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SUBJECT: Hearing to Allocate Year 2004 Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund Grants

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Receive staff's recommendations and take public testimony;
- B. Continue this hearing to December 2, 2003 for final action on recommendations C - E;
- C. Approve 15 CREF awards in the 2004 cycle pursuant to staff recommendations contained in the attached staff report and staff recommended preliminary conditions of awards in Appendix A;
- D. Direct staff to prepare the required contractual agreements with grantees, including final grant conditions required, for approval by the Board of Supervisors of the non-County CREF awards;
- E. Extend the 2003 CREF award of \$550,659 towards purchasing seven blufftop properties in Isla Vista to allow the applicant (Planning & Development, Comprehensive Planning Division) to use the award monies prior to allocation of next year's 2005 CREF awards.

NOTE: Staff recommends limiting testimony from each applicant to five minutes. We also suggest that speakers other than applicants be limited to three minutes of testimony per proposal.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 5. Maintain and Enhance the Quality of Life for all Residents.

Executive Summary & Discussion:

A total of \$840,925 is available in the 2004 CREF cycle, \$390,463 of which must be devoted to coastal acquisitions, and \$450,462 of which is available for general allocation and acquisitions.

Please refer to the attached document and its appendices that report on:

- (a) Information on the CREF 2004 cycle,
- (b) Evaluations of CREF proposals for this year,
- (c) Funding recommendations for the CREF 2004 cycle, and
- (d) Past CREF awards.

In addition, staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors extend the 2003 CREF award of \$550,659 towards purchasing seven bluff top properties in Isla Vista to allow the applicant (Planning & Development, Comprehensive Planning Division) to use the award monies prior to allocation of 2005 CREF awards in November of 2004. When awarding the grant in last year's cycle, the Board agreed to reconsider this award during the 2004 CREF cycle if the applicant had not yet entered into escrow with a minimum of two properties by October 15, 2003. This allows the Board to decide if any unused funds from this grant should continue to be devoted to this project. Currently, the entire \$550,659 is not in escrow; however, staff recommends the extension because the applicant has made significant progress in obtaining funds toward purchasing up to seven properties. Negotiations for five of the properties are progressing. There is pending litigation involving the two other properties and more time is needed to conclude these negotiations.

Mandates & Service Levels:

Improvements to County service levels, such as recreational services, would occur should the Board fund such improvements with this year's CREF allocation.

Fiscal & Facilities Impact:

No adverse fiscal and facilities impact. As shown in Table A below, this year's CREF cycle comprises fees paid by five offshore oil and gas projects to mitigate residual impacts to coastal resources. The allocations recommended in this report involve disbursement of principal from CREF. Interest earned on CREF's principal funds the administration of CREF. Specific benefits to County facilities may occur to the extent that proposed improvements to County facilities are awarded CREF funding. However, improvements to County facilities (e.g., San Jose Bikeway and Surf Beach docent shelter and bench) or purchase of County equipment (e.g., tractor for Guadalupe Dunes) would increase park operational and maintenance costs. Grants paid during FY 03-04 as a result of the Board's action today will be processed through revisions to the CREF budget (Fund 0063, Dept. 053, Mitigation Programs, 5090) if sufficient funds are not available in the current estimated expenditure budget. The CREF program is part of the mitigation program within the Energy Division Cost Center on page D-298 in the Planning & Development Department's section of the County's Budget F03/04.

Table A: CREF Fees for 2004

PROJECT	2004
Point Arguello	\$253,300
Santa Ynez Unit	\$208,600
Gaviota Terminal	\$149,000
Point Pedernales	\$149,000
Molino Gas	\$ 21,025
Total Base Fees	\$780,925

Attachments: Staff Report: 2004 CREF Cycle
Appendix A: Evaluations of Year 2004 CREF Proposals
Appendix B: 1988-2003 CREF Awards by District

**2004 CYCLE
COASTAL RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT FUND
(CREF)**

**Board of Supervisors Hearing
November 24, 2003**

**County of Santa Barbara
Planning & Development Department
Energy Division**

BACKGROUND

The County established CREF as a condition of permits for the Point Arguello, Point Pedernales, Santa Ynez Unit, Gaviota Oil Terminal, and Molino Gas projects. The fund represents one of several measures that the county applies to help mitigate significant adverse impacts to coastal recreation, coastal visual aesthetics, coastal tourism, and environmentally sensitive coastal resources to the maximum extent feasible. Where such impacts cannot be mitigated entirely through direct measures, the fund offsets the impacts by enhancing coastal resources at another location or in another way. By law, allocation of grants or loans from CREF must be directed at mitigating these specific types of impacts for which the permit conditions were crafted.

Since 1988, the Board of Supervisors has awarded 208 CREF grants, including one loan, for a total of \$14,043,258. Table 1 shows the distribution of past CREF dollars among coastal acquisitions, capital improvements, education, and planning and research (including land management plans that may be associated with acquisitions). Prior to 1990, rating criteria in the CREF Guidelines heavily favored capital projects. In 1990, the Board amended the criteria to emphasize coastal acquisitions, devoting at least one half of each year's CREF fees to such acquisitions. In 1994, the Board amended the criteria once again to give higher priority to both coastal acquisitions and coastal-related capital improvements.

Public agencies, municipalities, special districts, and non-profit organizations may compete for CREF awards. Table 2 illustrates the five categories of previous CREF grantees, while Tables 3 and 4 show which cities and County agencies received grants and loans, respectively. The County's past CREF projects include coastal acquisition, improvement of coastal parks and coastal access, and enhancement of environmentally sensitive resources (e.g., Burton Mesa preserve, Gaviota Creek crossing to enhance the return of the steelhead).

Table 1: CREF Allocations by Type of Project

PROJECT CATEGORIES	DOLLAR AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Acquisitions	\$7,100,828	51%
Capital Improvements	\$5,510,337	39%
Planning & Research	\$826,878	6%
Educational	\$605,215	4%
TOTAL	\$14,043,258	

Table 2: CREF Allocations by Type of Grantee*

GRANTEE	DOLLAR AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Cities	\$960,907	7%
County Agencies	\$6,906,508	49%
Non-Profit Agencies	\$5,545,982	40%
State & Federal Agencies	\$5,000	<1%
Educational Institutions	\$624,861	4%
Total	\$14,043,258	

* Some projects have partnerships between a Non-Profit Agency and a Governmental Agency.

Table 3: Total CREF Allocations to Cities

CITY	DOLLAR AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Santa Barbara	\$460,281	47%
Carpinteria	\$278,500	29%
Santa Maria	\$55,000	6%
Lompoc	\$142,126	15%
Guadalupe	\$25,000**	3%
Total	\$960,907	

** The City of Guadalupe co-partnered with non-profit agencies on various CREF awards for a total of \$170,000 which is figured into the non-profit category in Table 2.

Table 4: Total CREF Allocations to Santa Barbara County Departments

COUNTY DEPT.	DOLLAR AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Parks	\$4,024,743	58%
Public Works	\$1,052,271	15%
Planning & Development	\$1,358,444	20%
County Administrator	\$281,162	4%
General Services	\$120,000	2%
Fish & Game Commission	\$3,000	<1%
Third District Supervisor	\$45,000	<1%
Ag. Commissioners Office	\$21,888	<1%
	\$6,906,508	

FUTURE REVENUES (2005 - 2007)

In October of 2002, the Board of Supervisors approved the fourth five-year assessment of payments that are required of four of the five oil and gas projects. The CREF Guidelines stipulate a process by which these fees are determined and require an assessment at five-year intervals, except for the Molino Gas Project; the Molino project's CREF fees have been set in its permit condition. In the past, the oil and gas projects have contributed approximately \$14 million.

The CREF fee schedule for 2005-2007 appears in Table 5. Additional monies sometimes become available for allocation in future years if previously approved CREF awards do not materialize and, as a result, revert back to the uncommitted CREF balance.

Table 5: CREF Fees for 2004-2007

PROJECT	2005	2006	2007
Point Arguello*	\$223,500	\$223,500	\$223,500
Santa Ynez Unit	\$208,600	\$208,600	\$208,600
Gaviota Terminal	\$149,000	\$149,000	\$149,000
Point Pedernales**	\$149,000	\$134,100	\$134,100
CREF Fees Per Year	\$730,100	\$715,200	\$715,200

* This table assumes Arguello, Inc. will partially dismantle its onshore processing facility by removing 12 of the facility's 13 columns by the end of 2004. These columns range 62 and 107 feet in height.

** The reduction in fees beginning in 2006 assumes that, by the end of 2005, the planted trees around the Surf electrical substation are established, thriving, and of adequate growth to screen the facility.

EVALUATION PROCESS

The Energy Division annually solicits and evaluates proposals for CREF awards, then submits recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for consideration in a duly noticed public hearing.

Staff follows two steps to evaluate the proposals: (1) determine the extent to which each proposal meets the eight Board-approved CREF criteria, and (2) determine the competitive advantage of each proposal over other proposals.

The following criteria guide CREF recommendations:

Criterion 1. *Enhancement projects must be located in the coastal area or have a coastal relationship, and must be consistent with the County's Local Coastal Program and Comprehensive Plan or other applicable local coastal/general plans. Enhancement projects should be located within geographical proximity to oil and gas onshore/offshore development activities while still providing for the broadest public benefit.*

Criterion 2. *Projects should compensate for coastal impacts due to oil and gas development, specifically for sensitive environmental resources, aesthetics, tourism, and negative effects on coastal recreation in the County.*

Criterion 3. *Projects should provide a level of broad public benefit.*

Criterion 4. *The intent of the CREF program is to fund coastal acquisition and capital improvement projects; therefore, projects which offer coastal acquisition and capital improvements will receive higher priority than whose projects which do not.*

Criterion 5. *Projects should utilize matching funds and/or in-kind services to the maximum extent possible.*

Criterion 6. *Projects should be self-supporting or should require minimum on-going County operations/maintenance costs once the project is completed and implemented.*

Criterion 7. *Projects to be funded should lack other viable funding mechanisms to complete the project.*

Criterion 8. *The feasibility of implementing and completing the project shall be considered. Projects with a high probability of success should be given preference.*

Along with these criteria, staff weighs the following factors in determining its recommendations for CREF funding:

- (a) the Fund Deferral Program of the CREF Guidelines that allocates at least half of each year's contributions to fund coastal acquisitions;
- (b) the time-critical importance of the proposal compared to other competing proposals;
- (c) the relative ranking which the applicant gives a particular proposal, if submitting more than one proposal for consideration this cycle;
- (d) future investments, beyond on-going operations and maintenance that may be required by the County if the proposal is implemented;
- (e) performance on previous CREF grants;
- (f) timing of the CREF request in relation to the anticipated commencement of the project (i.e., the CREF request may be premature); and
- (g) the extent to which a proposal compliments or conflicts with other similar ongoing projects in the community (particularly projects funded with CREF grants).

