



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 052
For Agenda Of: October 17, 2017
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department George Chapjian, Community Services Director (805) 568-2467
Director:
Contact Info: Jill Van Wie, Program & Project Business Leader (805) 568-2470
SUBJECT: Grant Applications to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation for the Fireside Amphitheater Renovation and the Marina Overlook Interpretive Station at Cachuma Lake; Third Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Authorize the Director of the Community Services Department, or designee, to apply for grants from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) for the Fireside Amphitheater Renovation and the Marina Overlook Interpretive Station at Cachuma Lake by submitting the grant applications, including all required attachments and supporting documentation;
- b) Adopt and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the attached Resolutions for authorizations by and designations of the Director of Community Services Department, or designee, as part of the OGALS applications for the Cachuma Fireside Amphitheater Renovations (Attachment A) and the Cachuma Marina Overlook Interpretive Station (Attachment B);
- c) Authorize the Director of Community Services Department, or designee, to execute and submit Grant Agreements in a form substantially similar to the attached OGALS sample grant agreement as shown in the Grant Administration Guide (Attachment C) and upon review and concurrence of County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, and Risk Manager or their designee if the OGALS grant is awarded; and
- d) Determine that the above recommended actions are not the approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the actions are creation of government

funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (Attachment D).

Summary Text:

Santa Barbara County Parks Division seeks up to \$695,000 in funding from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) for the Fireside Amphitheater Renovation and the Marina Interpretive Overlook Station at Cachuma Lake. Submission of the two OGALS grant applications would assist in providing funding for improved and new outdoor environmental education facilities. The grant application for the Cachuma Fireside Amphitheater Renovation is in the amount of \$375,000 and would provide upgrades and ADA improvements to the outdoor education facility that was built in the 1950's. The grant application for the Cachuma Marina Overlook Interpretive Station is in the amount of \$320,000 and would provide a new outdoor educational area at the marina with interpretive panels, walkways, benches and a shade cover.

Background:

Located off Highway 154 in the Santa Ynez Valley, Cachuma Lake has a shoreline of 42 miles and was formed by the construction of Bradbury Dam in 1953 by the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). Cachuma Lake is still owned by the BOR, and has been managed by the County of Santa Barbara since 1953 through management agreements that recur approximately every 20 to 25 years. The current 25 year management agreement was executed in 2012. Cachuma Lake serves over 400,000 visitors a year, and provides day use and overnight services, as well as boating services and nature cruises.

Santa Barbara County Parks Division plans to seek approximately \$695,000 in funding through this grant opportunity to improve and install outdoor environmental education facilities at Cachuma Lake. If the \$375,000 grant to renovate the Cachuma Fireside Amphitheater is awarded, the existing amphitheater would be demolished and the stage, backdrop and seating areas would be reconstructed for improved ADA upgrades and access. Minor native landscape improvements, a campfire-pit, lighting and an equipment booth would be added, as well as the purchase of new film projection and sound equipment. If the \$320,000 grant to construct the Cachuma Marina Overlook Interpretive Station is awarded, a cement pad, canopied structure and seating area will create a protected, comfortable place to gather. Interpretive signs will promote environmental education and awareness, enhancing an outdoor area with high visitation. Grants would be matched with staff project management time and design.

Risk:

Not applying for or receiving a grant is a lost opportunity for funding for facility improvements at Cachuma Lake.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

N/A

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution Approving the Application for Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities Grant Funds for the Cachuma Fireside Amphitheater Renovation
- Attachment B: Resolution Approving the Application for Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities Grant Funds for the Cachuma Marina Interpretive Overlook Station

Attachment C: Sample Grant Agreement as shown in the Grant Administration Guide

Attachment D: CEQA Notice of Exemption

Special Instructions:

After Board action, please distribute the Resolutions (one original each) and Minute Order to Jill Van Wie, Community Services Department, Parks Division.