



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Planning and
Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: April 19, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Fish and Wildlife Commission Grant Awards

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- A) Approve and authorize the Director of Planning and Development to award grants to local non-profit groups recommended by the County Fish and Wildlife Commission (Exhibit A).
- B) Determine that the award of Fish and Wildlife Commission Grant funds is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b) (3) and 15378 (b) (4) of the State Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (Exhibit B).

Summary Text: The County Fish and Wildlife Commission reviewed the attached grant requests at their January 28, 2016 meeting and recommends that the Board approve funding for these proposals. The total requested amount is \$3,300, and is fully funded by Fish and Wildlife fine revenues. The adopted 2015-17 Fiscal Year Budget for the Fish and Wildlife Fund provides for these expenditures. These grants provide funding for a variety of community based educational programs that focus on fish and wildlife and other expenditures authorized by Fish and Game Code Section 13103. County Resolution 75-207 authorizes the Fish and Wildlife Commission to advise your Board on fish and game matters and make recommendations to your Board on proposals from individuals and organizations for the expenditures of fish and game fine revenues.

Background:

The County Fish and Wildlife Commission, established by Resolution 75-207 and recently amended by Resolution 16-12, is comprised of nine members: five appointed by the Board of Supervisors, three from local sportsmen's associations and one commercial fisher. State law limits how revenues from Fish and Wildlife fines may be expended. Under State law, funds can be expended only for specific purposes,

including, but not limited to, facilitating enforcement of the code and education (Fish & Game Code § 13103). In their January 28, 2016 meeting, the Fish and Wildlife Commission discussed the merits of each proposal and the organization that was requesting the funding. Each request was fully supported by the Fish and Wildlife Commission. The three grants for consideration have satisfied statutory requirements. Below is a summary of the grants, full grant applications materials are provided in Exhibit A.

Name of Organization Requesting Grant	Amount Requested	Project Description
CalTIP Rewards Committee of California Wildlife Officers Foundation CalTIP Rewards Committee	\$500.00	The CalTIP Rewards Committee works with the Department of Fish and Wildlife’s CalTIP secret witness program by providing rewards to those who report wildlife crimes. The CalTIP program provides extra eyes and ears by enlisting citizens to report what they see. Rewards are based on whether the information was critical in making the case, the seriousness of the crime, whether the party put himself at risk, and the species impacted.
Debra Takayama Memorial Junior Pheasant Hunt (DTMJPH) Debra Takayama Memorial Junior Pheasant Hunt	\$1,800.00	The DTMJPH program is designed as an entry-level experience for new hunters and endeavors to educate junior hunters as to the role of hunters in the conservation of California’s wildlife, including those found in Santa Barbara County. Participants will receive follow-up training on proper firearm safety and trap shooting, an introduction to archery, refresher training with air rifles, and attend a wildlife conservation class taught by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife personnel. An introductory fishing class has been arranged for the 2016 DTMJPH.
Seafaring Opportunities For Those In Need (SOFTIN) At-Sea Educational Adventures for Special Needs People	\$1,000.00	During educational excursions, special needs people are taught about matters that relate to the outreach goals of the Commission, e.g. skills for subsistence/recreational fishing, utilizing ethical angling practices, identification of marine mammals, shore and sea birds, fish and plants, how sports men and women fund the wildlife management process by paying biologists and wardens to shape and enforce wildlife management, and how we are the stewards of wild places through marine debris prevention/cleaning and water quality management.

Performance Measure: N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Budgeted: Yes

Fish and Wildlife fine revenue is held in the Fish and Wildlife Fund, #0041. Annual revenues to the fund range from \$6,000 to \$10,000, and the fund currently has a balance of approximately \$88,000. Funding for the proposed grant expenditures is fully offset by fine revenue and is budgeted in the Administration & Support Budget Program on page D-287 of the 2015-17 budget. Administrative support costs, including the preparation of this report, are offset by \$1,000 of Fish and Wildlife funds each year.

Staffing Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

None

Exhibits:

- A. Grant Application Forms
- B. CEQA Exemption

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