

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 3/2/05
Department Name: Agricultural Commissioner
Department No.: 051
Agenda Date: 3/15/05
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: William D Gillette
Agricultural Commissioner

STAFF CONTACT: David Chang
5600

SUBJECT: Urban Streams Restoration Grant

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors: Adopt a resolution to ratify the application for an Urban Streams Restoration Grant, submitted by the Agricultural Commissioner to the California Department of Water Resources, and authorize the Agricultural Commissioner to accept the grant, if offered, and designate contract manager and fiscal agent for the contract.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 4. A Community that is Economically Vital and Sustainable.

Executive Summary and Discussion: This project proposes to remove *Arundo donax*, from the bed, banks and overbanks of Arroyo Burro Creek primarily on private property belonging to the Stonecreek Homeowners Association and secondarily on other patches located on the creek. The removal of arundo will protect and enhance coastal natural habitat, improve recreational access, improve aesthetics, reduce flood and fire hazard, increase native plant habitat and increase the wildlife diversity.

This project has previously received prior CEQA review and governmental permits as follows. This project has been permitted under Streambed Alteration Agreement # R5-2002-0313 issued to the Agricultural Commissioner's Office on November 14, 2002. The California Department of Fish and Game filed a CEQA Notice of Exemption on the project on November 15, 2002. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers indicated that this project is exempt from a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit on October 11, 2002.

Mandates and Service Levels: The staffing needs for this project include a project manager, agricultural program specialist, and biologists.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: The total revenue from this contract is \$89,350, which will be received during the Fiscal Years 2004/05 and 2005/06 and deposited in Department 051, Fund 0001, Account 4000, Program 2000. A final budget adjustment will be prepared to account for this revenue and associated expenditures.

Special Instructions: Please return a minute order authorizing the Agricultural Commissioner to execute the contract.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF (1) RATIFYING THE APPLICATION)
SUBMITTED BY THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER) RESOLUTION NO.
TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES)
FOR AN URBAN STREAMS RESTORATION GRANT)
AND (2) AUTHORIZING THE AGRICULTURAL)
COMMISSIONER TO ACCEPT THE GRANT)

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources, Division of Planning and Local Assistance, Urban Streams Restoration Program has announced the availability of funds for grants; and

WHEREAS, said grants are intended to help solve flooding and erosion problems in a way that provides environmental enhancement; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara Agricultural Commissioner's Office (Agricultural Commissioner) has concluded that the project proposed for funding with the grant funds would be environmentally beneficial and has submitted an application to the California Department of Water Resources, Division of Planning and Local Assistance, for funding under the Urban Streams Restoration Program; and

WHEREAS, the Stonecreek Homeowners Association supports the application submitted by the Agricultural Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the project has undergone appropriate CEQA review and obtained necessary governmental permits as follows:

- (1) The project has been permitted under Streambed Alteration Agreement # R5-2002-0313 issued to the Agricultural Commissioner's Office on November 14, 2002;
- (2) The California Department of Fish and Game filed a CEQA Notice of Exemption for the project on November 15, 2002; and
- (3) The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers indicated that this project is exempt from a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit on October 11, 2002, and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Commissioner considers the prospects of receiving the grant to be reasonably likely.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara (Board of Supervisors) approves of and ratifies the submittal by the Agricultural Commissioner of the application for funding under the Urban Streams Restoration Program to the California Department of Water Resources, Division of Planning and Local Assistance.

If awarded the grant, the Board of Supervisors:

- (1) Authorizes the Agricultural Commissioner to accept the grant and sign agreements for the administration of the grant;
- (2) Authorizes the Agricultural Program Specialist to act as Project Manager for the project.
- (3) Delegates authority to the Project Manager to manage agreements for the grant and delegates authority to others to provide management and support services required for performance of the work and administration of the agreements.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this ____ day of _____, 2005, by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
SUPERVISORS

ATTEST: CLERK OF THE BOARD OF

BY: _____
Chair, Board of Supervisors

BY: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY: _____
COUNTY COUNSEL