SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407 Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 568-2240 Agenda Number:

Prepared on: 5/16/06

Department Name: Agricultural Commissioner

Department No.: 051
Agenda Date: 6/6/06
Placement: Administrative

Estimate Time:

Continued Item: NO If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: William D Gillette

Agricultural Commissioner

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SUBJECT: Capital Improvement Project: North County Office Space Addition

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors approve the attached budget revision request in the amount of \$390,000 for construction of additional office space in the Agricultural Commissioner's Office in Santa Maria.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 1. An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

Construction of additional office space addresses the space need for three new positions, the Oak Tree Specialist, the Agricultural Land Use Planners. There is also a need to provide offices for the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioners and Business Manager who spend a significant amount of time in the North County office. This project is included in the 2006-2011 CIP.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This project would be funded as follows: 1) Designation in the amount of \$110,000 from Designated Accumulated Capital Outlay; 2) Unanticipated departmental revenue from the State (tax paid when pesticides are purchased) in the amount of \$80,000; 3) Transfer \$200,000 from the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) Gap Loan. The total of \$390,000 will be placed in a designation. The designation already contains \$50,000 to be used for this project. Additional funding of \$140,000 has been previously identified in the General Fund Capital Designation. Total funding for this project is \$580,000. The original estimate for this project increased due to a rise in construction costs and costs associated with obtaining an exception to build from US Fish & Wildlife. Please see attached summary of Vehicle License Fee Gap Loan Repayment Uses.

Concurrence:

Assistant CEO and CEO Analyst Auditor-Controller