

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jason Stilwell
Director of Parks

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SUBJECT: Construction of Siesmic Upgrades and Restroom Improvements to the Summerland / Greenwell Preserve Buildings, County Project No. DG0033, First Supervisorial District

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Director of Parks to advertise for construction bids for seismic upgrades and restroom improvements to the Summerland/ Greenwell Preserve Buildings, County Project No. DG0033.

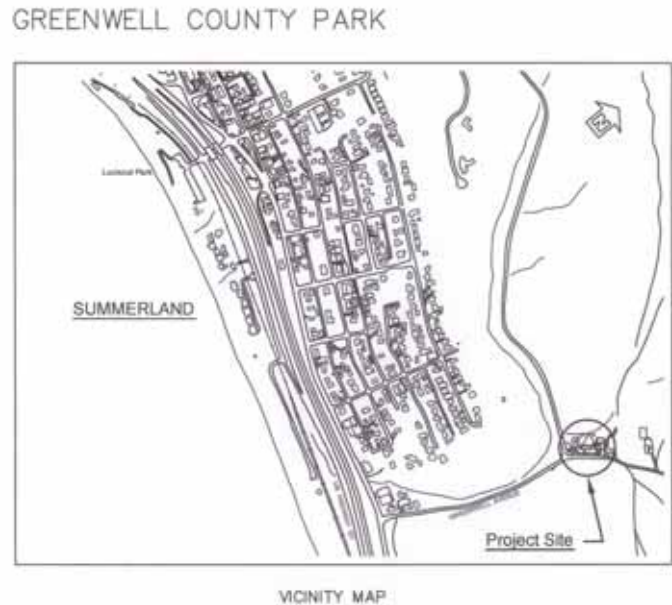
Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit and with Goal No. 5. A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The County owns approximately two acres at the corner of Greenwell and Asegra Road, in the community of Summerland. The parcel was previously used by Public Works as a County road yard until 1998 at which time County Parks entered into a lease agreement with the Summerland Citizen's Association (SCA) to fund the development, operation and maintenance of the site as a passive preserve. The Summerland/Greenwell Preserve subcommittee of SCA has been actively involved in the creation of the preserve which includes the ongoing conversion of two existing buildings to community uses, the removal of buildings and paved areas and the creation of a passive recreational area. The site now includes a small parking area for cars and equestrian trailers as a trail head into the coastal foothills in and around the community. A demonstration native species planting area with walking trails is under development as well as on-going restoration efforts to enhance the existing creek which runs through the property. Grant funds have been obtained in the past from CREF, AB1431 and Coastal Conservancy towards these efforts.

The large existing “barn” building is currently only permitted (under the building code) for vehicle and storage use. This use limits SCA’s ability to utilize the building as a public gathering site for planting workshops and classes, plant propagation for on-going habitat restoration or other preserve related activities until such time that the building is remodeled to meet building code requirements for public gatherings. The seismic upgrade project includes structural upgrades to the building, required by the building code to allow public use of the building as mentioned. The project also includes the installation of two restrooms within the building for use by the SCA groups who manage and operate the premises. A smaller building on the site, previously used for file and material storage will also be structurally upgraded to allow for additional community meeting space for SCA and affiliated community groups (Montecito Trails Foundation, Carpinteria Valley Association, Summerland Board of Architectural Review).



The “Notice to Contractors” for this project will be published prior to the date set for the opening of bids. Sealed proposals to construct this project will be received at the County Parks Administration Office, 610 Mission Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105 at a date to be determined and will be opened publicly and read aloud.

This project received development permits and CEQA approval as part of the overall preserve restoration project in 1997.

Mandates and Service Levels: No mandates or impacts to service levels with this actions. The SCA is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the premises under an existing lease agreement with the County.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: This project will be funded with County Service Area 11 funds specifically designated for this project as a result of the dissolved Summerland Lighting District. Funds are budgeted within County Parks Accumulative Capital Outlay Budget, Fund 0030.

Special Instructions: Clerk of the Board to provide a copy of the minute order to County Parks, attn, Coleen Lund.

This Board letter was prepared by Coleen Lund, Project Manager, 568-2470.

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