

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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## Agenda Number:

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**Department Name:** Planning & Development  
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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Dianne Meester, Assistant Director  
Planning & Development

**STAFF**

**CONTACT:** Kathy McNeal Pfeifer, 568-2507

**SUBJECT:** Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) – Grant Contract

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## Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors executes the attached CREF contract (BC-06-080) with the Growing Solutions Restoration Education Institute to install a seed processing facility and a demonstration garden, in the amount of \$10,000 for the period of December 13, 2005 to March 15, 2006.

## Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation aligns with Goal No. 5. A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

## Executive Summary and Discussion:

In December of 2004, the Board of Supervisors awarded the Growing Solutions Restoration Education Institute a \$10,000 CREF grant to install: (a) a seed processing and storage facility in one of the existing buildings at the Summerland Greenwell Preserve; and (b) an approximate 20' x 40' demonstration garden of local coastal native plant species. Growing Solutions matches the CREF grant with \$4,760 from private donations and \$5,870 as in-kind services; Growing Solutions is ready to implement this project.

## Mandates and Service Levels:

Mitigation of impacts to coastal resources from offshore oil and gas development is required as a condition of permits on five projects located in Santa Barbara County. Mitigation funds are deposited in the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF). Annually, the Board authorizes the distribution of CREF monies to specific projects approved by the Board. There are no changes in service level as a result of this agreement.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

No fiscal and facilities impacts. The Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund is funded by mitigation fees paid by developers of offshore oil and gas reserves. Fees to fund this grant were received in FY 04-05 and are included in the Energy Division's FY 05-06 budget (page D-304) "Source of Funds Summary – Use of Prior Fund Balances." Staff costs to prepare this agreement have been offset by interest accrued to the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund. The \$10,000 for the Growing Solutions' project is expended from Fund #0063, Department #053, Program #5090, Account #7863, Project #0503. These expenditures are budgeted under "Use of Funds Summary – Mitigation Programs" in the Energy Division's FY 05-06 budget on page D-304.

**Special Instructions:**

Clerk of the Board will forward a copy of the agreement to Kathy McNeal Pfeifer of the Planning and Development Department, Energy Division, who will mail a copy of the agreement to the grantee and request the Auditor Controller to pay the award.

**Concurrence:**

County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller  
Risk Manager

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