

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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## Agenda Number:

**Prepared on:** October 7, 2004  
**Department Name:** Planning & Development  
**Department No.:** 053  
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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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

**STAFF**

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

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

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## Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors executes the attached CREF contract (BC-05-110) with the City of Carpinteria to purchase, design, and install improvements that protect the seal harbor rookery below the Carpinteria Bluffs, in the amount of \$19,322.76 for the period of October 19, 2004 to June 1, 2005.

## Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

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

## Executive Summary and Discussion:

In December of 2003, the Board of Supervisors awarded the City of Carpinteria a \$19,322.76 CREF grant to make improvements that protect the harbor seals below Carpinteria Bluffs. The improvements include: (a) purchasing six offshore buoys that alert sea vessels of the protected area; (b) designing and installing six regulatory signs and one interpretative sign; (c) developing an informational brochure about protecting the harbor seals; and (d) installing landscaping along the blufftop to screen the public from the seals. The City of Carpinteria matches the CREF grant with \$5,500 to coordinate and permit the project, design brochure, and install signs. The City is ready to implement this project.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

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

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

No fiscal and facilities impacts. The Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund is funded by mitigation fees paid by developers of offshore oil and gas reserves. Staff costs to prepare this agreement have been offset by interest accrued to the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund. The \$19,322.76 for the City of Carpinteria's project is expended from Fund #0063, Department #053, Program #5090, Account #7863, Project #0403. The CREF program is part of the mitigation program within the Energy Division Cost Center on page D-300 in the Planning & Development Department's section of the County's Budget F04/05.

**Special Instructions:**

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

**Concurrence:**

County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller  
Risk Manager

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