



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 057
For Agenda Of: August 30, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department George Chapjian, Community Services Director (805) 568-2467
Director(s)
Contact Info: Jeff Lindgren, Parks Assistant Director (805) 568-2475
SUBJECT: **Acceptance of Cash Donation of \$100,000 for Hot Springs Trail Staffing.**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Accept a cash donation of up to \$100,000 from neighbors of Hot Springs Trail for the one-time funding of Hot Springs Trail staff and gates; and
- b) Approve Budget Revision Request #0008488 necessary to recognize the value of the donation and adjust current year appropriations; (Attachment A); and
- c) Determine that the above recommended actions are not the approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the project is a creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors to consider accepting a cash donation of up to \$100,000 for use by the Community Services Department, Parks Division to pay for staffing at Hot Springs Trail and potentially pay for construction of a gate to control after-hours parking at the Hot Springs Trailhead. This is one-time funding. The additional staffing would be utilized to educate the public about wild fire danger and that access to the trail and trailhead parking closes at sunset.

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Background:

In 2020 and 2021, the neighbors along the Hot Springs Trail became concerned about high use of the Hot Springs Trail and particularly use of the trail after sunset when the trailhead parking and initial 1/3 mile of Hot Springs Trail is closed. Community Services Parks Staff has met with the Hot Springs Trails neighbors who wish to provide funding to provide additional staffing during the evenings when Parks staff are normally off duty for the day and after sunset when Parks facilities are closed per County Code, Chapter 26.

The donations are to be used to fund additional staffing at Hot Springs Trail whose primary duties will be to educate the public about the wild fire danger in the Hot Springs area and that the County section of trail and trailhead parking are closed at sunset among other responsibilities. Per County Code, Section 26-3.1 staff may also issue citations.

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 15-58, and County policy number D4.1, Acceptance of Gifts by County, require that donations of \$10,000 or more must be accepted by the Board of Supervisors.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budget Journal Entry #0008488 recognizes the value of the donation as revenue to Line Item 5895, Donation Revenue, in the Community Services Department General Fund.

Special Instructions:

After Board action, please distribute one copy of the Minute Order to Jeff Lindgren, Community Services Department.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Budget Revision Request #0008488