



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Parks
Department No.: 052
For Agenda Of: May 27, 2008
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Daniel C. Hernandez (568-2461)
Director(s)
Contact Info: Jeff Stone, North County Deputy Parks Director (934-6145)

SUBJECT: Allocation of \$250,000 from the Orcutt Quimby Fee Agency Fund for Preparation of Construction Drawings, Permits and Associated Fees for Phase I of the Orcutt Aquacenter Development Plan; Fourth Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors approve a budget revision to appropriate \$250,000 from the Orcutt Quimby Fee Agency Fund (#1397) for preparation of construction drawings, permits and associated fees for Phase I of the Orcutt Aquacenter development plan.

Summary Text:

The Orcutt Aquacenter, Inc. is a non-profit organization that was created in 1995 for the sole purpose and mission of building a community swimming pool and recreation center for the Orcutt community. In 1998, Mid-State Bank donated a 14.5 acre site on the corner of Union Valley Parkway and Hummel Drive for the proposed pool complex. The donated parcel for the site is consistent with the Orcutt Community Plan and identified with adjacent parcels as the proposed "Union Valley Park" in the planning document. The Aquacenter is anticipated to be constructed in phases with the first phase estimated to cost \$5 million and the total cost estimated at \$17 million.

The Orcutt Aquacenter, Inc. has submitted a request to County Parks for \$250,000 in Quimby funds to assist in preparing construction plans and permit fees for Phase I of the Aquacenter project. It is recommended that this request be approved, which will supplement the organization's fund-raising efforts and allow them to move forward with construction drawings and permits for Phase I of this project.

Background:

Recognizing the need for a public community pool in the unincorporated area of Orcutt, a small group of individuals began meeting in 1992 to consider the possibilities of building a community swimming pool. Their efforts were focused on building, operating and maintaining a public pool in the community of Orcutt. Currently, there is no public pool for the residents of Orcutt. Instead, they rely on the YMCA facility or the Paul Nelson Pool in the City of Santa Maria for swimming activities.

Initial efforts were made to locate the pool at Righetti High School in Santa Maria, with a pool committee operating under the umbrella of the Warrior Booster Club. It was determined that a community pool would receive broader support and a non-profit organization was created in January 1995 under the name Orcutt Aquacenter, Inc. Righetti High School will soon begin construction of a pool funded through a previous bond measure; however this pool will be used almost exclusively for school-related activities.

Established in 1995 as a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organization, the Orcutt Aquacenter, Inc., is governed by a 15-member Board of Directors. In 1998, Mid-State Bank generously donated 14.5 acres of land at the corner of Union Valley Parkway and Hummel Drive for the proposed pool complex. After much review, the project received final approval from the Santa Barbara County Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors in April 2007.

The Orcutt Aquacenter facility will include a 50-meter Olympic size competition swimming pool, a 25-yard indoor recreation pool, a therapy pool, an outdoor water play area with a water slide, a picnic area, and a community building for use by individuals, youth, families, senior citizens and the disabled. Currently, the Orcutt Aquacenter, Inc. is actively seeking grants and other funding sources for the project, the total cost of which is estimated at approximately \$17 million, with Phase I estimated at \$5 million.

The Orcutt Aquacenter, Inc. has submitted a request to County Parks for \$250,000 in Quimby funds to assist in preparing construction plans and permit fees for Phase I of the project. It is recommended that this request be approved, which will supplement the organization’s fund-raising efforts and allow them to move forward with construction drawings and permits for Phase I of this project.

The Santa Barbara County Park Commission approved this funding request at its April 24, 2008 meeting.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

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 (Orcutt Quimby Fee Fund)	\$ 250,000.00		\$ 250,000.00
Other:			
Total	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00

Narrative:

The requested funding (\$250,000) is available from the Orcutt Quimby Fee Agency Fund (#1397). Use of Orcutt Quimby funds are restricted to park and recreational facilities within the Orcutt Quimby and Development Fee Demand Area. The current combined balance in the Orcutt Quimby and Development Fee Agency Funds is \$1,181,694. Approval of this request will reduce the combined balance in these Funds to \$931,694.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions: Clerk of the Board to provide a copy of the minute order to the Parks Department/Administration, Attn: Mike Gibson

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Quimby Funding Request from Orcutt Aquacenter, Inc.

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CC:

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