bikeway along an approximate 2 mile stretch between the kiosk and the Guadalupe Dunes parking lot.

Status: The Public Works Department reported that the budget increased by \$200,000 because West Main Street is in worse shape than originally anticipated. The Public Works Department unsuccessfully sought an additional \$200,000 within the required two years and relinquished the CREF funds for distribution in the 2000 cycle.

Guadalupe Community Park Baseball Fields

1998 Cycle, \$25,000

Description: This grant helped pay for backstops and bleachers associated with proposed baseball, softball, and soccerfields at Guadalupe Community Park. The park is located inland approximately three miles from Guadalupe Dunes County Park.

Status: The City of Guadalupe completed the project in November of 2000.

Sand & Sea Learning Area

2004 Cycle, \$30,000

Description: The Natural History Museum located in downtown Santa Maria will make use of an unused portion of land just outside of the museum building. The area will be equipped with picnic tables, a sand area with bones, shells, and marine fossils, a fossil-rubbing bench, outdoor speakers, motion-activated lighting (to deter vandalism), and life-size cut-outs of whales, sharks, and dolphins. This area will be used by classroom students for learning activities.

Status: The Museum plans to complete the project by February of 2006.

Marine Exhibit

2004 Cycle, \$115,000

Description: A pier, a coastline habitat, and a salt water aquarium exhibit will catch your eye as you enter the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum's new building. Walk on the pier and use the viewfinders and telescopes that will zoom onto the coastline habitat. Under the pier, visitors will be able to have an underwater experience without getting wet.

Status: The Museum plans to complete the project by the end of this year.

Planning & Research **(\$92,301)**

Peregrine Falcon Reintroduction

1992 Cycle, \$5,000

Description: This small CREF grant funded the release of two peregrine falcons in the Santa Lucia District, Santa Barbara County. Historically, peregrine falcon are coastal predators that nested and hunted along coastal bluffs. Subsequent observations for the next several months by trained observers verified that the chicks survived and fledged out of the nest.

Status: The U.S. Department of Agriculture completed the project in May of 1992.

Santa Maria/Guadalupe Dunes Bikeway – Two Separate Grants

1992 Cycle, \$30,000

Bikeway Study – Description: The City of Santa Maria studied the feasibility of constructing a 17-mile bikeway from the City of Santa Maria to the Guadalupe Dunes. Portions of the bikeway are proposed to run along the Santa Maria River levee. The study investigated design guidelines and development standards for a multi-purpose trail facility atop the levee. Design standards looked at technical problems associated with construction, levee access for cyclists, joggers, maintenance workers and emergency vehicles, and user safety atop the levee.

Status: The City of Santa Maria completed the study in June of 1993. The City funded and installed most of the bikeway that is located within the City's boundaries. The County of Santa Barbara and the City of Guadalupe have been seeking funds to complete the bikeway.

1996 Cycle, \$374

General Plan Amendment – Description: Originally a \$3,380 award to amend the Bikeway Map of the Santa Barbara County Circulation Element to include the Santa Maria/Guadalupe Dunes Bikeway Plan. The General Plan amendment can facilitate construction of the bikeway in the unincorporated area of Santa Maria Valley by attracting State and Federal funds for implementation of the bikeway plan.

Status: The Planning & Development Department, Comprehensive Planning Division reported that the County Flood Control District had problems regarding liability with a bikeway along the levee. After much negotiation to resolve the levee conflict, the department relinquished the remaining \$3,006 of the grant back to CREF, which the Board reallocated in the 1999 cycle.

Guadalupe Dunes County Park – Two Separate Grants

1994 Cycle, \$33,222

Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Management Plan Update – Description: The 1991 *Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Management Plan* needed updating to identify long-term management of the dune area, including inventorying resources, protecting natural resources, and developing programs and facilities to help balance resource protection with increasing public use.

Status: The Nature Conservancy, then manager of the Guadalupe Dunes County Park, prepared a user analysis, bilingual brochures on the California Least Tern, and bilingual signage onsite, completing all work in February of 1996.

1996 Cycle, \$23,705

Phase II, Master Plan for Road Repair – Description: Road access to the Guadalupe Dunes County Park is often closed to the public due to sand drifts across the road; in addition, the capacity of the parking lot reduces at times to less than fifty percent due to these sand drifts. The Department of Public Works prepared a conceptual master plan to remedy this situation.