2004 CREF CYCLE

The 2004 cycle represents the sixteenth CREF cycle. A total of \$780,925 in CREF fees will be available in February, 2004, for grants. Pursuant to the Fund Deferral Program in the CREF Guidelines, half of this amount, or \$390,463 is designated for exceptional acquisitions while the other half, \$390,462 is available to fund all types of proposals that enhance coastal recreation, visual aesthetics, tourism, and environmental resources, including coastal acquisitions.

As shown in Table 6, an additional \$60,000 is available in the general allocation fund. The Parks Department returned \$50,000 of its \$69,000 CREF award from the 1999 cycle. With this award, the department had hoped to provide Ocean Beach Park in Lompoc with a new host site and an improved ramp and stairway leading to the beach. The department wants to go ahead with the host site since it received approval from the Snowy Plover Working Group. However, the department is returning the money that was allocated for the ramp and stairway since Vandenberg Air Force Base closed Ocean Beach due to the Snowy Plover habitat. In addition, the Parks Department is returning \$10,000 of its \$60,000 CREF award from the 2003 cycle. This award is for a nature center at Ocean Beach; the Board made the award contingent on the department submitting a revised and more detailed project description and budget. The department will be submitting these revisions to the Board within the next year.

This cycle is extremely competitive and requires some tough choices. The County received 24 proposals for this cycle, seeking cumulative awards of just less than \$1.7 million. Three proposals seek acquisitional monies: \$90,000 for purchasing land for a Community Arts Center in downtown Carpinteria; \$22,500 for preliminary work to purchase land for a formal access to Santa Claus Lane beach; and \$375,932 to purchase Ellwood Mesa. The remaining twenty-one proposals seek a total of approximately \$1.2 million to: (a) improve coastal parks and beach accesses, (b) enhance protection of environmentally sensitive coastal species and their habitats, and (c) enhance facilities that educate the public about coastal resources.

Table 6: Funds Available in the 2003 CREF Cycle

SOURCE OF FUNDING	ACQUISITION	GENERAL ALLOCATION
2004 CREF fees (\$780,925.00)	\$ 390,463.00	\$ 390,462.00
Reallocated Monies		\$ 60,000.00
TOTAL (\$840,925.00)	\$ 390,463.00	\$ 450,462.00
FUNDS REQUESTED (\$1,667,762.45)	\$ 488,432.00	\$1,179,330.45

Table 7 lists the proposals, applicants, and amounts requested. Tables 8 and 9 show types of projects and types of applicants, respectively, in the 2004 cycle.

Table 7: 2004 CREF Proposals

DISTRICT	NO.	PROPOSAL TITLE	APPLICANT	AMOUNT REQUESTING	TYPE OF PROPOSAL
1st	1	Community Arts Center Phase One	Carpinteria Valley Arts Council	\$ 90,000.00	Acquisition
	2	Santa Claus Lane Beach Access (Phase I)	Santa Barbara County Planning & Development Department	\$ 22,500.00	Acquisition
	3	Carpinteria Bluffs Nature Preserve Restroom Facility	City of Carpinteria Parks and Recreation Department	\$ 30,000.00	Capital Improve
	4	City of Carpinteria Harbor Seal Sanctuary	City of Carpinteria Parks and Recreation Department	\$ 19,322.76	Capital Improve (\$10,822.76) Education (\$8,500.00)
2nd	5	Atascadero Creek Trail Bridge Recycled Plastic Lumber Bridge Decking	Santa Barbara County Public Works Department	\$ 17,196.00	Capital Improve
	6	Goleta Beach Pier Vault Restroom Upgrades	Santa Barbara County Parks Department	\$ 50,000.00	Capital Improve
	7	Goleta Beach Master Planning Process, Technical Studies	Santa Barbara County Parks Department	\$ 60,000.00	Planning & Research
	8	Sea Center Revitalization Outdoor Observation Deck	Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History	\$ 50,000.00	Capital Improve
	9	Development of Plan to Increase Visibility of and Access to the Maritime Museum	Santa Barbara Maritime Museum	\$ 30,000.00	Education
	10	San Jose Creek Class I Bike Path	City of Goleta	\$ 60,000.00	Capital Improve

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3rd	11	Gaviota Crest Trail at Baron Ranch Preliminary Engineering & Environmental Assessment	Santa Barbara County Parks Department	\$ 48,000.00	Planning & Research
	12	Gaviota Coast Planning Process	Santa Barbara County Third District Supervisorial Office	\$ 25,000.00	Planning & Research
	13	Surf Beach Snowy Plover Docent Pilot Project	Santa Barbara County Planning & Development Department	\$ 40,500.00	Capital Improve (\$7,500); Educational (\$5,000); Operational Costs (\$28,000)
	14	Ellwood Mesa Property Acquisition	The Trust for Public Land	\$ 375,932.00	Acquisition
4th	15	Rancho Guadalupe Dunes County Park Sand Clearing Tractor	Santa Barbara County Parks Department	\$ 89,000.00	Equipment
	16	Pioneer Space Center Library Coastal Display System	Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau	\$ 15,575.69	Equipment
	17	Dunes Visitor Center	Dunes Center	\$ 150,000.00	Capital Improve
5th	18	Sand and Sea Learning Area	The Natural History Museum	\$ 35,200.00	Capital Improve (\$33,000) Education (2,200)
	19	Marine Exhibit	Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum	\$ 250,000.00	Capital Improve (\$240,000) Education (\$10,000)

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South Coast	20	Santa Barbara Channel Hazards Removal Program	California State Lands Commission Mineral Resources Management Div.	\$ 100,000.00	Capital Improve
	21	Construction of Shade Structure for Propagation of Native Plants	Growing Solutions Restoration Education Institute	\$ 14,000.00	Capital Improve
	22	The Coast of California Storm and Tidal Wave Study	Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment (BEACON)	\$ 60,000.00	Planning & Research
County-Wide	23	Oiled Marine Mammal Rescue Project	Santa Barbara Marine Mammal Center	\$ 34,499.00	Equipment
	24	Seabird Rescue/ Rehabilitate Equipment	Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network	\$ 1,037.00	Equipment
Total Requests				\$1,667,762.45	

Table 8: Type of Proposal in the 2004 CREF Cycle

CATEGORIES	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Acquisitions	\$ 488,432.00	29%
Capital Improvements	\$ 762,518.76	46%
Planning & Research	\$ 193,000.00	12%
Education	\$ 55,700.00	3%
Equipment	\$ 140,111.69	8%
Operations and Maintenance	\$ 28,000.00	2%
Total	\$1,667,762.45	

Table 9: Type of Applicant in the 2004 CREF Cycle

CATEGORIES	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
County Agencies*	\$ 412,196.00	25%
Non-Profit Agencies	\$1,046,243.69	63%
Cities*	\$ 109,322.76	6%
State	\$ 100,000.00	6%
Total	\$1,667,762.45	

* One proposal is from BEACON, a multi-agency organization whose memberships includes counties and cities within the Santa Barbara and Ventura area. We included this \$60,000 request in the County Agencies category.

PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

Table 10 shows staff's recommendations for 15 grants, all of which exhibit a strong coastal nexus.

Two of the 15 recommendations come from the acquisitional monies. First, staff recommends Santa Barbara County Planning & Development, Comprehensive Planning Division's full request of \$22,500 towards securing an official public access to Santa Claus Lane Beach in Summerland. The Comprehensive Planning Division is working with the County Parks Department to overcome a number of hurdles in realizing a formal and safe access to this extremely popular beach. Once work is completed on this proposal and the Parks Department's work from two previous grants, the County will have a better idea if a formal access is feasible.

Second, staff recommends the remaining acquisitional monies, \$367,963, toward the Trust for Public Land's efforts to acquire 137 acres of open space, known as Ellwood Mesa. This bluff top property is one of the most pristine coastal properties within the urban boundaries, historically used by people visiting the property to walk, jog, bike, horseback-ride, enjoy the ocean views and butterfly- and bird-watch. The timing is right for this proposal since the applicant hopes to acquire the property in fall of 2004.

With \$450,462 available of general allocation monies, staff recommends thirteen proposals that provide exceptional benefits to different communities and the coastal environment throughout the County in a timely manner. Ten of the thirteen are capital improvements or equipment purchases to enhance coastal parks and beaches, marine educational centers, bikeways, and environmentally sensitive coastal species. One of the recommendations is to help with analyzing the long-term vision plan for Goleta Beach; this ambitious study hopes to balance the recreational needs of over one million annual visitors and the protection of the nearby environmentally sensitive coastal habitats. The remaining two recommendations specifically address county-wide impacts to injured, sick, and oiled marine mammals and birds.

An evaluation of each proposal appears in Appendix A. The *Staff Recommendation* section of each evaluation contains preliminary conditions that staff believes necessary prior to award of each proposal. Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors acknowledge these conditions as general direction to staff and grantees when preparing final grant agreements, or as basic conditions on grants awarded to County departments. Conditions imposed on awards are necessary to provide sufficient safeguards for the required use of CREF.

