

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 5/13/04
Department Name: Parks
Department No.: 052
Agenda Date: 5/25/04
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Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Terri Maus-Nisich
Parks Director

STAFF CONTACT: Mike Gibson
Business Manager (568-2477)

SUBJECT: Lifeguard Services Contract for Goleta Beach, Arroyo Burro Beach, Jalama Beach, and Cachuma Lake

Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the attached Notice of Exemption pursuant to Sections 15301 and 15311 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). (Post)
2. Execute the agreement with the California Lifesaving Association (CLA) for lifeguard and related services at Goleta Beach, Arroyo Burro Beach, Jalama Beach, and Cachuma Lake for the period of May 26, 2004 to October 31, 2004, in an amount not to exceed \$193,226 with two one-year renewal options, for an amount not to exceed \$208,700 for each of the two subsequent renewal years (2005 and 2006).

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 2 – A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The California Lifesaving Association (CLA) has provided contracted lifeguard and related services at Goleta Beach and Arroyo Burro Beach since 1991. Since 1994, CLA has also provided lifeguard services for the swimming pools at Cachuma Lake. In 2001, CLA also began providing lifeguard service at Jalama Beach.

In addition to providing basic lifeguard services at these locations, CLA also provides for the installation and removal of swim buoys and channel markers at Goleta Beach, Arroyo Burro Beach, Sandyland Cove, Lookout Park, Miramar Beach and Butterfly Beach and performs beach cleaning services at Goleta Beach. Due to an increase in service days requested for Jalama Beach to provide lifeguard service during heavy rip current season (first two weeks in June), the additional cost for liability insurance coverage, as well as inflationary adjustments and increases to the hourly rates for lifeguards and lifeguard supervision, there is a \$49,016 increase in the total amount of the contract (from \$144,210 in 2003 to \$193,226 in 2004). The new contract would allow for two, one-year renewal options for 2005 and 2006, which could be approved by the Parks Director provided the annual amount of the contract does not exceed \$208,700 (representing a 4% annual inflationary adjustment) in either of these two renewal years. Should the proposed contract amount exceed \$208,700 for either of these two renewal years, the contract would be brought back to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Given the cost increase since the last contract period, staff will be exploring more cost-effective alternatives for providing lifeguard service for the next contract period. Such alternatives could include partnering with other agencies (cities, counties, or state), providing services in-house, other contracting opportunities, etc.

The proposed contract is exempt under CEQA, pursuant to Sections 15301 and 15311, in that it involves the placement of seasonal structures (lifeguard towers, swim buoys, and channel markers). The beach cleaning services are also considered an ongoing operational and maintenance activity during the peak use season and occur only along a limited area of the beach west of the pier and within the park boundaries.

Mandates and Service Levels:

There are no mandates or changes in service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The cost of the 2004 lifeguard services contract (\$193,226) is included in the Parks Department's FY 2003-04 adopted budget and FY 2004-05 proposed budget as follows:

Department 052, Fund 0001, Program 0301 (South County Day Use Parks), Line Item Account 7460 – \$95,321

Department 052, Fund 0001, Program 0704 (Jalama Beach Camping Park), Line Item Account 7460 – \$59,919

Department 052, Fund 0001, Program 0703 (Cachuma Lake Camping Park), Line Item Account 7460 – \$37,986

There is no impact to facilities.

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Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board to date stamp and post the attached Notice of Exemption.

Clerk of the Board to forward executed copy of agreement and stamped Notice of Exemption to Parks Department/Administration, Attn.: Mike Gibson.

Concurrence:

Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Risk Management

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Notice of Exemption from CEQA Requirements

Attachment 2 – Proposed Agreement Between Santa Barbara County and the California Lifesaving Association (CLA)

Attachment 3 – Proposal from the California Lifesaving Association (CLA) for 2004 Lifeguard and Related Services