



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

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Supervisors
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Agenda Number:

Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Planning &
Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: August 24, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Lisa Plowman, Director, Planning and Development
Director(s): (805) 568-2086

Contact Info: John Zorovich, Deputy Director, Energy, Minerals & Compliance
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SUBJECT: Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund - Grant Contract with the Lompoc Unified
School District, 3rd District

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund contract with the Lompoc Unified School District, in the amount of \$90,000, to design and fabricate a Coastal Splash Zone exhibit at the Cabrillo High School Aquarium, for the period of August 24, 2021 to April 1, 2022, Third District (Attachment A).
- b. Approve and authorize the Director of Planning and Development, or designee, to take the following actions for the attached Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund Contract:
 - i. Extend performance in accordance with Section 3 for up to and not to exceed a period of one year for good cause;
 - ii. Approve project changes in accordance with Section 5, including changes to project description, reduction in the overall project budget or change in budget items of 10 percent or more; and

- iii. Terminate the contract in accordance with Sections 4 and 15 for failure to provide matching funds/in-kind services.
- c. Determine that the allocation of the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund grant is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the State Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Summary Text:

Attachment A contains a contract with the Lompoc Unified School District, providing the District with a \$90,000 Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund grant to design and fabricate a Coastal Splash Zone exhibit at the Cabrillo High School Aquarium. The exhibit would provide an understanding of the coastal surf zone where marine organisms live among crashing waves. The total cost of the project is approximately \$150,000, and the District has secured \$61,420 in additional monies from its Aquarium accounts. The contract with the Lompoc Unified School District includes several provisions that allow future minor administrative tasks to be handled by the Director of Planning & Development or designee (outlined in Recommended Action b).

Executing the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund contract does not meet the definition of a “project” pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5). This section exempts government administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Background:

At the May 11, 2021 Board of Supervisors hearing, the Board of Supervisors awarded the \$90,000 grant from the combined 2020-2021 Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund cycle and directed staff to return to the Board with a contractual agreement.

The County established the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund to mitigate the environmental impacts of offshore oil and gas development and transportation projects. Mitigation is provided through the Fund for impacts to four categories of coastal resources: recreation, tourism, aesthetics, and environmentally sensitive resources. The County must ensure that Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund fees are used to mitigate those impacts, according to conditions of approval on projects and the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund Guidelines.

Fiscal Analysis:

Federal Fees					
Other: CREF				\$	90,000.00
Total	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 90,000.00

Budgeted: Yes

The Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund contract to the Lompoc Unified School District included as Attachment A does not involve County property or ongoing costs. The contract associated with the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund award is funded by mitigation fees paid annually by developers of offshore oil and gas reserves.

The Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund creates no fiscal impact on the County general fund budget. The Fund is funded by mitigation fees paid annually by developers of offshore oil and gas reserves. Funding for the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund is budgeted in the Planning & Development Department's Coastal Mitigation Budget Program on page D-301 of the County of Santa Barbara Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 adopted budget, and is fully supported by funds in the Fund. Administration of the Fund includes preparation of the annual status report; solicitation and evaluation of grant proposals and recommendation of grant awards to the Board of Supervisors; preparation, monitor and enforcement of grant contracts; preparation and monitor of the Fund's budget; and reassessment of Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund fees.

Key Contract Risks:

Risk analysis of the contract in Attachment A determined that this contract would be a low risk: the contract amount is \$100,000 or less; the performance period is less than two years; the complexity of the contract requirements are low; and the contract is not controversial.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board will forward a copy of the contract (including Exhibits A and B of the contract) to Kathy McNeal Pfeifer of the Planning and Development Department, Energy, Minerals & Compliance Division, who will mail a copy of the contract to the grantee and request the Auditor Controller to pay the contract award.

Attachments:

A: Contract with the Lompoc Unified School District

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Attachment A

Contract with the Lompoc Unified School District