

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Val Alexeeff, Director
Planning & Development

STAFF CONTACT: Kathy McNeal Pfeifer, 568-2507

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

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors executes the attached CREF contract (BC-04-115) with the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County to restore and enhance specific areas within the Carpinteria Salt Marsh, in the amount of \$50,000 for the period of January 6, 2004 to February 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 2002, the Board of Supervisors awarded the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County a \$50,000 CREF grant to restore and enhance the 31 acres of the Carpinteria Salt Marsh that the Land Trust owns: 17 acres within Basin I and the 14-acre South Marsh. The Land Trust secured an additional \$1,653,650 and is ready to embark on this extensive 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. Mitigation is provided through the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund. 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. Staff costs to prepare this agreement have been offset by interest accrued to the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund. The \$50,000 for the Land Trust's restoration project is expended from Fund #0063, Department #053, Program #5090, Account #7863, Project #0303. The CREF program is part of the mitigation program within the Energy Division Cost Center on page D-298 in the Planning & Development Department's section of the County's Budget F03/04.

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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