Table 10: Staff Recommendations for the Year 2004 CREF Cycle

Proposal Title	Applicant	Acquisition	Gen. Allocation
Santa Claus Lane Beach Access (Phase I)	Santa Barbara County Planning & Development	\$ 22,500.00	
Carpinteria Bluffs Nature Preserve Restroom Facility	City of Carpinteria Parks and Recreation		\$ 30,000.00
City of Carpinteria Harbor Seal Sanctuary	City of Carpinteria Parks and Recreation		\$ 19,322.76
Atascadero Creek Trail Bridge Recycled Plastic Lumber Bridge Decking	Santa Barbara County Public Works Department		\$ 5,118.54
Goleta Beach Master Planning Process Technical Studies	Santa Barbara County Parks Department		\$ 60,000.00
San Jose Creek Class I Bike Path	City of Goleta		\$ 45,000.00
Surf Beach Snowy Plover Docent Pilot Project	Santa Barbara County Planning & Development		\$ 7,500.00
Ellwood Mesa Property Acquisition	The Trust for Public Land	\$ 367,963.00	
Rancho Guadalupe Dunes County Park Sand Clearing Tractor	Santa Barbara County Parks Department		\$ 89,000.00
Pioneer Space Center Library Coastal Display System	Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau		\$ 12,275.70
Sand and Sea Learning Area	The Natural History Museum		\$ 30,000.00
Marine Exhibit	Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum		\$ 120,000.00
Santa Barbara Channel Hazards Removal Program	California State Lands Commission		\$ 6,800.00
Oiled Marine Mammal Rescue Project	Santa Barbara Marine Mammal Center		\$ 24,408.00
Seabird Rescue/Rehabilitate Equipment	Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network		\$ 1,037.00
TOTAL		\$390,463.00	\$450,462.00

Appendix A

**Proposal Evaluations
2004 CREF Cycle**

PROJECT # 1
COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER, PHASE ONE

1st District
Carpinteria Valley Arts Council
Requests \$90,000
Total Project Costs: \$650,000

Staff Recommendation: Deny request. Although this project offers many benefits to Carpinteria, it unfortunately lacks the necessary coastal nexus that is legally required to be eligible for CREF funds.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests funds to purchase the property at 855 Linden Avenue in Carpinteria to provide an Arts Center for the community. Phase One of this goal is the purchase of the property; Phase Two is comprised of designing and developing the facility and programs for the Arts Center.

Background: In early January of this year, over 100 people held a town hall meeting to address the need for a community arts center in Carpinteria. The applicant envisions a centralized space where all ages of artists can create, pursue, exhibit, and perform all kinds of art. The project will create visual arts galleries, studio art space, arts education, and performance arts venue.

The applicant has entered into an agreement to purchase the property on Linden Avenue for \$450,000. With an upfront payment of \$5,000, the applicant has already entered into escrow and another \$25,000 is due in February of 2004. The owners of the property are loaning the applicants the remaining \$420,000, to be paid at the end of two years. The applicants must pay monthly payments of interest only during those two years at a rate of \$1,925 per month. A nursery in front of the property will pay \$1,000 per month to rent the space.

Applicant's Priority Ranking: The applicant submitted only this project.

Satisfaction of CREF Criteria:

[(+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; (+/-) means partially satisfies; and (-) means it does not satisfy the criterion.]

- (-) **Criterion #1.** The proposed project – purchasing a non-coastal piece of property – does not have the necessary coastal nexus.
- (-) **Criterion #2.** This acquisition does not provide the required enhancement of coastal aesthetics, coastal tourism, coastal recreation, or environmentally sensitive coastal resources. To date, all CREF acquisitions focus on preservation of coastal habitat and additions of coastal open space for passive recreational use.
- (+/-) **Criterion #3.** If the proposal does not go any further than Phase One – purchasing land to rent to two existing businesses – it does not benefit the public. However, if the proposal can

realize Phase Two – developing an arts center – it has the potential to benefit over 15,000 residents and over one million visitors to Carpinteria. With the arts not as prominent in local schools these days, it is important to point out that students of the Carpinteria schools would benefit much from the art center.

- (-) **Criterion #4.** The proposal is not a coastal acquisition.
- (+) **Criterion #5.** The applicant states that it has received gift, pledges or donations in the amount of \$19,000 to date. The Carpinteria City Council has included \$45,000 in their 04-05 fiscal year budget reserved account. Aside from CREF, the applicant is targeting the following in its fund-raising drive: major private donors, local business contributions, the City, the applicant's board of directors, community donations, fundraising events, and various foundations.
- (+) **Criterion #6.** The applicant's total budget includes a \$140,000 endowment to maintain the property for two years. Once the money is raised and the center is developed, the applicant estimates that rental, tuition for classes, and fundraising will maintain and operate the center.
- (+) **Criterion #7.** Aside from the endowment, the applicant is seeking approximately 18% of the budget (purchasing the property and paying interest payments and transaction costs) from CREF. The applicant has an ambitious fund-raising strategy for the remaining 82%.
- (+/-) **Criterion #8.** It is unknown if the applicant can realize the entire vision of developing an arts center. Aside from the approximate \$500,000 price tag to purchase the property, the applicant will need to fund-raise more money to develop the art center facility. The applicant does not have a budget yet for developing the center; however, it could potentially cost \$1-\$2 million (Santa Barbara News-Press article, dated August 20, 2002, submitted by applicant). The citizenry of Carpinteria have proven themselves to be ambitious and generous when fund-raising for the Carpinteria Bluffs. It is just unknown if and when this amount of money can be secured.

Other Considerations: The applicant may wish to explore CREF funding opportunities in the future for such things as an art exhibit that features the Santa Barbara coastline.

PROJECT # 2
SANTA CLAUS LANE BEACH ACCESS, PHASE I

1st District
Santa Barbara County Planning & Development Department
Requests \$22,500
Total Project Costs: \$24,500 (Phase I)

Staff Recommendation: Fund the full request of \$22,500 with acquisitional monies. As described in *Criterion #8*, the County has many hurdles in realizing a formal access at Santa Claus Lane Beach. However, with the work outlined in this grant and past work that has been accomplished and is currently being worked on by the Parks Department (see *Background* section), the County will know if these hurdles can be overcome or are too burdensome. Staff believes the County needs to take this next step towards realizing a formal and safe access to this extremely popular beach.

The grant is contingent on the applicant returning \$6,000 if the State Lands Commission does not have to prepare surveys. If \$6,000 is returned to CREF, that money shall be applied to a 2004 CREF grant for purchasing the Ellwood Mesa.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests a CREF grant to complete Phase I for securing an official public access to Santa Claus Lane beach, located south of Summerland. Phase I includes:

- determining the legal ordinary high water mark line on eight properties (may involve obtaining land boundary determinations and surveys from the State Lands Commission);
- evaluating land use issues (e.g., development potential and Coastal Act and Local Coastal Plan consistency); and
- obtaining preliminary appraisals to determine budget costs for Phase II.

Phase II would involve seeking funds from various sources to acquire the properties, depending on the outcome of the Phase I evaluation.

Background: No formal public access exists along the four miles between the western limits of the City of Carpinteria and Loon Point, including the popular beach at Santa Claus Lane. The only access to this beach is crossing the railroad tracks and climbing over a rock seawall located on the railroad right-of-way.

The applicant is working with the County Parks Department who is currently working to secure a safe public crossing over the railroad tracks to the beach and formalized parking. The Parks Department received \$26,000 from the 2000 CREF cycle to pay for surveying and preparing a preliminary title search for eight properties along Santa Claus Lane, the railroad property, Santa Claus Lane right-of-way, Highway 101 and Caltrans property along Highway 101. In addition, the surveys located the mean-high tide line for the day they did the survey. Parks Department explains that this is not considered the legal mean high tide line, which still needs to be accomplished. The Parks Department also received an \$80,000 grant from the State Coastal Resources Grant Program (AB1431) in 2001 to work with the State Public Utilities Commission and the Union Pacific

Railroad to determine if the County can install a legal crossing over the railroad tracks at Santa Claus Lane. The Parks Department hopes to have an answer by the end of the summer in 2004.

Applicant's Priority Ranking: The Planning & Development Department ranks this proposal second out of two submitted.

Satisfaction of CREF Criteria:

[(+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; (+/-) means partially satisfies; and (-) means it does not satisfy the criterion.]

- (+) **Criterion #1.** The proposal is considered coastal-related since it is a first step in obtaining safe access to a popular beach. It is consistent with the Local Coastal Plan, which encourages public beach access.
- (+/-) **Criterion #2.** The proposal is a first step towards a project that aims to enhance coastal recreation and tourism by providing a safe beach access. However, depending on the outcome of this proposal, it is unknown if the proposal will ultimately end up enhancing coastal recreation and tourism.
- (+/-) **Criterion #3.** The Santa Claus Lane beach is very popular for mainly south coast residents and tourists. In addition, the department is looking at providing an access that would accommodate the elderly, young, and physically disabled. However, depending on the outcome of this proposal, it is unknown if it will provide a broad public benefit.
- (+) **Criterion #4.** Staff categorizes the proposal as a first step towards coastal acquisition, which satisfies the higher priority of CREF.
- (-) **Criterion #5.** The applicant seeks 92% of the total cost of the proposal from CREF and offers \$2,000 (8%) as in-kind planning services.
- (-) **Criterion #6.** The applicant states that the Parks Department would maintain the beach access once developed but it is unknown at this time what the financial costs for maintaining the beach access would be.
- (-) **Criterion #7.** The department is seeking the bulk of the costs from CREF and not seeking monies from other sources. The applicant unsuccessfully sought funding from the Coastal Resource Grant Program in 1999 for a similar but more ambitious project.
- (+/-) **Criterion #8.** The project has a long road before it reaches a successful completion. The first hurdle is working with the Union Pacific Railroad and receiving an approval for an official crossing over the railroad tracks. (This is being done by Parks Department not the applicant, but a very intricate piece of the project.) Dealing with the railroad in the past has proven to include difficult and lengthy negotiations (e.g., ten unsuccessful years of negotiation for an easement at Loon Point and over two years of ongoing negotiations for the Surfrider Extension Trail to Hammonds Beach). The second hurdle is contingent on working with existing property owners within the area to obtain public access. The applicant states that, at this time, no property owners have been contacted. Obtaining public access through private

property has been extremely controversial in the past, but in this particular situation, there appears to be no (or very limited) development rights on these properties. The third hurdle is financing the public access, which appears to be expensive. This will include the purchase of at least one property and the costs of installing the access over the railroad tracks and the seawall. Aside from all these hurdles, the applicant and the Parks Department express optimism that this project can succeed because this is a very popular beach on the south coast and people have been informally crossing the railroad tracks and seawall for years. Staff, too, believes that the public access will be realized; however, when, due to the hurdles explained above, is the bigger question.

Other Considerations: If the State Lands Commission has enough current data on file and does not need to perform surveys, the applicant would reduce its budget by \$6,000.

PROJECT # 3
CARPINTERIA BLUFFS NATURE PRESERVE RESTROOM FACILITY

1st District
City of Carpinteria Parks and Recreation Department
Requests \$30,000
Total Project Costs: \$195,000

Staff Recommendation: Fund the full request of \$30,000 with general allocation monies. This proposal requests 15% of the full costs to construct a restroom and storage area that would be shared by active and passive recreational uses at the Carpinteria Bluffs. While the active recreational uses are not eligible for CREF grants, the passive uses are.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests funding to help build a 650 square-foot restroom and small storage area on the Carpinteria Bluffs property next to the ball fields. The proposed facility would serve users of the nearby ball fields and users of the coastal trails.

Background: The CREF program has assisted the acquisition of the Carpinteria Bluffs with five past grants: \$50,000 for appraisals with grants in the 1991, 1992, and 1997 CREF cycles and \$450,000 for acquisition with grants in the 1998 and 1999 cycles.

Applicant's Priority Ranking: The applicant ranks this project second of the two submitted.

Satisfaction of CREF Criteria:

[(+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; (+/-) means partially satisfies; and (-) means it does not satisfy the criterion.]

- (+/-) **Criterion #1.** This proposal provides a partial coastal relationship and, therefore, qualifies for partial funding under this criterion. The bathrooms and storage area would serve both active recreational uses (i.e., ball fields that, in this case, are not eligible for CREF funding) and passive recreational uses (e.g., walking, bicycling, ocean-viewing that, in this case, are eligible for CREF funding). The bathroom is located at the trailhead to the Lois Sidenberg Coastal Overlook and the future Coastal Vista Trail.

- (+/-) **Criterion #2.** This proposal partially enhances coastal recreation and tourism by providing restrooms, where none otherwise exist, to people who visit the Carpinteria Bluffs to enjoy the open space and the ocean views.

- (+) **Criterion #3.** This project improves an important public coastal park by providing restrooms where none otherwise exist.

- (+) **Criterion #4.** The proposal is a capital improvement and, therefore, qualifies as a high priority for CREF.

- (+) **Criterion #5.** The applicant seeks only 15% of total project costs from CREF.
- (+) **Criterion #6.** The City of Carpinteria will assume all ongoing operational or maintenance costs without any reliance on the County.
- (+) **Criterion #7.** The applicant proposes to fund 85% of total project costs from funding sources other than CREF. Moreover, the applicant has relied on other funding sources for approximately \$900,000 to finance other coastal-related improvements on the Carpinteria Bluffs, such as walking trails, a coastal overlook and some parking improvements.
- (+) **Criterion #8.** Staff believes this project can be completed successfully. The City has the coastal development permit for the building and is ready to build once all funding is secured. Staff notes that the City was successful in completing a \$60,000 CREF grant in the 1997 cycle for a similar project, restrooms and storage area, near Carpinteria Salt Marsh and Carpinteria City Beach.

Other Considerations: None.

PROJECT # 4
CITY OF CARPINTERIA HARBOR SEAL SANCTUARY

1st District
City of Carpinteria Parks and Recreation Department
Requests \$19,322.76
Total Project Costs: \$24,822.76

Staff Recommendation: Fund the full request of \$19,322.76 with general allocation monies. This project possesses a strong coastal nexus by protecting an important marine-mammal habitat.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests funds to provide more protection for the California Harbor Seals during the pupping season at the rookery below the Carpinteria Bluffs. Specifically, the proposal would:

- install a set of offshore buoys that alert vessels of the protected area;
- install more informative and durable on-shore signage;
- develop and distribute an informational brochure about protecting the harbor seals; and
- add safety and aesthetic improvements to the public overlook (e.g., fencing, erosion control, and landscaping).

Background: The Carpinteria harbor seal rookery is one of only four places along the southern California coast where the seals have returned for over a century to bear their pups. In 1991, the City of Carpinteria amended its Municipal Code to close the beach access 750 feet on either side of the harbor seal rookery. Due to increasing public access to the general area, the City finds need to inform visitors that the rookery is protected and not subject to human access.

Applicant's Priority Ranking: The applicant ranks this proposal first of two submitted.

Satisfaction of CREF Criteria:

[(+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; (+/-) means partially satisfies; and (-) means it does not satisfy the criterion.]

- (+) **Criterion #1.** The proposal contains a strong coastal nexus by protecting a marine mammal species, the harbor seals. It is consistent with the City of Carpinteria's Local Coastal Program.
- (+) **Criterion #2.** This proposal would enhance an environmentally sensitive coastal resource, the harbor seal rookery as well as coastal recreation and tourism by helping to reconcile conflicts between public access and protection of the rookery.
- (+) **Criterion #3.** It provides a broad public benefit to the students and residents of Carpinteria, to tourist who are visiting the area, and to the harbor seals (approximately 380 seals). The applicant states that over 20,000 people come to view the seals during a 6-month period.

- (+/-) **Criterion #4.** Fifty-six percent of the proposal is considered capital improvements, which satisfy the higher priorities of CREF.
- (-) **Criterion #5.** The applicant offers in-kind services valued at \$5,500 to coordinate and permit the project, install all signs, and help design the brochure.
- (+) **Criterion #6.** The City of Carpinteria has committed to maintaining the project for five years. In addition, the Carpinteria Seal Watch Volunteers dedicate much in-kind time to protect the seals and educate the public.
- (-) **Criterion #7.** The applicant seeks 78% of the budget from CREF. Aside from offering the additional 22% as in-kind services (see *Criterion #5*), the applicant does not seek monies from other funding sources.
- (+) **Criterion #8.** Staff believes this project can be completed successfully. It is a manageable project that appears to fit the needs of the harbor seal rookery and the Seal Watch volunteers. The City has been an excellent CREF grantee in the past and has successfully completed its projects.

Other Considerations: None.

PROJECT # 5
ATASCADERO CREEK TRAIL BRIDGE
RECYCLED PLASTIC LUMBER BRIDGE DECKING

2nd District
Santa Barbara County Public Works Department
Requests \$17,196
Total Project Costs: \$24,366

Staff Recommendation: Award a challenge grant of \$5,118.54 with general allocation monies, contingent on the applicant securing all necessary funds to complete the project.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests funds to upgrade the decking on the Atascadero Creek trail bridge. Currently, the 1-inch thick wooden decking is splintering, and the applicant proposes to replace it with a 2-inch thick, recycled plastic lumber. The new decking material would have 175% the tensile strength and would be more weatherproofed than the existing decking material, thereby reducing frequency of plank replacement by an estimated 4-1 ratio. Atascadero Creek trail bridge allows the multi-use Atascadero Creek trail to cross over Maria Ygnacio Creek, near Patterson Avenue.

Background: The Atascadero Creek Trail bridge is 25 years old and serves all the pedestrian, equestrian, and bicycle traffic between Goleta Beach/UCSB/Isla Vista and the eastern portion of Goleta Valley and the City of Santa Barbara. Maria Ygnacio Creek trail confluences with the Atascadero Creek trail near this bridge, making it a very heavily used trail. The Public Works Department currently maintains the bridge.

Applicant's Priority Ranking: The applicant submitted only one proposal.

Satisfaction of CREF Criteria:

[(+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; (+/-) means partially satisfies; and (-) means it does not satisfy the criterion.]

- (+/-) Criterion #1.** The proposal provides a partial coastal relationship in that it provides safe bicycle, pedestrian, and equestrian access to Goleta Beach, the coastal-related portion and also access to non-coastal related destinations, such as UCSB, Isla Vista, eastern Goleta, and the City of Santa Barbara. It is consistent with the County's General Plan and Goleta Community Plan.

- (+/-) Criterion #2.** The proposal partially enhances coastal recreation by improving the safety and access to the beach and other destinations that are not coastal related (see *Criterion #1*).

- (+) Criterion #3.** The bridge is heavily used for recreational bicycling, walking, jogging, and horseback riding and for commuting. Staff considers this proposal to have a broad public benefit.

- (+) **Criterion #4.** As a capital improvement, this proposal satisfies the higher priority of CREF.
- (-) **Criterion #5.** The applicant requests 71% of the budget cost from CREF and offers 29% as in-kind administrative and environmental review services.
- (+) **Criterion #6.** The County maintains the bridge but the new, more durable decking material would reduce the maintenance costs.
- (-) **Criterion #7.** Aside from the \$7,170 in-kind value offered by the applicant, the applicant has not sought other outside funding sources.
- (+) **Criterion #8.** Once funded, staff believes the project can be completed successfully. The proposal is simply replacing the decking with a more durable material. The material has been successfully used in other projects, such as the bridge at Oso Flaco, and has a life-expectancy of approximately 25 year or more.

Other Considerations: None.

PROJECT # 6
GOLETA BEACH PIER VAULT RESTROOM UPGRADES

2nd District
Santa Barbara County Parks Department
Requests \$50,000
Total Project Costs: \$125,000

Staff Recommendation: Deny request in deference to other, more time-critical requests in this extremely competitive cycle.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests CREF funds to install flush toilets and sinks within the existing restroom building located on the Goleta Beach pier, connecting the toilets directly into the sewer system.

Background: The current toilet system on the pier consists of two large storage vaults that require pumping twice a week during the summer and once a week during the winter. The applicant has received nine CREF awards in the past that have been associated with the Goleta Beach area:

- \$28,274 grant in the 1990 cycle towards preliminary designs of the parking lot;
- \$202,500 grant in the 1993 cycle towards installing a water line for firefighting purposes;
- \$55,000 grant in the 1993 cycle towards an Environmental Carrying Capacity Study;
- \$70,000 grant in the 1994 cycle towards irrigation;
- \$90,000 grant in the 1994 cycle toward pier improvements;
- \$37,500 grant in the 1997 cycle towards handicapped bathrooms;
- \$15,000 grant in the 1999 cycle towards analyzing the environmental impacts of the Environmental Carrying Capacity Study;
- \$36,500 grant in the 2001 cycle towards enforcing the parking lot; and
- \$15,000 grant in the 2003 cycle towards building a sand berm.

Applicant's Priority Ranking: The applicant ranks this proposal second of four submitted.

Satisfaction of CREF Criteria:

[(+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; (+/-) means partially satisfies; and (-) means it does not satisfy the criterion.]

- (+) **Criterion #1.** The proposal site is located in the coastal zone and is consistent with the Local Coastal Program. Noting that recreational demand in Goleta far outweighs supply, improving this park is consistent with the recreational goals and policies of the Goleta Community Plan.
- (+/-) **Criterion #2.** Since there are existing toilets already on the pier, the new toilets would slightly enhance coastal recreation or tourism by reducing one to two weekly truck trips carrying sewage on the pier. The potential of spilling sewage into the ocean water would be

slightly reduced (although to the applicant's knowledge, there has not been a spill to date); this would slightly enhance environmentally sensitive coastal resources.

- (-) **Criterion #3.** The applicant states that over 1 million people a year visit Goleta Beach, with many using the pier to fish off of or launch boats. However, the new flush toilets do not seem to provide a broad public benefit since toilets already exist on the pier.
- (+) **Criterion #4.** As a proposed capital improvement, this proposal satisfies the higher priority of CREF.
- (+) **Criterion #5.** The applicant offers 12% as in-kind management services and seeks 40% of the funds from CREF. The applicant plans on seeking the remaining 48% from the Wildlife Conservation Board, Coastal Conservancy, Quimby or development trust funds.
- (+) **Criterion #6.** The County already maintains the restrooms on the pier. This proposal would reduce the maintenance costs by not having to pump the toilets once or twice a week.
- (+) **Criterion #7.** The applicant states that it will seek 60% of the budget costs from potentially four other sources.
- (+) **Criterion #8.** The applicant has successfully installed handicapped-access bathrooms at this park and at Lookout Park in Summerland, giving us the confidence that the department can complete this proposal successfully. However, since the applicant has not sought funding for half the budget from other sources yet, it is unknown when this project would be completed.

Other Considerations: None.

PROJECT # 7
GOLETA BEACH MASTER PLANNING PROCESS, TECHNICAL STUDIES

2nd District
Santa Barbara County Parks Department
Requests \$60,000
Total Project Costs: \$125,000

Staff Recommendation: Award full request of \$60,000 with general allocation monies, constituting a challenge grant that is contingent on the applicant securing all additional monies to complete the project.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests funds to prepare the Goleta Beach Master Plan technical studies. Technical studies include analyzing the long-term vision plan that comes from the Master Plan/Visioning process (see *Background* section) and alternatives to the long-term plan. The applicant explains that the product of this proposal would be equivalent to an Initial Study. The next step would be to take the Master/Vision Plan and the technical studies through the CEQA process, analyzing the environmental impacts.

Background: Severe storms and other conditions have eroded the sandy beach and lawn area and damaged parking areas at Goleta Beach Park. The applicant erected temporary rock revetments and sand berms (sand berms paid for by a CREF grant in the 2003 cycle) to protect the beach area from further erosion until a long-term solution could be found. The public and various organizations have raised much controversy over how to balance the environmental and recreational resources at this park. With \$64,000 from the Coastal Conservancy and the Goleta Valley Land Trust, the applicant has held and facilitated community meetings to devise a comprehensive plan and long-term vision for Goleta Beach. This plan should be completed by early 2004, in which time, detailed technical studies will be required (thus the need for CREF funding of this proposal).

The applicant has received nine CREF awards in the past that have been associated with the Goleta Beach area:

- \$28,274 grant in the 1990 cycle towards preliminary designs of the parking lot;
- \$202,500 grant in the 1993 cycle towards installing a water line for firefighting purposes;
- \$55,000 grant in the 1993 cycle towards an Environmental Carrying Capacity Study;
- \$70,000 grant in the 1994 cycle towards irrigation;
- \$90,000 grant in the 1994 cycle toward pier improvements;
- \$37,500 grant in the 1997 cycle towards handicapped bathrooms;
- \$15,000 grant in the 1999 cycle towards analyzing the environmental impacts of the Environmental Carrying Capacity Study;
- \$36,500 grant in the 2001 cycle towards enforcing the parking lot; and
- \$15,000 grant in the 2003 cycle towards building a sand berm.

Applicant's Priority Ranking: The County Parks Department ranks this proposal third out of four submitted.

Satisfaction of CREF Criteria:

[(+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; (+/-) means partially satisfies; and (-) means it does not satisfy the criterion.]

- (+) **Criterion #1.** The Board has funded a number of CREF awards for improvements to the Goleta Beach Park; the coastal relationship is strong since it is a public beach that offers convenient access and improved facilities.
- (+/-) **Criterion #2.** The proposal aims to protect and enhance coastal recreation and coastal environmentally sensitive resources. There is much controversy with how these two types of coastal resources should be balanced. It is unknown if the plan will be able to enhance both these types of resources.
- (+/-) **Criterion #3.** Goleta Beach is a very popular park and is highly used; it hosts over a million visitors annually. However, it is uncertain at this point if the entire Master/Vision Plan and technical studies will provide broad public benefit.
- (-) **Criterion #4.** The proposal is categorized as planning and research, which does not satisfy the higher priority of CREF.
- (+) **Criterion #5.** The applicant seeks approximately 50% of the budget costs from the California Coastal Conservancy and itself.
- (+/-) **Criterion #6.** The County currently maintains the park; it is unknown if maintenance costs will increase or decrease after implementation of this plan.
- (+) **Criterion #7.** The applicant seeks 50% of the budget from two other funding sources. In addition, \$64,000 has been secured to prepare the master plan up to the point where CREF funds are needed. Funds for environmental review and implementation will be sought from the Coastal Conservancy.
- (+/-) **Criterion #8** Staff is uncertain about the possibility of this project successfully being completed since the applicant has not completed another study for this beach park that it started over ten years ago. In the 1993 cycle, the applicant received a CREF grant for \$55,000 to prepare an Environmental Carrying Capacity Study for Goleta Beach Park and analyze the environmental impacts of that study. The applicant was unable to complete the environmental review portion under the 1993 grant, and received another \$15,000 from CREF in the 1999 cycle to analyze the environmental impacts. The applicant has just completed the administrative draft initial study for the Environmental Carrying Capacity Study. However, this is on hold until a Master Plan/Visioning process for the Goleta Beach is complete (thus the request for CREF funding during this cycle). Specifically for this proposal, it is uncertain if the process and its associated documents can solve the very controversial issue of balancing both environmentally sensitive coastal resources and coastal recreation.

Other Considerations: None.

PROJECT # 8
SEA CENTER REVITALIZATION OUTDOOR OBSERVATION DECK

2nd District
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History
Requests \$50,000
Total Project Costs: \$8,100,000

Staff Recommendation: Deny request in deference to other, more time-critical requests in this extremely competitive cycle.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests funds to construct an outdoor observation platform that will run the length of the eastern side of the new Sea Center building. The platform will be equipped with interpretative displays, viewing instruments, and room for activities and experiments.

Background: The Sea Center, located on Stearns Wharf in Santa Barbara, is a visitor center for local marine education. Recently, the applicant began renovating and reconfiguring the Sea Center and the adjacent building into a larger integrated facility with more interactive exhibits. The renovation involves replacing two existing structures, the current Sea Center building at 2,715 square feet and the adjacent Nature Conservancy building at 1,059 square feet, and replacing them with a single, 6,941 square-foot, two-story building. The applicant plans on opening the larger facility in mid-2004.

The applicant has received four past CREF grants that involved the Sea Center:

- \$115,000 in 1989 to fabricate and install an outdoor exhibit featuring a touch tank with live marine organisms;
- \$23,523 in 1995 for the touch tank's shade canopy;
- \$25,000 in 2001 to purchase a van and provide the public with a mobile science marine laboratory while the Sea Center is closed for renovation and beyond that time; and
- \$50,000 in 2003 to improve the wharf pier to support the expansion of the Sea Center.

In addition, the applicant has received two CREF grants to help with its Los Marineros Marine Education program: (a) \$20,000 in 1992; and (b) \$11,723 in 1995.

Applicant's Priority Ranking: The applicant submitted only this proposal.

Satisfaction of CREF Criteria:

[(+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; (+/-) means partially satisfies; and (-) means it does not satisfy the criterion.]

- (+) **Criterion #1.** The proposal has a strong coastal relationship. Part of the Sea Center's mission is to help visitors understand the uniqueness and beauty of the marine, coastal, and island environments of our region. The proposal would be consistent with the City's Local Coastal Plan and would help to offset cumulative recreational, tourism and environmentally sensitive coastal impacts from oil and gas developments.

- (+) **Criterion #2.** The proposal would enhance coastal recreation, tourism, and environmentally sensitive coastal resources by teaching visitors about marine species and their environment, and in so doing, heightens the sensitivity and enjoyment of the marine habitat. The proposal provides a link between the lessons of marine sciences and the natural habitat directly viewed outside.
- (+) **Criterion #3.** Before the Sea Center closed down for renovation, it served approximately 70,000 visitors a year. One of the reasons for the renovation was the need for more space to accommodate the demand of visitors and school groups to the facility. With the new renovation, the facility will accommodate 150,000 visitors. The applicant states that 60% of the annual visitors are local residents and the 40% are tourist.
- (+) **Criterion #4.** The proposal is considered capital improvements, which satisfies the higher priority of CREF.
- (+) **Criterion #5.** For the entire renovation project with a budget of \$8.1 million, the applicant has secured and received pledges for \$5.5 million from the museum's trustees and staff, corporations, individuals, foundations, and government agencies. The specific proposal's budget is \$100,000; the applicant states that it will match the 50% CREF request with 50% unrestricted funds from other sources.
- (+) **Criterion #6.** There would be no ongoing County operations or maintenance involved with this proposal. The applicant submitted a detailed business plan based on fifteen years of operating the Sea Center and market analyses.
- (+) **Criterion #7.** The applicant has secured 68% of the entire renovation project and plans on seeking the remaining from various sources (see *Criterion #5*). The applicant seeks 50% of the proposed observation deck from other sources.
- (+) **Criterion #8.** Staff believes the project can be completed successfully. The applicant has: (a) successfully operated the Sea Center for a number of years; (b) has successfully renovated the Sea Center in the past; and (c) aggressively fundraised over \$5.5 million towards the \$8.1 million budget for the entire Sea Center renovation.

Other Considerations: The proposed project represents a precedent for CREF funding in that it entails removal of capital improvements previously funded by CREF: the 15-year old touch tank and outdoor area and the 5-year old shade canopy. The first two items will be demolished; staff believes these CREF investments have realized a notable return on investment. The shade canopy is still in good condition and is being purchased by another organization. The applicant proposes to replace the touch tank and canopy in order to expand the existing Sea Center. The proposal does not conflict with contractual obligations for receipt of the previous CREF grants.

