

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** April 12, 2006  
**Department Name:** Parks  
**Department No.:** 052  
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**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Terri Maus-Nisich  
Interim Parks Director

**STAFF CONTACT:** Jeff Stone  
North County Deputy Parks Director (934-6145)

**SUBJECT:** Allocation of \$60,000 from Chevron Mitigation Fee Funds for Development of Secondary Water Supply and Well for Jalama Beach County Park; Third Supervisorial District

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## **Recommendation:**

That the Board of Supervisors approve a budget revision to appropriate \$60,000 from Chevron mitigation fee funds, which are held in the Lompoc Development Fee Trust Fund (#1407), for the development of a secondary water supply and well located on Vandenberg Air Force Base to serve Jalama Beach County Park.

## **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:**

Water service for Jalama Beach County Park is currently provided through an existing horizontal well located on Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB). The spring water is gravity fed through a pipeline to supply tanks and then travels through water supply lines by gravity flow to the park. This well has been utilized by the park since the early 1980s and has been a dependable source of water for the park. In recent years, during periods of low rainfall and drought conditions, the well has been unable to supply the water demands of the park and it became necessary to truck water into the park for the public's use. Depending on the time frame involved, trucking of water to the park can become quite costly and necessitates limiting water use by utilizing chemical toilets and limiting the hours of the shower building. These measures have a direct impact on the quality of the camping experience for park customers.

During the past year, the Parks Department has been negotiating with VAFB to utilize an abandoned well located on base property for development of a supplemental water supply for the park. The County's Real

Property Division has also been working with VAFB on an agreement that would include easements for the well and delivery of water to the park. A well test has been conducted, which provided assurance that the well is capable of meeting the current needs of the park as well as any future expansion requirements.

Staff estimates the total cost of this project will be approximately \$60,000, which includes the survey, well development, pumping, delivery and all other associated costs. The Parks Department applied for, and was denied, Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) funding for this project during the last CREF cycle.

In 1988, the Chevron Corporation made a \$500,000 payment to the County as a recreational impact mitigation fee for its Point Arguello offshore development project (three oil platforms) off the coast in the vicinity of Jalama Beach. These funds were specifically designated for use at Jalama Beach County Park. The funds were deposited into the existing Lompoc Development Fee Trust Fund (#1407) and have been tracked and accounted for separately within this Trust Fund since that time. Over the years, these funds have been utilized for various park improvement projects at Jalama Beach. The current balance remaining from the original \$500,000 Chevron mitigation fee payment is \$151,903. It is therefore recommended that \$60,000 of this remaining balance be allocated to the water supply and well at Jalama Beach. The Park Commission approved this request at its January 26, 2006 meeting.

#### **Mandates and Service Levels:**

There are no mandates or changes in service levels.

#### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The funding requested for this project (\$60,000) is available from the remaining balance of Chevron mitigation fee funds held in the Lompoc Development Fee Trust Fund (#1407). Use of the Chevron mitigation fee funds is restricted to park or recreational facilities at Jalama Beach County Park. The current balance of Chevron mitigation fee funds on deposit is \$151,903. Approval of this request will reduce the balance to \$91,903.

There is no impact on facilities that will result in any additional ongoing costs for the Parks Department. There will be an ongoing annual savings of \$2,500 - \$3,500 due to the discontinuation of trucking water to the park once the secondary water supply and well has been completed.

#### **Special Instructions:**

Clerk of the Board to provide a copy of the minute order to the Parks Department/Administration, Attn: Mike Gibson

#### **Concurrence:**

Park Commission – January 26, 2006  
Auditor-Controller

