



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Department Name: Fire  
Department No.: 031  
For Agenda Of: April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Eric Peterson, Fire Chief x5500  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Rob Heckman, Deputy Chief x5501  
**SUBJECT:** Grant Agreement #5GS14145 between the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) and the Santa Barbara County Fire Department

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. To approve the attached (Attachment 2) resolution authorizing the Fire Chief to approve and execute an agreement (Attachment 1) with the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for the acceptance of \$326,054 of grant funds to implement a defensible space project in the area designated by the agreement during the period beginning May 1, 2015 through March 15, 2017.
2. Determine that the above action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(h) - maintenance of native growth and Section 15304(i) - fuel management activities.

**Summary Text:**

The agreement allows the Santa Barbara County Fire Department to use \$326,054.00 in State grant money to execute the "Santa Barbara Foothill Community Defensible Space Project". This project is consistent with both the Santa Barbara County Unit Strategic Fire Plan and the Mission Canyon Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

**Background:**

The goal of the project is to create and increase defensible space around the critical interface zone of the communities within the project area. This project will complete all fuel treatment goals outlined in the Mission Canyon Community Wildfire Protection Plan and will complete and expand upon projects identified in the SBC Strategic Unit Fire Plan.

The project objectives consist of using handcrews to complete 10 fuel reduction treatments strategically located along the interface border and also along critical transportation corridors. The proposed treatment areas will enhance and complement private efforts completed by residents. The final result will be a continuous fuelbreak along the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) perimeter with greatly improved access/egress.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

None related to this action.

**Special Instructions:**

Upon Board approval and execution, the Clerk is asked to please return a copy of the minute order and duplicate original resolution to the Fire Department, Attention: Courtney Stockton, courtney.stockton@sbcfire.com or (805) 681-5552.

**Attachments:**

1. Santa Barbara Foothill Community Defensible Space Project Grant Agreement #5GS14145
2. Resolution

**Authored by:**

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**cc:**