PROJECT # 9
DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN TO INCREASE VISIBILITY OF AND ACCESS TO THE
MARITIME MUSEUM

2nd District
Santa Barbara Maritime Museum
Requests \$30,000
Total Project Costs: \$70,000

Staff Recommendation: Deny request in deference to other, more time-critical requests in this extremely competitive cycle.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant's goal for this proposal is to increase the number of visitors, both local and out-of-town, to the Maritime Museum and other harbor businesses. The applicant plans to meet this goal by developing a comprehensive plan, coordinated with the City Waterfront Department, MTD and its electrical shuttle service, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History's Sea Center, Santa Barbara Convention and Visitors Bureau and merchants, including hotels and restaurants in the local area. The proposed project is divided into two phases; this phase includes:

- Developing the comprehensive plan to determine what is needed for increased visibility to the harbor (\$10,000). The plan will identify such items as maps, signage, and possibly enhanced sidewalks, interpretive public art, and other unknown ideas.
- Developing and printing maps and signage to be installed along the waterfront between Stearn's Wharf and the harbor area. The map and signage would tell historical and conventional information about various coastal themes, including the channel islands, beach formation, Los Banos Pool, water quality, and ocean recreation (\$50,000).
- Developing signs that give directions to the harbor and the Maritime Museum; the signs will be located along pedestrian and bicycle paths, along Cabrillo Boulevard, and feeder streets into Cabrillo Boulevard (\$10,000).

Background: The applicant states that people are confused about the location of the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum and harbor. The applicant hands out a Visitor Survey, and Question #3 asks: "Was the museum difficult to locate? If yes, why?" Many visitors express that bad signage from the roads, lack of signage, not marked well on maps, etc. The museum and harbor merchants have been meeting together for several years to discuss ideas about attracting visitors and improving signage to the harbor. However, no action to date has been taken.

The applicant has received three CREF grants in the past: \$30,000 in the 1996 cycle to construct the museum, \$15,172 in the 1998 cycle to construct the Munger Theater, and \$8,850 in the 1999 cycle to construct the library.

Applicant's Priority Ranking: The applicant submitted only this proposal.

Satisfaction of CREF Criteria:

[(+) *means the proposal satisfies the criterion; (+/-) means partially satisfies; and (-) means it does not satisfy the criterion.*]

- (+) **Criterion #1.** The proposal possesses a coastal relationship by increasing the visibility of the Maritime Museum, which educates the general public about the history of and the current conditions of the marine environment. The proposal would be working with the City to insure consistency with the City's Local Coastal Program.
- (+/-) **Criterion #2.** The proposal aims to enhance the Maritime Museum and the harbor merchant's visibility; however, it is uncertain to what extent coastal recreation and coastal tourism would be enhanced.
- (+) **Criterion #3.** The applicant estimates that 75,000 people have visited the museum since the Museum opened in July of 2000. The Museum states that over 8,000 of those visitors have been youths from preschools to junior high schools, including after school programs. The proposal will provide a broad public benefit by potentially making it easier and getting more people to the museum. In addition, local harbor merchants would also benefit by increasing the number of people visiting the harbor.
- (-) **Criterion #4.** The proposal is categorized as education and does not satisfy the higher priorities of CREF, which are coastal acquisitions and capital improvements.
- (+) **Criterion #5.** The applicant has secured \$6,000 as in-kind services to install ten City street signs and 20 waterfront walk signs and to print the map. In addition, the applicant plans to seek \$34,000 from foundations, corporations, and individual gifts.
- (+) **Criterion #6.** There would be no ongoing County operations or maintenance involved with this proposal. The applicant states that the City would maintain the street and waterfront signs. The signs would be based on the Fishwalk signs at the harbor, which have an estimated durable lifetime of approximately 20 years. The applicant and the harbor merchants would continue to print and distribute the maps.
- (+) **Criterion #7.** The applicant seeks 43% from CREF. It has secured and plans on seeking the remaining 57% from the City, foundations, corporations, and individual gifts.
- (+/-) **Criterion #8.** The applicant has been a CREF grantee three times in the past and has successfully completed all the projects. It is unknown if the plan will increase the visibility of the Museum but staff knows that the confusion of the harbor and museum location is real. The plan could make these areas more visible and that would be an asset to the area.

Other Considerations: None.

PROJECT # 10
SAN JOSE CREEK CLASS I BIKE PATH

2nd District
City of Goleta
Requests \$60,000
Total Project Costs: \$1,725,575

Staff Recommendation: Award a partial request of \$45,000 with general allocation monies, contingent upon the applicant being able to secure all additional funds within two years to complete the project. The partial request recommendation is due to the extremely competitive cycle. The CREF monies are needed now to go towards an 11.5% local match that the applicant needs “in hand” as it applies for a \$1.3 million Transportation Efficiency Act (better known as TEA21/TEA3) grant in spring of 2004. The applicant states that it will be seeking monies towards the local match from the Goleta Valley Land Trust and the Coastal Conservancy, also.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests funding to construct 1.4 miles of the San Jose Creek Class I bike path, from Hollister Avenue to Atascadero Creek Bike Path (also known as the California Coastal Trail) at Goleta Beach. A small portion of the northern end of the proposed bikeway will be either Class II or Class III. Approximately two-thirds of the project is within the City of Goleta boundaries and one-third in the County.

Background: The entire route of the bikeway will begin at Cathedral Oaks, meander along San Jose creek in a southwest direction, and pass under Calle Real, Highway 101, and the railroad before it meets up with the section described above at Hollister Avenue in Goleta Old Towne.

The County of Santa Barbara has been working on this entire project since the year 2000. It has completed the following work to date: Project Alignment Study, Preliminary Environmental Assessments, Wetlands Delineation Study, Preliminary geometrics for preferred alternative, Draft CEQA Initial Study, Draft Project Study for Caltrans, Draft Biology, archaeology, and historical structures reports under NEPA, and extensive multi-jurisdictional coordination, including Southern California Gas Company.

The applicant received a \$75,000 CREF grant in the 1998 cycle, towards the San Pedro Bikeway but the San Jose Creek bikeway became a higher priority and the money was reallocated to this latter bikeway.

Applicant's Priority Ranking: The applicant submitted only this proposal.

Satisfaction of CREF Criteria:

[(+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; (+/-) means partially satisfies; and (-) means it does not satisfy the criterion.]

- (+/-) **Criterion #1.** The proposal has a partial coastal relationship in that it will provide safe bicycle access to coastal-related destinations, Goleta Beach and the California Coastal Trail. It also will provide connections to UCSB, Isla Vista, and Goleta Old Towne, which are not considered to be coastal destinations. It is consistent with the County's General Plan and Goleta Community Plan.
- (+/-) **Criterion #2.** The proposal partially enhances coastal recreation by constructing a direct Class I bikeway for people traveling from Goleta Old Towne to coastal-related destinations, the beach and the California Coastal Trail. The reason for only partial enhancement of coastal recreation is because people also will use the bikeway for non-coastal destinations as well.
- (+) **Criterion #3.** This project would allow people in Goleta north of Highway 101 to safely ride to the coastal bike trail, the beach, and other destinations to the southwest. Staff considers this to have a broad public benefit.
- (+) **Criterion #4.** As a capital improvement, this proposal satisfies the higher priority of CREF.
- (+) **Criterion #5.** The applicant secured \$200,000 from State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). In addition, the applicant plans on seeking approximately \$120,000 from the Coastal Conservancy, \$100,000 from the Goleta Valley Land Trust, and \$1.3 million from the TEA21/TEA3 grant program. The County has secured \$1,047,000 from TEA21 for the section of the bikeway from Cathedral Oaks to Hollister Avenue.
- (-) **Criterion #6.** Once completed, the one-third of the bikeway that lies within the County's jurisdiction would involve on-going maintenance from the County.
- (+) **Criterion #7.** The applicant seeks only 3% from CREF. It has secured 12% and plans on seeking the remaining 85% from three other sources.
- (+/-) **Criterion #8.** The project is over 4 years delayed because of the complex negotiations with the Gas Company and the location of the bikeway next to a wetland. With those issues settled, the only last hurdle is fund-raising approximately \$1.5 million. Therefore, the probability of this project being completed hinges on the successfulness of the applicant fund-raising this large amount of money.

Other Considerations: The applicant explains that the timing is ripe for this project. An 11.5 % match "in-hand" is required for a TEA21/TEA3 grant to be applied for in the spring of 2004. The TEA21/TEA3 cycle occurs once every three years.

PROJECT # 11
GAVIOTA CREST TRAIL AT BARON RANCH
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

3rd District
Santa Barbara County Parks Department
Request \$48,000
Total Project Costs: \$53,000

Staff Recommendation: Deny request in deference to other, more time-critical requests in this extremely competitive cycle.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant request funds to pay for preliminary engineering designs and environmental assessments of an approximate 4.5-mile trail from the coast to the ridge top on the County's Baron Ranch along the Gaviota Coast. The project includes determining the final trail location and analyzing drainage, erosion, biological, and archaeological issues. In addition, the project would identify necessary structures, such as parking, bridges, fences, and signs and estimate the costs to construct the trail and its amenities. The final product from this grant would be similar to an Initial Study/Environmental Assessment; the project would then be ready for the next environmental step: preparation of a Negative Declaration/Finding of No Significant Impact or an Environmental Impact Report/Statement.

Background: The Baron Ranch is a working ranch with active production of avocados and cherimoya. The County purchased the ranch in 1991 to serve as a buffer between the Tajiguas Landfill to the west and private property owners to the east. As part of the purchase resolution, the Board of Supervisors identified the potential for public recreation. With a California Coastal Resources grant, the County Parks Department prepared and analyzed preliminary multi-use trail routes from the coast to the ridge on this ranch.

The applicant unsuccessfully sought a CREF grant for this project in the 1996 cycle.

Applicant's Priority Ranking: The applicant ranks this proposal fourth out of four submitted.

Satisfaction of CREF Criteria:

[(+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; (+/-) means partially satisfies; and (-) means it does not satisfy the criterion.]

- (+) **Criterion #1.** The proposal represents preliminary steps to expansion of the Gaviota Coast trail system. The view shed along this coast has been adversely impacted by offshore oil and gas developments for several decades.

- (+) **Criterion #2.** The proposal would enhance coastal recreation by providing a trail that offers sweeping views of the Gaviota coastline and the Channel Islands.

