



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Clerk of the Board of  
Supervisors  
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**Agenda Number:**

**Submitted on:  
(COB Stamp)**

**Department Name:** Planning &  
Development  
**Department No.:** 053  
**For Agenda Of:** June 17, 2014  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Planning and Development  
Director(s) Glenn Russell, Ph.D., Director, 568-2085

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**SUBJECT:** Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) Grant Contracts – First and Third  
Districts

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**County Counsel Concurrence:**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence:**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Authorize the Chair to execute the attached Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) contract with Channel Islands Restoration, for the period of June 17, 2014 to March 1, 2016, in the amount of \$30,901, for the Santa Barbara Zoo Wetland Margin Enhancement Project, located in Santa Barbara, in the First Supervisorial District (Attachment A).
- B. Authorize the Chair to execute the attached CREF contract with the Lompoc Unified School District, for the period of June 17, 2014 to December 15, 2014, in the amount of \$75,000, to install new exhibits at the Cabrillo High School Aquarium, located in Vandenberg Village near Lompoc, in the Third Supervisorial District (Attachment B).
- C. Authorize the Chair to execute the attached CREF contract with the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center, for the period of June 17, 2014 to March 1, 2016, in the amount of \$80,000, towards the

Sphinx Excavation, Restoration, and Exhibition project, located in the City of Guadalupe, in the Third Supervisorial District (Attachment C).

- D. Determine that the allocation of the CREF grant for the Cabrillo High School Aquarium exhibits is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301(a) of the State Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (Attachment D).

**Summary Text:**

Santa Barbara Zoo Wetland Margin Enhancement Project. The Channel Islands Restoration would use the \$30,901 Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) grant to restore 1.4 acres in between the Santa Barbara Zoo and the Andree Clark Bird Refuge. The total restoration costs are approximately \$120,000, and the grantee secured an additional \$88,900. The City of Santa Barbara exempted the project from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as defined in Section 15333 – Small Habitat Restoration Projects – in the State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA (Attachment E).

Cabrillo High School Aquarium Exhibits. The Lompoc Unified School District would use the \$75,000 CREF grant to expand the Aquarium space by 1,776 square feet and install two new exhibits. The total project costs are approximately \$85,000, and the grantee secured an additional \$10,000. The project would be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as defined in Section 15301(a) – Existing Facilities – in the State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA (Attachment D).

Sphinx Excavation, Restoration, and Exhibition Project. The Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center would use the \$80,000 CREF grant to excavate a plastered sphinx body, which is partially buried at Guadalupe Dunes and was from *The Ten Commandments* 1923 movie set. The grantee would restore the sphinx and display the sphinx in an exhibit at the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center. The total project costs are \$118,244 and the grantee has secured an additional \$38,244 from various sources. The County of Santa Barbara permitted the project in 2011 and exempted the project from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as defined in Section 15331 – Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation – in the State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA (Attachment F).

**Background:**

At the March 4, 2014 Board of Supervisors hearing, the Board of Supervisors awarded 12 Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) grants from the 2014 CREF cycle, including the three subject grants:

- \$30,901 to the Channel Islands Restoration towards the final phase of its Santa Barbara Zoo Wetland Margin Enhancement Project.
- \$75,000 to the Lompoc Unified School District towards new exhibits at its Cabrillo High School Aquarium.
- \$80,000 to the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center towards its Sphinx Excavation, Restoration, and Exhibition project.

The three contracts (Attachments A, B, and C) execute the three grants described above.

Mitigation of impacts to coastal resources from offshore oil and gas development is required as a condition of permits on three projects. Mitigation is provided through the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Grants Costs</u></b>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other: CREF			\$ 185,901.00
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 185,901.00

No fiscal and facilities impacts. The Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund is funded by annual mitigation fees paid by developers of offshore oil and gas reserves. Fees to fund a grant were received in FY 13-14 and are included in the County’s FY 13/14 Budget on page D-168 “Source of Funds Summary – Use of Prior Fund Balances.” The \$30,901, \$75,000, and \$80,000 are expended from Fund #0063, Dept. #053, Program #5090, Account #7863, Project #1401, Project #1410, and Project #1411, respectively. Administration of CREF is budgeted at \$23,875 for FY 13/14.

**Special Instructions:**

Clerk of the Board will forward copies of the contracts to Gloria Kelm of the Planning and Development Department, Energy & Minerals Division, who will mail a copy of each contract to the respective grantees and request the Auditor Controller to pay the awards.

**Attachments:**

- A: Contract with Channel Islands Restoration
- B: Contract with the Lompoc Unified School District
- C: Contract with the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center
- D: Notice of Exemption for the Santa Barbara Zoo Wetland Margin Enhancement Project
- E: Notice of Exemption for the Cabrillo High School Aquarium Exhibits
- F: Notice of Exemption for the Sphinx Excavation, Restoration, and Exhibition Project

## Attachment A

Contract with Channel Islands Restoration

## Attachment B

Contract with the Lompoc Unified School District

## Attachment C

Contract with the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center

## Attachment D

Notice of Exemption  
for the Lompoc Unified School District's  
Cabrillo High School Aquarium Exhibits

## Attachment E

Notice of Exemption  
for the Channel Islands Restoration's  
Santa Barbara Zoo Wetland Margin Enhancement Project



## Attachment F

Notice of Exemption  
for the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center's  
Sphinx Excavation, Restoration, and Exhibition Project