

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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STAFF

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

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors execute the attached CREF contract (BC-05-148), in the amount of \$99,000, with the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum to design, fabricate and install an exhibit, entitled the Ocean Supermarket, at the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum's new location.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

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

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On May 14, 2002, the Board of Supervisors entered into a contract (BC-02-167), in the amount of \$20,000, with the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum to be used towards designing, fabricating and installing an exhibit, entitled Ocean Supermarket. While the Museum was designing the exhibit, it decided to move and expand the Discovery Museum. The Museum's design consultant for the new location subsequently informed the Museum of improvements that would enhance the Ocean Supermarket exhibit, increasing the exhibit costs from \$28,000 to \$105,778.

In December of 2004, the Board of Supervisors awarded the Museum an additional \$79,000 towards the revised Ocean Supermarket exhibit. The interactive exhibit will inform visitors about the marine food chain and the variety of everyday food and items that come from the ocean. The Museum has opened the Discovery Museum in the new location and has commenced the design phase for the Ocean Supermarket exhibit.

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 County has already paid the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum \$20,000 of the \$99,000 contract amount; the remaining \$79,000 is expended from Fund #0063, Department #053, Program #5090, Account #7863, Project #0512. The CREF program is part of the mitigation program within the Energy Division Cost Center on page D-300 in the Planning & Development Department's section of the County's Budget F04/05.

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 Museum and request the Auditor Controller to pay the remaining \$79,000 grant.

Concurrence:

County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Risk Manager

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