- (+) **Criterion #3.** In itself, this proposal constitutes initial steps to construction of a trail that ultimately would connect with other trails. Realization of this trail would benefit hikers, mountain-bikers, and horseback riders in this area because it adds to completion of a loop that includes the coastal trail and Arroyo Hondo trail.
- (-) **Criterion #4.** This proposal is considered planning and research, which does not satisfy the higher priorities of CREF, coastal acquisitions and capital improvements.
- (-) **Criterion #5.** The applicant does not seek funding from other sources and offers only \$5,000 as in-kind services to manage the project.
- (-) **Criterion #6.** The U.S. Forest Service is reluctant to expand trail systems within the Los Padres National Forest due to budget constraints and the inability to maintain new trails. Therefore, the feasibility study concludes that trail maintenance would increase the County's ongoing maintenance costs, although the County would likely rely on volunteer efforts, such as trail groups, to help with the maintenance.
- (-) **Criterion #7.** The applicant seeks 91% of the proposal's budget from CREF and offers only 9% as in-kind services.
- (+/-) **Criterion #8.** The entire trail would be constructed on publicly-owned property (County and Forest Service) and requires no acquisitions or easements. Additionally, the trail would take advantage of existing dirt roads and trails in this area; therefore, not many new trails would need to be cleared. However, the project does have three outstanding hurdles to be realized. First, determining how best to integrate public trail use with the least impact to the existing agricultural operations. Second, negotiating mutually acceptable memorandums of understanding with the U.S. Forest Service on issues such as management, maintenance, and liability. Third, securing the necessary monies to complete the environmental review, permit the project and construct the trail and its amenities. The feasibility study identifies some potential sources to include Park Development Mitigation Funds, California Habitat Conservation Fund, the California Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the federal Recreation Trail Program.

Other Considerations: None.

PROJECT # 12
GAVIOTA COAST PLANNING PROCESS

3rd District
Santa Barbara County Third Supervisorial District Office
Requests \$25,000
Total Project Costs: Undetermined

Staff Recommendation: Deny request. Staff believes next year's CREF cycle may be better timing for this proposal. As stated in *Criterion #5*, the applicant states that the budget remains to be determined by P&D. Once the Common Ground's report is available in May of 2004, P&D will then have the needed information from which to identify the work that needs to be accomplished and estimate the budget that work will entail.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests partial funds to review and update the Local Coastal Plan and the inland zoning ordinance for the Gaviota coast area based on recommendations from Common Ground. A group of stakeholders and interested parties (commonly known as Common Ground) have been meeting to develop a local vision for the preservation of the Gaviota coast. Common Ground's final report is expected to be completed in May of 2004.

Background: The National Park Service prepared a Gaviota Coast feasibility and suitability study over the past three years, which evaluated resource values and identified management tools to preserve the Gaviota Coast. However, various stakeholders expressed concern that they had not been adequately represented in the formulation of that study. These stakeholders developed a Common Ground group, which has been meeting to develop local visions to preserve the Gaviota Coast and to attempt reconciliation of divergent viewpoints. The group has been assisted in their process with two past CREF grants, totaling \$60,000: \$15,000 from the 1999 cycle and \$45,000 from the 2003 cycle.

Applicant's Priority Ranking: The applicant submitted only this proposal.

Satisfaction of CREF Criteria:

[(+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; (+/-) means partially satisfies; and (-) means it does not satisfy the criterion.]

- (+) **Criterion #1.** The proposed subject area is the Gaviota Coast, which is located within the coastal zone along the south coast. The proposal's goal is to develop and consider Comprehensive Plan amendments that focus on the future of the Gaviota Coast.
- (+/-) **Criterion #2.** It is unknown if the proposal would enhance coastal aesthetics, recreation, tourism, and environmentally sensitive impacts since the report that this proposal's scope of work would be based on is not completed yet.
- (+/-) **Criterion #3.** It is unknown what the broad public benefit of this project may be since the report that this proposal's scope of work would be based on is not completed yet.

- (-) **Criterion #4.** The proposal is considered planning & research; it does not satisfy the higher priorities of CREF, capital improvements and coastal acquisitions.
- (+/-) **Criterion #5.** Total budget costs are not yet known and would need to be estimated after Common Ground completes its final report. P&D does have approximately \$50,000 from the Coastal Access Improvement Program (CAIP) that it can apply towards planning for the Gaviota Coast.
- (+) **Criterion #6.** There would be no ongoing County operational or maintenance costs associated with this proposal.
- (+/-) **Criterion #7.** P&D has approximately \$50,000 from CAIP. However, without knowing the total budget, it is uncertain if these funds are adequate.
- (+/-) **Criterion #8.** It is unknown if the project can be completed successfully. Many strategies to preserve the Gaviota Coast have been highly controversial. Therefore, success may depend upon how successful the Common Ground report is in achieving a consensus.

Other Considerations: None.

PROJECT # 13
SURF BEACH SNOWY PLOVER DOCENT PILOT PROJECT

3rd District
Santa Barbara County Planning & Development Department
Requests \$40,500
Total Project Costs: \$46,000

Staff Recommendation: Award a partial grant of \$7,500 for the shelter and bench with general allocation monies. Deny request for the other items, most of which qualifies as operational costs that are not eligible for CREF funding.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests funds to continue the Surf Beach Snowy Plover Docent Pilot Program for three years at the Surf Beach access point. The CREF monies would specifically pay for: (a) constructing a wind shelter and bench (\$7,500 CREF request); (b) updating and printing a handbook to be used by docents (\$3,000 CREF request); (c) paying for jackets, hats, and nametags for the docents (\$2,000 CREF request); and (d) paying docent stipends, such as costs associated with driving to Surf Beach and lunches (\$28,000 CREF request).

Background: The snowy plover is a federally listed threatened species with critical habitat designations within Santa Barbara County. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service closed public access to Ocean Beach from March to September to protect the plover. Many local residents opposed this closure since it is only one of three beach accesses along a 66-mile stretch of coastline. Because of volunteer docents that are stationed at Surf Beach, this beach remains open March 1st through September 30th, Fridays through Mondays, between 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Since implementation of this docent program in 2000, it has been very successful in informing visitors about protecting the snowy plover and preventing beach access violations. Previous grants have paid for docent training, jackets and nametags, and docent stipends up to this point. A \$25,000 CREF grant from the 2001 cycle helped pay for the applicant's technical staff time, docent training and educational signs.

Applicant's Priority Ranking: The applicant ranks this proposal first of two submitted.

Satisfaction of CREF Criteria:

[(+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; (+/-) means partially satisfies; and (-) means it does not satisfy the criterion.]

- (+) **Criterion #1.** The proposal has a strong coastal relationship in that it strives to preserve public access at a local beach while protecting the nesting and wintering snowy plovers, a coastal dependent species. The proposal is consistent with the County's Local Coastal Program.
- (+) **Criterion #2.** The proposal enhances coastal recreation and environmentally sensitive coastal resources by preserving access to a public beach and protecting the snowy plovers that inhabit the beach.

- (+) **Criterion #3.** The proposal provides a broad level of public benefit, especially for beachgoers in the Lompoc area. The docent program allows for Surf Beach to remain open during the Snowy Plover season for limited days and hours. The applicant states that on a summer day, there is an average of 172 beachgoers to Surf Beach. Without this program, the beach would be closed like the adjacent Ocean Beach.
- (+/-) **Criterion #4.** Twenty-eight percent of this proposal is considered capital improvements, which satisfies the higher priority of CREF.
- (-) **Criterion #5.** The applicant secured \$5,500 from the Coastal Impact Assistance Program and seeks the remaining \$40,500 from CREF.
- (-) **Criterion #6.** Sixty-one percent of this proposal represents ongoing operational costs. This cost was originally proposed to be funded by the Parks Department. The Parks Department states that the docent program is not an additional cost that it can fund out of the department's existing budget. In this proposal, the applicant states it would look at various options to pay for the ongoing costs of the docent program; the applicant lists three entities: VAFB, Ocean Beach Commission, and Lompoc Chamber of Commerce. There would be minimal maintenance associated with the wind shelter and bench.
- (-) **Criterion #7.** The applicant seeks 88% from CREF. It secured 12% from one other source. With the original pilot program's budget, the applicant secured funding from the State Resources Coastal Grant Program (AB1431); however, the applicant has not sought funding from the Coastal Conservancy as it stated it intended to in the 2001 CREF application.
- (+/-) **Criterion #8.** The applicant states that the docent program is extremely successful. Staff believes the project can be completed successfully, since it is simply providing comfort (wind shelter and bench), nametags, hats, jackets, and stipends to the much needed docents. What is uncertain, though, is the longevity of this program. As noted in *Criterion #6*, three years ago, the applicant said the Parks Department would pay for the ongoing costs of the docent program after the initial pilot program. Now, the applicant says that after a three-year extension of the pilot program, it still doesn't know who will pay for the ongoing costs but that it will look at various options and names three possible entities.

Other Considerations: The applicant states that the reason for the request to extend the docent program is because the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Final Recovery Plan is still being prepared; the applicant expects the study to possibly take another year before it is released. Therefore, funding and implementation of long-term recovery goals and management strategies are uncertain since the study has not been finalized. The applicant explains that the County needs time to work with VAFB and research the feasibility of establishing alternative access points in northern Santa Barbara County.

PROJECT # 14
ELLWOOD MESA PROPERTY ACQUISITION

3rd District
The Trust for Public Land
Requests \$375,932
Total Project Costs: \$20,400,000

Staff Recommendation: Award a challenge grant of \$367,963 with acquisitional monies. The Ellwood Mesa is one of the most pristine coastal properties within the urban boundaries. Moreover, local matching funds are required by many state and federal granting agencies. The CREF award is contingent on:

- (a) The purchase price shall not exceed the fair market value.
- (b) The County shall deposit the grant directly into escrow, consistent with current contractual procedure.
- (c) One hundred percent of the purchased land shall be dedicated to habitat preservation and passive recreation (including hiking, biking, horseback riding, and accessing the beach) in perpetuity. The recreational aspect shall be limited in a way to protect the environmentally sensitive coastal resources onsite.
- (d) The property itself cannot be used as collateral for any loans, including loans required to purchase the property.
- (e) If the Planning & Development Department, Comprehensive Planning Division returns \$6,000 from a 2004 CREF grant for its Santa Claus Lane Beach Access proposal (see *Staff Recommendation* section for that proposal), the \$6,000 shall be applied to the Ellwood Mesa acquisition for a total award of \$373,963.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests funds to purchase 137 acres of open space, bluff top property, commonly known as the Ellwood Mesa. The purchase price for the land is \$19.7 million; the land is appraised at \$45 million. The reason for the substantially lower purchase price is that the City of Goleta also offered the Ellwood Mesa landowner a land swap of 38 acres located at the northwest corner of the now City-owned Santa Barbara Shores Park, which is developable with a potential of up to 78 homes.

Background: In 1995, the Board of Supervisors approved Santa Barbara Shores–Ellwood Beach Specific Plan, including a 162-residential development. Two local organizations appealed the decision because the residential development encroached into environmentally sensitive resources. In a settlement agreement, all parties agreed on processing a new specific plan, known as the 1997 specific plan. This project included the 135-acre Monarch Point residential project site, a one-acre parcel, and the 119-acre open space at Santa Barbara Shores. The Coastal Commission approved this plan with some modifications.

