



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Planning and
Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: March 21, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5 Vote Required

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Lisa Plowman, 805.568.2086
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Fish and Wildlife Commission Grant Awards

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- a) Approve and authorize the Director of Planning and Development to award grants to International Bird Rescue, Channel Islands Restoration, and Friends of Mission Canyon, Inc. (Attachment 1);
- b) Approve Budget Revision Request No. 0008750 to establish appropriations of \$15,000 for FY 2022-23's services and supplies funded by restricted fund balance (4/5 Vote Required); and
- c) Determine that the award of Fish and Wildlife Commission Grant funds is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the State Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Summary Text:

The County Fish and Wildlife Commission reviewed the attached grant requests at their December 7, 2022 meeting, and recommends that the Board approve full funding for the "Resolving Negative Human-Wildlife Interactions in Santa Barbara County," "San Marcos Foothills Infrastructure Improvement, Docent Program, and Environmental Monitoring," and "Upper Mission Creek Habitat In-Stream Flow Water Augmentation 2021-2023" projects, with the total requested amount being \$28,844.20. This expenditure is fully funded by Fish and Wildlife fine revenues. The adopted 2022-23 Fiscal Year Budget for the Fish and Wildlife Fund provides for these expenditures. These grants are permissible expenditures pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 13103. County Resolution 75-207 authorizes the Fish and Wildlife Commission to advise your Board on fish and wildlife matters and make recommendations to

your Board on proposals from individuals and organizations for the expenditures of fish and wildlife fine revenues.

Background:

The County Fish and Wildlife Commission, established by Resolution 75-207 and amended by Resolution 16-12, is comprised of nine members: five appointed by the Board of Supervisors, three considered qualified in fish and game matters and nominated by specific organizations, and one commercial fisher. State law limits how revenues from Fish and Wildlife fines may be expended. Under State law, funds can be expended only for specific purposes, including, but not limited to, temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife and improvement of fish and wildlife habitat. In their December 7, 2022 meeting, the Fish and Wildlife Commission discussed the merits of these proposals. The grants for consideration have satisfied statutory requirements. Below is a summary of the proposed grants; full grant application material is provided in Attachment 1.

Project	Amount Requested	Recommended Amount	Project Description
Resolving Negative Human-Wildlife Interactions in Santa Barbara County	\$14,500.00	\$14,500.00	Rescue and rehabilitate aquatic birds.
San Marcos Foothills Infrastructure Improvement, Docent Program, and Environmental Monitoring	\$6,003.00	\$6,003.00	Trail maintenance, initiate a wetland habitat restoration project, and volunteer docent program.
Upper Mission Creek Habitat In-Stream Flow Water Augmentation Project 2021-2023	\$8,341.20	\$8,341.20	Project adds to in-stream surface water flows in Mission Creek during periods of critically low water flow in 2021 to 2023 to sustain populations of rare and endangered fish and wildlife.

The County Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends that the Board approves funding the grant requests found in Attachment 1. The total requested amount is \$28,844.20, and the Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends approval of a total of \$28,844.20, and is fully funded by restricted Fish and Wildlife fine revenues. These grants provide funding for a variety of community based educational programs that focus on fish and wildlife and other expenditures authorized by Fish and Game Code Section 13103.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No **Fiscal Analysis:**

	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			\$ 28,844.20
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,844.20

Fish and Wildlife fine revenues are maintained in the Fish and Wildlife Special Revenue Fund, #0041. Annual revenues to the fund range from \$5,000 to \$8,000, and the Fund currently has a balance of approximately \$805,200. Funding for the proposed grant expenditures are available in Fund 0041 restricted fund balance. The Budget Revision Request included as Attachment 2 transfers the necessary appropriations from Fund 0041 restricted fund balance to the Special Departmental Expense Line Item for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget from which the grant awardees can be paid. Administrative support costs, including the preparation of this report, are offset by funding from the Fish and Wildlife Fund. If awarded a Fish and Wildlife project grant, no future funding commitment is required for maintenance or operational costs related to these projects.

Staffing Impacts:

No additional staffing is needed to implement and manage this Agreement.

Special Instructions:

None

Attachments:

1. Grant Application Forms
2. Budget Revision Request 0008750

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