Status: Originally a \$24,770 award, the department finalized the master plan in January of 1998 with a savings of \$1,065. The Board reallocated the savings to the department's *Guadalupe Dunes Implementation Plan* in the 1998 cycle. Aside from continuously clearing the sand from the road, the options identified in the plan were too expensive to implement. (In the 2004 cycle, the Board awarded a CREF grant to purchase a tractor for sand clearing, see Fourth District Grants, under Equipment, *Guadalupe Dunes Sand Clearing Tractor*.)

Educational **(\$386,826)**

Guadalupe Dunes County Park – Kiosk Staffing

1993 Cycle, \$0

Description: The Board of Supervisors originally granted a \$30,000 one-time award to cover immediate costs of operating the kiosk for a one-year period. Although CREF is not used to fund ongoing operations and maintenance, the Board of Supervisors made an exception in this case based on special circumstances. These special circumstances arose when the Conservancy contemplated an annual loss of \$40,000 in revenue via a mitigation fee paid by the Shell Huskey oil and gas site (pending its abandonment), and a decision by the Board of Supervisor not to assess user fees.

Status: The Nature Conservancy never used the CREF money because the abandonment of the oil and gas site was delayed and the mitigation fee continued to be paid. Consequently, the Board of Supervisors reallocated the \$30,000 towards updating the park's management plan in the 1994 CREF cycle.

Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum's SEA IT! – Three Separate Grants

1994 Cycle, \$24,550

SEA IT! – Description: The SEA IT! Project was a marine science exhibit geared for children. The three components of the project included the Tide Pool Touch Tank, the Kelp Forest Tunnel, and the Sea It! Research Vessel with a number of marine displays.

Status: The Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum completed the project in July of 1996. After seven years of use, the exhibits were not moved over to the new location of the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum. However, the touch tank (without the mechanicals) went to the Dunes Center, and the kelp from the kelp forest tunnel was reused in the new Marine exhibit (see under Fifth District Grants, Coastal-Related Capital-Improvements, *Marine Exhibit*).

1997 Cycle, \$13,444

SEA IT! Phase II – Description: The SEA IT! Project improved as the museum developed marine science curriculum, conducted workshops for teachers and children, and created three Sea It! costumes -- a sea star, a hermit crab, and a sea anemone.

Status: The Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum completed the project in April of 1999.

2002 Cycle, \$20,000

2005 Cycle, \$79,000

Ocean Supermarket – Description: The Ocean Supermarket exhibit will teach adults and children about the marine food chain and the variety of everyday food that comes from the ocean. The user of the exhibit will scan a food item and information about the item's association with the ocean will appear on a monitor.

Status: While the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum was designing the exhibit with the 2002 grant, it decided to move and expand the Discovery Museum. The Museum's design consultant for the new location subsequently informed the Museum of improvements that would enhance the Ocean Supermarket exhibit, increasing the exhibit costs from \$28,000 to \$105,778. In the 2005 CREF cycle, the Board of Supervisors awarded the Museum an additional \$79,000 towards the revised Ocean Supermarket exhibit. The Museum plans on completing the exhibit by summer of 2005.

Guadalupe Dunes Educational Center – Four Separate Grants

1995 Cycle, \$120,000

Exhibits – Description: Hands-on interactive exhibits create an exciting visit to the Dunes Center in Guadalupe. Exhibits included a video display depicting the Guadalupe Dunes and its natural resources, a computer display that describes the wind's effect on the formation and shaping of sand dunes, a web page, a wildflower exhibit, and an interactive (question & answer type) computer display with a slide show.

Status: The Dunes Center completed the project on time in July of 1999.

1999 Cycle, \$22,500

Ecosystem Educational Unit – Description: The Ecosystem Educational project assists elementary schools in Santa Maria with meeting their environmental education goals. (In addition, the Dunes Center reached out to schools in the Goleta area.) The project included: teaching material on coastal ecosystems; teacher training workshops; and ten daypacks with teaching aids to loan when school groups tour the Dunes Preserve.

Status: The Dunes Center completed the project in June of 2002.

