



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Department Name:** Community Services  
**Department No.:** 052  
**For Agenda Of:** January 20, 2015  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:** N/A  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Renee E. Bahl, Interim Community Services Director (805)568-2467  
Director:  
Contact Info: Jill Van Wie, Program & Project Business Leader (805) 568-2470  
**SUBJECT: Playground Equipment Procurement**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** Purchasing

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Authorize the County Purchasing Agent to procure a total of two playground structures, one for Santa Ynez Park and one for Falcon Open Space, based on competitive bids completed by other California government agencies and waive competitive bidding by the County of Santa Barbara pursuant to County Code § 2-39; and
- b) Determine that the procurement is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15303 of the State Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA, which consists of construction or location of new, small facilities or structures and installation of new equipment, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (Attachment 1).

**Summary Text:**

Pursuant to County Code Section 2-39, the Community Services Department is requesting that the Board of Supervisors authorize the County Purchasing Agent to procure two playground structures utilizing competitive bids for the same equipment conducted by another California governmental entity, Colton Joint Unified School District. The recommended action will allow the Community Services Department to obtain two playground structures, one for Santa Ynez Park and one for Falcon Open Space, resulting in efficiencies with part replacement, maintenance and safety. Once procured, the playground structures will be installed by a local vendor.

**Background:**

The utilization of “piggybacking” purchases creates efficiencies in the purchasing process by eliminating redundant bidding processes and timeliness for equipment that have already gone through a competitive bid pursuant to California Public Contract Code 10298. In addition, there is often a cost benefit due to favorable pricing derived from competitive bids conducted by larger governmental agencies that purchase a larger volume of equipment over multiple years. When available, the Community Services Department has, for several years, purchased equipment by “piggybacking” on competitive bids by other governmental agencies.

**Risk:**

The contract terms for procurement apply standard public works contract terms and conditions in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and other laws and regulations governing public projects in the State of California. Not procuring the equipment utilizing the competitive bidding process of another California government agency could result in a potential 15-20% increase in costs to the County for each playground structure procured.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Quimby Fund 1401 (Santa Ynez Valley)	\$	31,000.00		\$	31,000.00	
Quimby Fund 1402 (Lompoc)	\$	29,000.00		\$	29,000.00	
	\$	-		\$	-	
Total	\$	60,000.00	\$	-	\$	60,000.00

Narrative:

The total cost of the playground equipment is \$60,000 and is funded from the Community Services Department, Parks Division fund balance approved by the Board on August 19, 2014.

**Staffing Impacts:**

None

**Special Instructions:**

After Board action, please distribute the Minute Order to Jill Van Wie, Community Services Dpt.

**Attachments:**

1. CEQA Notice of Exemption