



**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 15, 2014
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 Game Commission Grant Awards

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

- A) Approve the grants to local non-profit groups recommended by the County Fish and Game Commission (Exhibit A).**
- B) Determine that the award of Fish and Game 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 Game Commission reviewed the attached grant requests at their February 27, 2014 meeting and recommends that the Board approve funding for these proposals. The total requested amount is \$7,744, and is fully funded by Fish and Game fine revenues. The approved 2013-15 Fiscal Year Budget for the Fish and Game Fund provides for these expenditures. These grants provide funding for a variety of community based educational programs that focus on fish and wildlife. County Resolution 75-207 authorizes the Fish and Game 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 Game Commission, established by Resolution 75-207, is comprised of 12 members, five appointed by the Board of Supervisors, six from local sportsmen's associations and one commercial fisher. State law limits how revenues from Fish and Game fines may be expended. Under State law, funds can be expended for educational purposes and for rehabilitation of fish and wildlife

habitat. Five of the six grant proposals in the table below fund educational programs. The sixth grant proposal, South Coast Habitat Restoration, involves the rehabilitation and study of steelhead trout habitat. In their February 27, 2014 meeting, the Fish and Game Commission discussed the merits of each proposal and the organization that was requesting the funding. Each request was fully supported by the Fish and Game Commission. Below is a summary of the grants, full grant applications materials are provided in Attachment A.

Name of Organization Requesting Grant	Amount Requested	Project Description
Santa Barbara Sports Fishing Club	\$1,800.00	This project will give at risk youth at the Los Prietos Boys Camp and Academy the opportunity to earn a rewarding experience. The curriculum will include: the protection of our ocean resources, game wardens to wildlife and fisheries biologists, the importance of obtaining a fishing license and how collected money is spent.
Boys & Girls Club Santa Maria Valley Inc. The Ultimate Journey	\$1,500.00	This eight week program for boys and girls ages 8-12 is focused on education and the importance of the environment, outdoor wildlife and precious natural resources. Weekly sessions explore the importance of the environment by utilizing educational curriculum, discussion and practical activities. The Ultimate Journey ends with an Eagle and Wildlife Cruise and Hike where the students are able to apply their knowledge.
Debra Takayama Memorial Jr. Pheasant Hunt	\$1,700.00	The hunt is hosted on a private ranch where participants interact with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife biologists and wardens. They continue the lessons taught in their Hunter Education classes relating to conservation and safety. Hunter education is a major component of the program and the hunt is attended by the Southern District Hunter Education Coordinator, Lieutenant Mike Norris of the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Junior hunters also attend a class in which some play the role of a conservation officer, and others the role of wildlife law violators.
SOFTIN Inc. At-Sea Educational Adventures for Special Needs people	\$1000.00	This program teaches its special needs students the necessary skills for subsistence and recreational fishing, and the principles of wildlife management. The SOFTIN program emphasizes the use of ethical angling practices, identification of marine mammals, shore and sea birds, and fish and plants species.
The Neal Taylor Nature Center Kids Fishing Workshop	\$930.00	This educational program incorporates the teaching of basic fishing skills, offering an introduction to fish species and their habitat in Cachuma Lake and in the local ocean area, with focused discussion on conservation, catch and release, the care of catch, creating ecological and environmental awareness, and encouraging an appreciation of Cachuma Lake as a precious natural resource. There will be six separate stations where participants will learn skills including

		casting techniques, knots, trout life cycle and behavior, panfish and saltwater fishing, and conservation and ecology.
South Coast Habitat Restoration Monitoring Steelhead Trout Restoration Projects.	\$814.00	The restoration project will purchase time-lapse digital cameras that will be installed and used at voluntary steelhead trout habitat restoration projects in Santa Barbara County. This will allow for better documentation of restoration efforts and tracking migration of steelhead trout. The cameras will allow for documentation of the projects as they are being built, as well as monitoring them post construction in order to evaluate project progress.

Performance Measure: N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other: Fine Revenue	\$ 7,744.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 7,744.00	\$ -	\$ -

Fish and Game fines are held in the Fish and Game Fund, #0041. Funds for grant expenditures were budgeted this fiscal year. The Fish and Game fund currently has a balance of approximately \$33,655, which is sufficient for these proposed expenditures. Annual revenues to the fund range from \$6,000 to \$10,000. The Fish and Game Fund is located on page C-27 of the adopted 2013-15 Fiscal Year budget. Administrative support costs, including the preparation of this report, are offset by \$1,000 of Fish and Game funds each year.

Staffing Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

None

Exhibits:

- A. Grant Application Forms
- B. CEQA Exemption

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