



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Submitted on:  
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Public Works  
Department No.: 054-04-07  
For Agenda Of: 7/11/06  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimate Time:  
Continued Item: NO  
If Yes, date from: 10/4/05  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Director: Phillip M. Demery, Public Works Director, 568-3010  
Contact Info: Thomas D. Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, 568-3436

**SUBJECT:** Transfer of the Administrative Duties for the Tri-County Fish Team to Ventura County

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**County Counsel Concurrence:**

As to form/legality:  Yes  No  N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence:**

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Recommended Action(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the Public Works Director or his designee to sign the "Cooperative Agreement for Services between the County of Ventura and the County of Santa Barbara" to transfer administrative duties for the Tri-County F.I.S.H (Funding for Improved Salmonid Habitat) Team from the County of Santa Barbara to the County of Ventura.

**Summary:**

On May 3, 2005, your Board directed staff to request another agency assume administrative duties for grant P0450013 from the California Department of Fish Game, a grant held by the Water Agency to carry out actions associated with the Tri-County Fish Team (TCFT) efforts. Your Board directed a transfer date of January 1, 2005. On October 4, 2005, at the request of County staff, your Board authorized the extension of the deadline to July 1, 2006 in order to give County staff ample time to accomplish the transfer. Because the Department of Fish and Game will not allow Ventura County to substitute for Santa Barbara County in the agreement P0450013, Staff have developed the attached Cooperative Agreement with Ventura County staff in order to transfer the responsibilities of the grant to Ventura County. The Cooperative Agreement described the relationship between the two counties and with the State and outlines the process by which grant deliverables will be completed and the way invoices will be routed. A small portion of the grant (\$1,250) is retained through the Cooperative Agreement for Santa Barbara County's use in order to pay for the few activities associated with routing the invoices. Ventura County staff is currently docketing a request to their Board of Supervisors to authorize the Ventura County Resource Agency Director to sign the Cooperative Agreement. Ventura County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Cooperative Agreement. Discussion with Ventura County staff has been ongoing, and approval from the Ventura Board of Supervisors is expected.

**Background:**

The federal government has listed both Steelhead and Coho Salmon as endangered species in certain areas and as threatened species in others. Local interests have attempted to address issues related to this action through development of plans and projects which emphasize local benefits and take into account local conditions and concerns. One of these efforts is the "The Tri-County F.I.S.H Team" which is funded mainly by grants from the State of California. The TCFT is a cooperative effort among private groups and public agencies from San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties. It is believed that as part of a regional group individual project proponents can better compete for grant funds for projects in the tri-county area.

A member of the Water Agency staff has been serving as the "Local Coordinator" for the TCFT effort since 2003. If the above actions are approved, the staff person will no longer be the Local Coordinator, but will assist in routing invoices from Ventura County to the Department of Fish and Game. A Water Agency will remain on the Executive Committee.

The purpose of the TCFT is to work with federal, state, and local agencies and non-governmental groups to:

- secure funding in support of projects related to salmonid designation under the ESA,
- improve information about potential restoration and recovery activities, and
- enhance public understanding and support for such actions in the tri-county area.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

This project was included in the 2006-07 Adopted Budget under the Water Agency cost center of the Public Works Department as identified on page D-322 in the budget book.

Budgeted:  Yes     No

**Fiscal Analysis**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized Cost:</u>	<u>Total Project Cost</u>
General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Federal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other: Grant Agreement P0450013	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$94,792.00
Other:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total:	\$60,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$94,792.00

Narrative: Grant agreement P0450013 awards \$ 94,792.00 to the County Water Agency to pay for staff time as well as consultant costs to complete projects. The Cooperative Agreement states that the Water Agency will spend no more than \$1,250 of this amount to process invoices, and that Ventura County will spend the rest of the funds before March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 for contractors and other activities outlined in the grant. Ventura County will invoice the Water Agency for its expenses, and the Water Agency will in turn invoice the Department of Fish and

Game for those expenses. Fiscal impact includes the "pass-thru" of funds through the Water Agency, but no direct costs out of the Water Agency budget or other County revenue sources.

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**Staffing Impact(s):**

**Legal Positions:**

**FTEs:**

Water Agency staff will no longer serve as "Local Coordinator" for the Tri-County Fish Team. The consultant for the TCFT efforts will no longer work on contract with the Water Agency, but will contract with Ventura County instead. Water agency staff will provide minimal staff time for processing invoices and will continue to serve on the TCFT Executive Committee.

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**Special Instructions:**

**Send a copy of the minute order of this action to the Water Agency office, Attn: Christina Lopez.**

**Attachments: (list all)**

Copy of the Cooperative Agreement for Services Between the County of Ventura and the County of Santa Barbara

**Authored by:** Robert Almy, Water Agency Manager, 568-3542

**cc:**