1999 Cycle, \$22,000

Video of Dunes – Description: The Dunes Center can now show a 20-minute video of the Guadalupe Dunes area. The video comprises aerial and ground footage of the dunes, animation showing the wind directions and how the dunes are formed, and audio track of dune sounds and background music.

Status: The Dunes Center completed the video in May of 2000.

2001 Cycle, \$21,500

Land and Sea Mammals Interactive Computer Program – Description: The Dunes Center envisions a series of computer programs that educate the public about the Guadalupe Dunes. The center has produced two software programs in both English and Spanish, entitled “Amphibians, Reptiles, and Arthropods” and “Birds of the Dunes,” which presents this scientific material in an entertaining and creative way. This grant funded production of a computer program that focuses on the life history of the land and sea mammals of the dunes complex.

Status: The Dunes Center completed the project in June of 2002.

Salmon & Trout Educational Program

1998 Cycle, \$3,000

Description: The Salmon & Trout Educational Program educates students about the life cycle of the salmon and steelhead trout and the importance of these species habitats. The Central Coast Salmon Enhancement organization supplies schools along the Central Coast with incubator aquariums, curriculum binders, and live trout eggs to assist in its education.

Status: The students watched and learned about the fish in the aquariums and released the fish in June of 2000, which completed the project on time.

Santa Maria Valley Beautiful Earth Week

1998 Cycle, \$10,000

Description: The Santa Maria Valley Beautiful organized a week of environmental events, celebrating Arbor and Earth Days, in Santa Maria. Santa Maria Valley Beautiful collected \$26,800 of in-kind services from various organizations and businesses throughout the Santa Maria area.

Status: The week of events took place in April of 1998.

Van for Environmental Education on Wheels – Two Separate Grants

1999 Cycle, \$0

2001 Cycle, \$16,500

Description: Originally a \$11,880 award in the 1999 cycle to purchase a 15-passenger van to implement the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Maria Valley's environmental educational program. The Board of Supervisors gave the Boys & Girls Club until December 1, 1999 to secure additional funds. The Boys & Girls Club was unable to secure the additional funds by that date, and the Board released the funds to the Dunes Center's *Ecosystem Environmental Unit* project.

With the 2001 award, the Boys & Girls Club purchased a 15-passenger van for the club's *Environmental Education on Wheels* program. The Boys & Girls Club developed a coastal awareness among its youth with this program through hands-on environmental programs and field trips to coastal areas.

Status: The Boys & Girls Club purchased the van in August of 2001 and completed its coastal field trips in August of 2002. The Club reports that the van continues to be used for coastal field trips.'

Marine Science Curriculum, Pilot Program

2000 Cycle, \$8,332

Description: Originally a \$9,070 grant, the Santa Maria Bonita School District implemented a pilot program to teach marine science to all fifth-graders at Robert Bruce Accelerated School. The district followed Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History's *Los Marineros* marine educational curriculum and the Dunes Center's *Ecosystem Educational Unit* curriculum. The program offered a hands-on instruction about the marine environment and included a number of field trips.

Status: The district completed the project in December of 2002 by implementing its science curriculum during the 2000/01 school year, including six field trips. The district refunded \$738 of the original grant. In 2005, Energy Division staff has called the school to see if the school incorporated the marine science pilot program into a regular school curriculum but the school has not returned staff's phone calls.

Exploring the Seashore Exhibit

2001 Cycle, \$26,000

Description: The Natural History Museum of Santa Maria has an exhibit that depicts a local seashore habitat. The exhibit's design includes a painting of dunes, grasses, a tidepool, flowers, and birds. Along a banister in front of the mural are interactive panels with two focal subjects: What do I Eat? (predator/prey) and What do I do? (niche function in the web of life). The exhibit is equipped with a compact disc player and speakers, playing sounds of the ocean and birds.

Status: The Santa Maria Natural History Museum completed the project in September of 2003.

GRANTS BENEFITING THREE OR MORE DISTRICTS \$266,598

Coastal Acquisitions (\$0)

Coastal-Related Capital Improvements (\$33,380)

California Central Coast Birding Trail

1998 Cycle, \$0

Description: The Board of Supervisors originally awarded a \$2,000 grant to purchase 28 interpretative signs and install them at coastal areas that local birds inhabit within the County. The California Central Coast Birding Trail's brochure identifies these 28 sites.

