



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

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Agenda Number:

Submitted on:
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Department Name: Planning &
Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: November 19, 2019
Placement: Administrative
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Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Lisa Plowman, Director, Planning and Development
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SUBJECT: Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund Grant Contracts – NatureTrack, Lompoc
Unified School District, Santa Barbara Channelkeeper, and Santa Maria Valley
Discovery Museum, All Districts

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. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund contract with the NatureTrack, in the amount of \$13,400, to help purchase a vehicle for NatureTrack's outdoor fieldtrips for K-12 students, for the period of November 19, 2019 to February 1, 2020, All Districts (Attachment A).
- b. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund contract with Lompoc Unified School District, in the amount of \$100,000, to fabricate and install an Interactive Tidepool exhibit for its Cabrillo High School Aquarium, for the period of November 19, 2019 to July 1, 2020, Third District (Attachment B).
- c. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund contract with Santa Barbara Channelkeeper, in the amount of \$4,000, to prepare supplemental

educational curriculum for its Seafari Program, for the period of November 19, 2019 to February 15, 2021, First, Second and Third Districts (Attachment C).

- d. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund contract with Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum, in the amount of \$25,000, to fabricate and install a Coastal Pier of the Central Coast exhibit, for the period of November 19, 2019 to June 1, 2020, Fifth District (Attachment D).
- e. Approve and authorize the Director of Planning and Development, or designee, to:
 - i. extend performance in accordance with Section 3 of the four contracts (Attachments A, B, C, and D) for up to and not to exceed a period of one year for good cause;
 - ii. to approve project changes in accordance with Section 5 of the four contracts, including changes to project descriptions, reduction in the overall project budgets or change in budget items of 10 percent or more; and
 - iii. to terminate the contracts in accordance with Section 4 and Section 15 of the three contracts (Attachments B, C and D) and Section 4 and Section 14 of one contract (Attachment A) for failure of Grantees to provide matching funds/in-kind services.
- f. Determine that the allocations of the CREF grants are exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the State Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Summary Text:

Recommended Actions a - e. NatureTrack would use the \$13,400 Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) grant to purchase half the cost of a vehicle for NatureTrack's outdoor fieldtrips for K-12 students. With an additional vehicle, NatureTrack is able to provide more students with outdoor field trips. NatureTrack plans to add more north county students/schools throughout the 2019-20 school year. The new vehicle would be wrapped with the NatureTrack logo and installed with shelving to hold field trip equipment. The total project costs are \$26,700, and NatureTrack secured the additional \$13,300 through a donation and in-kind services. Attachment A contains this contract.

The Lompoc Unified School District (LUSD) would use the \$100,000 CREF grant to fabricate and install an Interactive Tidepool exhibit for its popular Cabrillo High School Aquarium. Along with the interactive exhibit, the LUSD would replace the exhibit's life support systems with more efficient filtration. The Cabrillo Aquarium opens its doors to visitors free of charge and hosts over 7,000 visitors annually; the Aquarium has gained state and national recognition. The total cost of the project is \$250,000, and LUSD has secured \$150,000 from various sources. Attachment B contains this contract.

The Santa Barbara Channelkeeper would use the \$4,000 CREF grant to hire a consultant to prepare supplemental educational curriculum for its Seafari Programs. The Programs are educational and live-stream cruises for students and teachers that align with science standards. Specifically, the new curriculum will include pre- and post-cruise lessons and activities, which prepare the students for what they will learn and experience on the cruise beforehand and reinforce and assess what they learned after the cruise. The total cost of the project is \$6,500, and Channelkeeper has secured the remaining \$2,500 from a donation. Attachment C contains this contract.

The Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum (SMVDM) would use the \$25,000 CREF grant to fabricate and install a Coastal Pier of the Central Coast exhibit for its interactive children's museum in Santa Maria. SMVDM originally received the CREF award to fabricate and install marine-themed exhibits in a proposed outdoor learning space at its Museum. However, SMVDM decided not to move forward with

the outdoor learning space due to the cost of an outside gate enclosure. SMVDM requested to use the CREF grant towards a similar marine-themed coastal pier exhibit inside the Museum that keeps with the CREF coastal nexus intent. The total cost of the project is \$27,000, and SMVDM has secured \$2,000 as in-kind services. Attachment D contains this contract.

The contracts included as Attachments A, B C, and D execute the four grants described above. Staff Recommended Action (e) allows for administrative tasks that are minor in nature to be handled by the Director of Planning & Development.

Recommended Action f. Executing CREF contracts does not meet the definition of a “project” pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5). This section exempts government administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Background:

At the June 20, 2017 Board of Supervisors hearing, the Board of Supervisors awarded 10 grants from the 2017 CREF cycle and directed staff to return to the Board with the contractual agreements. The contract in Attachment D executes the 2017 CREF award for the SMVDM’s coastal exhibit described above.

At the June 18, 2019 Board of Supervisors hearing, the Board of Supervisors awarded 8 grants from the combined 2018-19 CREF cycle and directed staff to return to the Board with the contractual agreements. The contracts in Attachments A, B, and C execute the 2018-19 CREF awards for the NatureTrack’s vehicle, LUSD’s interactive exhibit, and Channelkeeper’s Seafari curriculum, all described above.

The County established CREF to mitigate the environmental impacts of offshore oil and gas development and transportation projects. Mitigation is provided through CREF for impacts to four categories of coastal resources: recreation, tourism, aesthetics, and environmentally sensitive resources. The County must ensure that CREF fees are used to mitigate those impacts, according to conditions of approval on projects and the CREF Guidelines.

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Grants Costs</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other: CREF			\$ 142,400.00
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 142,400.00

Budgeted: Yes

The four CREF award contracts in Attachments A, B, C and D do not involve County property or ongoing costs. The contracts associated with CREF awards are funded by mitigation fees paid annually by developers of offshore oil and gas reserves.

CREF creates no fiscal impact on the County general fund budget. Funding for CREF is budgeted in the Coastal Mitigation Budget Program on page D-269 of the County of Santa Barbara Fiscal Year 2019–20

adopted budget, and is fully supported by funds in the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund. Administration of CREF includes updates of the annual status report, solicitation and evaluation of grant proposals and recommendation of grant awards to the Board of Supervisors, preparing, monitoring and enforcement of CREF grant contracts, preparation and monitoring of the CREF budget, reassessing CREF fees, and responding to inquiries.

Key Contract Risks:

Risk analyses of the proposed contracts determined they all would be a low risk: the contract amounts are \$100,000 or less; the performance periods are less than two years; the complexities of the contract requirements are low; and the contracts are not controversial.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board will forward copies of the contracts (including Exhibits A and B of the contracts) to Kathy Pfeifer of the Planning and Development Department, Energy, Minerals & Compliance Division, who will mail copies of the contracts to the grantees and request the Auditor Controller to pay the awards.

Attachments:

- A: Contract with NatureTrack
- B: Contract with the Lompoc Unified School District
- C: Contract with Santa Barbara Channelkeeper
- D: Contract with Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum

Attachment A

Contract with NatureTrack

Attachment B

Contract with the Lompoc Unified School District

Attachment C

Contract with Channelkeeper

Attachment D

Contract with the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum