

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 10/25/05
Department Name: Parks
Department No.: 052
Agenda Date: 11/15/05
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rick Wheeler
Director of Parks

STAFF CONTACT: Coleen Lund
Project Manager (568-2470)

SUBJECT: Appropriation of \$52,000 from Santa Maria Quimby Fee Trust Fund, \$102,500 from Proposition 12 Grant, and \$480 from Sale of Bid Plans and Specifications; Approval of Plans and Specifications, and Execution of Contract for Construction of Richardson Park Pedestrian Bridges in New Cuyama; Project No. D61007; Fifth Supervisorial District

Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve a budget revision to appropriate \$52,000 from the Santa Maria Quimby Fee Trust Fund (#1403), \$102,500 from a Proposition 12 grant, and \$480 from the sale of bid plans and specs towards the construction of two pedestrian bridges within Richardson Park in New Cuyama;
- B. Approve the plans and specifications for the construction project;
- C. Execute the construction contract, in the amount of \$188,240, to the lowest responsible bidder, Thomsen Landscape, 18800 Erwin Street, Reseda, CA 91335, subject to the provision of documents and certifications, as set forth in the plans and specifications applicable to the project and as required by law.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan: The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 5 – A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The project consists of the removal of two existing wooden pedestrian bridges and the installation of two new steel pedestrian bridges across the Salisbury Wash adjacent to Richardson County Park in New Cuyama.

The bridges provide safe pedestrian access to and from the park as well as to the adjacent school. One of the bridges has been closed because of unsafe conditions due primarily to aging lumber on the structure.

Three bids were received and opened for this construction project on September 22, 2005. The low bid was submitted by Thomsen Landscape, of Reseda, in the amount of \$188,240. Parks staff has performed an analysis of the bid and has determined that the low bid is reasonable and therefore recommends the award of this contract.

This project was bid in accordance with the Public Contract Code, and is a part of the County's approved FY 2005-06 Capital Improvement Plan (pg. B-91).

Mandates and Service Levels:

There are no mandates or changes in service levels. Upon completion of the project, ongoing maintenance of the bridges will be performed by Parks Department staff.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The total current cost estimate for the Richardson Park bridges project is \$205,480 and includes construction, structural inspection, lab testing and permit fees. This project has previously been allocated \$10,500 from the Santa Maria Quimby Fee Trust Fund (#1403) for the design phase of the bridge and \$40,000 from General Fund deferred maintenance capital funding for the initial construction phase of this project.

The remaining funding required to complete the project (\$154,980) is available from a \$102,500 Proposition 12 grant recently received for this project, a \$52,000 allocation from the Santa Maria Quimby Fee Trust Fund (#1403) per your Board action today, and \$480 from the sale of bid plans and specifications to bidding contractors for this project. Use of the Santa Maria Quimby Trust Fund is restricted to development of park or recreational facilities within the Santa Maria Quimby Demand Area. The current balance in the Santa Maria Quimby Fee Trust Fund is \$94,879. Approval of this funding request would reduce the Trust Fund balance to \$42,879.

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

Special Instructions:

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

Concurrence:

Park Commission – October 27, 2005 meeting
Auditor-Controller

Attachment

Contract Agreement
Budget Journal Entry