Status: The Santa Barbara Audubon Society reports that CalTrans could not develop criteria for sign installation (e.g., height and setback of signs, and type of material for the posts) within the two-year period Audubon had to commence the project. The County reallocated the \$2,000 in the 2001 CREF cycle.

Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network – Two Separate Grants

2000 Cycle, \$1,580

Upgrades to Seabird Rehabilitation Facility – Description: The Wildlife Care Network's facility (currently located in a private home) provides medical care and treatment for birds that have become oiled or suffer other injuries. This small grant allowed for the following improvements: an aboveground pool, a baby scale to weigh birds, an ultraviolet light to kill off algae in the pond, a freezer to store fish used to feed the seabirds, and an aviary to house recuperating Night herons. The Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network agreed to transfer all items purchased with CREF monies to a permanent seabird rehabilitation facility if and when the Wildlife Care Network develops one.

Status: The Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network completed the project in July of 2000.

2005 Cycle, \$31,800

Seabird Care Compound – Description: The Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network recently purchased a 1.5-acre parcel in the Goleta foothills and plans to construct a wildlife care center. The center will have an administrative office, an intake area, a main clinic, a quarantine area for sick animals, mammal care facilities, covered outdoor enclosures for large and small animals being rehabilitated, a songbird compound, a seabird compound, hawk and eagle aviaries, and a sanctuary for unreleaseable wildlife. This 2005 grant will go towards construction of the seabird care compound.

Status: The Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network continues to raise funds necessary for the approximate \$2.5 million project and has until December of 2005 to secure all necessary funds or request a one-year extension.

Santa Barbara Beaches Hazards Removal Program

2004 Cycle, \$0

Description: Currently, as many as 20 tidal zone and upland beach areas between the Gaviota Coast and Rincon Beach have debris and hazards, which are remnant structures from oil exploration in the early 1900s that have not been abandoned properly. The State Lands Commission states that these structures pose a serious threat of injury to beachgoers. The Commission had planned on using this small CREF grant towards removing hazards at Fernald Point and at the east end of Summerland near Padaro Lane.

Status: The Commission relinquished the \$6,800 award since it could not secure other necessary funds to implement the project. The Board of Supervisors reallocated the money in the 2005 cycle. The Commission has removed debris from beaches in front of the Biltmore and in front of Santa Claus Lane. The property owners paid for the debris removal from these beaches. The Commission continues to seek funding to remove debris from the remaining beach areas.

Planning & Research **(\$117,843)**

Open Space and Recreation Element

1991 Cycle, \$50,000

Description: Updates and adoption of a new Open Space and Recreational Element of the Comprehensive Plan were the goals for this project. The Comprehensive Planning Division of the Planning & Development Department manages this project for the Parks Department and reports completion of: (a) a database including all publicly-owned land, as well as open space or conservation easements that are still privately-owned but dedicated to the County or a non-profit organization, and (b) a colored display map depicting this information.

Status: Planning & Development Department states that, at this time, there are no plans to finish the Open Space and Recreation Element due to current budgetary shortfalls and higher funding priorities. The CREF grant has been expended.

Coastal Access Implementation Plan

1992 Cycle, \$30,000

Description: A Coastal Access Implementation Plan provides administrative and informational guidance in carrying out the public access provisions of the state Coastal Act and the County's Local Coastal Program. The Board of Supervisors, in November of 1995, acknowledged that the database in the Coastal Access Implementation Plan is the best collection of information available regarding existing recorded offers to dedicate public access.

Status: The Planning & Development Department completed a revised draft Coastal Access Implementation Plan in November of 1994.

Offers to Dedicate Coastal Access

1996 Cycle, \$37,843

Description: The California Coastal Commission and the County of Santa Barbara often condition their approval of coastal developments to provide for appropriate types of public coastal access. Prior to receiving a development permit, an applicant may need to record an offer to dedicate lateral and/or vertical coastal access. The offer requires acceptance by a public agency within a prescribed period of time (typically 21 years following recordation), after which time the offer expires. This grant was used to acquire a number of these access easements for public use throughout the County's coastal zone, primarily on the South Coast.

Status: The Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution that accepted 66 offers in October of 1998 and another six offers in February of 2000. The department returned \$8,157 of this grant, which was reallocated in the 2001 cycle.

Educational (*\$79,930*)

Earth Day – Two Separate Grants

1990 Cycle, \$10,000

Description: CREF funds helped Santa Barbara residents celebrate the 20th anniversary of Earth Day. The event attracted more than 25,000 people and provided a forum for over 120 local environmental organizations, including public agencies, advocacy groups, and environmentally-oriented companies.

Status: The Community Environmental Council held the 1990 Earth Day celebration at Santa Barbara City College on March 20, 1990.

1995 Cycle, \$10,000

Description: Santa Barbara Earth Day Festival's 25th Anniversary theme centered on coastal protection. The festival included over 150 environmental agencies and businesses, a large children's activity area, an art show, special demonstrations and exhibitors, and all-day music and entertainment.

Status: The Earth Day event occurred on April 23, 1995.

Snowy Plover Video

1998 Cycle, \$8,930

Description: A video on the Western Snowy Plover informs the public about the biology, natural history, and threats to the plover populations. Distribution of the video includes all county schools, libraries, museums, and educational centers (i.e., Sea Center, Guadalupe Dunes Nature Center).

Status: La Purisima Audubon Society completed the video in April of 1999.

South Coast Water Quality – Educational Component

1998 Cycle, \$26,000

Description: The need to educate the public about the potential impacts of polluted waters in our local creeks and oceans grew as the County began to warn the public against swimming in our local ocean waters when the water tested high for pollution. This project increased public awareness through educational radio announcements and educational brochures that contain tips for preventing pollution.

Status: The Community Environmental Council completed all work on time in May of 1999.

Waves on Wheels Van

2001 Cycle, \$25,000

Description: Providing the public with a mobile science marine laboratory was the goal of this project while the Sea Center closed for reconstruction and expansion. The Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History purchased and retrofitted a van to bring collections of preserved specimens and marine education materials to schools throughout the county. Once the Sea Center reopens, the Museum plans on continuing to operate the van and bring the marine exhibits and education to schools in low-income areas.

Status: The Museum purchased and retrofitted the van in February of 2003 and continues to visit and educate school students about the marine environment.

Equipment **(\$35,445)**

Marine Mammals Rescue Project – Two Separate Grants

2004 Cycle, \$24,408

2005 Cycle, \$10,000

Description: Equipment and trained personnel are needed to be able to better handle a catastrophic event when many marine mammals are being stranded on beaches over a short period of time (e.g., because of an oil spill or domoic acid outbreak). With the 2004 grant, the Marine Mammal Center purchased (a) 30 hoop nets (used to catch the marine mammals) to give to government agencies that would help out in rescuing marine mammals; (b) 50 portable kennel cages (used to transport the marine mammals in from the beach to the Center); (c) portable enclosures (used at the Center); and (d) a trailer to store the cages for easy transport and deployment. With in-kind services, the applicant trained qualified government agencies countywide. With the 2005 grant, the Center will purchase (e) oiled wildlife gear and oil cleanup material (such as protective clothing, absorbent materials, cleaning materials, storage containers for soiled waste, and cleanup tubs); and (f) a trailer to store and rapidly deploy the foregoing equipment and materials.

Status: The Marine Mammal Center has completed all aspects of the project but still needs to purchase floors for the animal enclosures. The Center will complete the floor purchases by September of 2005. The Center has until December of 2005 to purchase the remaining equipment with the 2005 grant.

Seabird Net Enclosure

2004 Cycle, \$1,037

Description: Currently, the seabird rehabilitation pond for the Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network is in the backyard of a house. With help from this grant, the Wildlife Care Network has installed a net enclosure over the seabird pond, thereby eliminating access for visiting birds. The Wildlife Care Network has purchased land in the foothills of Goleta to consolidate all of its rehabilitation work; it plans to use the net enclosure at its new facility once it is built.

Status: Originally, the Board of Supervisors awarded the Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network a grant to purchase four poled nets (to capture injured or oiled seabirds) and a small 8' x 6' storage shed (to store equipment used specifically to care for seabirds). In June of 2005, the Board approved a request from the Wildlife Care Network to use the grant to install an enclosure over the existing seabird pond instead of the original project. The Wildlife Care Network explained that the net enclosure was a higher priority because the neighbors of the seabird pond have been frustrated with the odors caused by "visiting" birds to the pond. The Wildlife Care Network installed the net in June of 2005.