In June of 1999, the Board of Supervisors initiated new amendments to the 1997 specific plan to address the Commission’s modifications and to address a recent court decision (*Bolsa Chica Land Trust v. Superior Court*) that affirmed limitations on development imposed by the Coastal Act within environmentally sensitive habitats in the coastal zone.

Planning & Development Department, Comprehensive Planning Division (P&D) received a 2000 CREF grant of \$50,000 towards processing amendments to the 1997 Santa Barbara Shores–Ellwood Beach Specific Plan. As an alternative to the plan, P&D planned on analyzing the option of transferring the proposed residential development to the developable portions of the county park property and transferring the recreational development to the Monarch Point property. P&D began processing the amendments in 2000.

During this planning process, Santa Barbara Development Partners, the University of California, and P&D decided it would make sense to integrate the planning for the entire coastal bluff area. In August of 2001, the Board of Supervisors initiated the Joint Proposal for the Ellwood – Devereux Coast. The Board awarded P&D another \$50,000 grant in the 2002 CREF cycle towards preparation of this document. Currently, P&D, the City of Goleta, and the University are analyzing and the environmental impacts of the Joint Proposal.

In June of 2004, the City of Goleta and the Ellwood Mesa landowner negotiated the current purchase price and land swap described above.

CREF monies allocated toward the regional Santa Barbara Shores/Ellwood area total \$1,933,273 to date as follows:

- \$1,000,000 in 1988 for acquisition of the Santa Barbara Shores property;
- \$280,000 of CREF reserves in 1991 for acquisition of the Santa Barbara Shores property;
- \$140,000 of CREF interest in 1991 for acquisition of the Santa Barbara Shores property;
- \$49,981 from the CREF award for the Burton Mesa Management Plan reallocated in 1989 for acquisition of the Santa Barbara Shores property;
- \$201,724 from the CREF award for Goleta Beach Parking Improvement reallocated in 1990 for acquisition of the Santa Barbara Shores property;
- \$46,351 reallocated from the CREF award for the Vehicle Access Restriction at More Mesa in 1997 for remediation of soil contamination on the Santa Barbara Shores property;
- \$115,217 granted in the 1996 cycle to pay a portion of the debt on the Santa Barbara Shores property;
- \$50,000 granted in the 2000 cycle towards processing amendments to the 1997 Santa Barbara Shores – Ellwood Beach Specific Plan; and
- \$50,000 granted in the 2002 cycle towards processing the Joint Proposal for the Ellwood – Devereux Coast.

Applicant's Priority Ranking: The applicant submits only this proposal.

Satisfaction of CREF Criteria:

[(+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; (+/-) means partially satisfies; and (-) means it does not satisfy the criterion.]

- (+) **Criterion #1.** The proposed purchase of this coastal bluff top open space would protect onsite environmentally sensitive coastal resources and preserve an area long used by the community for passive recreation. The proposal is consistent with the County's Comprehensive Plan, Goleta Community Plan, and the Joint Proposals for the Ellwood – Devereux Coast.
- (+) **Criterion #2.** The project would enhance coastal recreation, environmentally sensitive coastal resources, and coastal aesthetics by protecting development from encroaching on sensitive coastal habitats (native grasslands, vernal pools, roosting and foraging sites, Monarch Butterfly aggregation site) and preserving coastal viewsheds, coastal trails, and beach access.
- (+) **Criterion #3.** The project would benefit present and future users of this site. Historically, many people walk, jog, bike, horseback-ride, bird-watch, and use the site for beach access.
- (+) **Criterion #4.** The proposal is a coastal acquisition, which satisfies the higher priority of CREF.
- (+) **Criterion #5.** The applicant has embarked on a very ambitious fund-raising campaign. It has secured \$7.6 million to date towards the \$20.4 million budget. This \$7.6 million comes from: \$5 million from the Sperling family, \$1 million from the Wendy P. McCaw Foundation, \$1 million from the Goleta Valley Land Trust, and \$600,000 from over 3,500 donors and foundations. To lure people to donate, the applicant has held lunches, property tours, a walk-and jog-a-thon, art shows, and public tables at various places and has reached out to local businesses. The applicant is also seeking public funds from local, state, and federal sources, such as CREF, Coastal Conservancy, State Wildlife Conservation Board, Federal Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program, State-side Land and Water Conservation Fund, Environmental Enhancement & Mitigation Program, Habitat Conservation Fund, and the Natural Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Act. The applicant states that nine donors have contributed over \$11,000 as in-kind services for food and beverages for fund-raising events/lunches and radio production.
- (+) **Criterion #6.** Once acquired, the applicant will transfer the property to the City of Goleta. The City will operate and maintain the newly acquired Ellwood Mesa in conjunction with the Santa Barbara Shores Park.
- (+) **Criterion #7.** The department seeks 2% of the total acquisition budget from CREF and has sought and continues to seek the remaining 98% from various sources (see *Criterion #5*).
- (+/-) **Criterion #8.** There is much enthusiasm to acquire this property. The applicant exceeded a target of securing \$6 million by June 30, 2003, allowing the purchase option date to extend to December 31, 2003. Exceeding the \$6 million mark demonstrates that there is strong backing behind this project. The applicant has secured over one-third of the total budget to date and has stated that the landowners are expected to extend the purchase option date. In

reviewing the status of the grant requests from other funding sources, the applicant expresses optimism for a number of them. The applicant has a tremendous amount of money still to raise. If given the time, staff believes the project can be completed successfully.

Other Considerations: The timing is ripe for this request. The applicant has an estimated date to acquire the property by fall of 2004. This date coincides with the permitting approval date for the 38 acres that was swapped in the deal to purchase the Ellwood Mesa.

PROJECT # 15
RANCHO GUADALUPE DUNES COUNTY PARK
SAND CLEARING TRACTOR

4th District
Santa Barbara County Parks Department
Requests \$89,000
Total Project Costs: \$89,000

Staff Recommendation: Award full request of \$89,000 with general allocation monies. The tractor will ensure open access to a beach in the north county, where regional access to beaches is sufficiently deficient (see *Criterion #3*).

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests funds to purchase a large tractor for the sole purpose of clearing sand from the entrance road to the parking area at Rancho Guadalupe Dunes County Park.

Background: The access road is periodically closed due to the road's location through the sandy and windy dune area; excessive sand accumulates over the road. Currently, the County has an agreement with Gordon Sand Company to sweep the sand off the road once a week. However, the sweeping is needed more often, and Gordon Sand Company often cannot assist in the request for more sweeping. In several instances, the park has had to close due to sand accumulation on the entrance road. In addition, the sand accumulates on the parking lot and often reduces its capacity by 50%.

Applicant's Priority Ranking: The applicant ranks this proposal first of four submitted.

Satisfaction of CREF Criteria:

[(+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; (+/-) means partially satisfies; and (-) means it does not satisfy the criterion.]

- (+) **Criterion #1.** The proposal ensures continual access to Guadalupe beach; this project would be consistent with the Local Coastal Program.
- (+) **Criterion #2.** The proposal enhances coastal recreation and tourism by enhancing the road access at the Guadalupe beach.
- (+) **Criterion #3.** The dunes are visited by many people; the applicant estimates over 80,000 people per year. The proposal would ensure that people were not turned away to access the beach because of road closures. The north county area is deprived of many coastal accesses due to the location of Vandenberg Air Force Base, beach closures due to the snowy plover season, and the road closure at Point Sal. The benefits of this proposal are much more emphasized because of this lack of coastal access.
- (-) **Criterion #4.** The tractor is neither a capital improvement nor acquisition, therefore, it does not satisfy the higher priority of CREF.

- (-) **Criterion #5.** The applicant is requesting 100% from CREF and is not seeking monies from other sources.
- (-) **Criterion #6.** The applicant states that the County would be responsible for the maintenance of the tractor.
- (-) **Criterion #7.** The applicant has not applied to nor does it plan on applying to other funding sources.
- (+) **Criterion #8.** Once funded, the project can be completed successfully because the applicant simply needs to purchase a tractor. The sand situation on the access road and parking lot is a constant problem. The tractor appears to be a good solution to the constant sand sweeping.

Other Considerations: The applicant may need to reconsider its lease with Gordon Sand since Gordon Sand currently receives a lower rent rate since it sweeps the road once a week. The applicant states that the newly purchased tractor would be sufficient for daily or every other day sweeping of sands. However, Gordon Sand's larger tractor may still need to be used for larger sand removal every once in a while.

PROJECT # 16
PIONEER SPACE CENTER LIBRARY
COASTAL DISPLAY SYSTEM

4th District
Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau
Requests \$15,575.69
Total Project Costs: approximately \$15,575.69

Staff Recommendation: Grant a partial request of \$12,275.70 with general allocation monies. This recommendation includes all the equipment listed in the budget, excluding the digital camcorder. The camcorder is not time-critical to the project since the software to integrate the camcorder with the other equipment has not been developed yet.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests funds to pay for equipment for a transportable display system at the soon-to-be developed research library. The system is for Cabrillo High School Aquarium staff and students to display past projects that they have produced and ongoing projects in their Marine Technology Institute Rocky Shores and Sandy Beach monitoring program. Specifically, the applicant requests CREF monies to purchase various media equipment, including a computer, a touch screen kit, a camcorder, and display cabinets. The display system would be housed and displayed at the research library; however, it is a transportable unit that can be taken to various events.

Background: The applicant leases a 1,200 square-foot facility from the Lompoc Museum Association in downtown Lompoc. The library will ensure the preservation and utility of documents and materials pertaining to the history of space exploration unique to the Lompoc Valley and Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB) areas.

Cabrillo High School has a memorandum of Agreement with VAFB, the latter allowing high school students and staff to conduct its rocky shore and sandy beach monitoring program on VAFB's coastline. The data collected are entered into a NOAA-approved website.

The Cabrillo High School Aquarium has received five CREF grants in the past and monies from the State Resources Grant Program (AB1431). With some of these grant monies, the school has purchased and installed various technological and media equipment in its new aquarium: video camera, two editing workstations, a control station, a server cluster, one touch screen kiosk, a 41" high-definition plasma TV and screen, VCR, a hand-held microphone, and amplifying speakers in the theater. With all this equipment, students can produce videos and multimedia graphics, edit their work, and relate information through the kiosk and onsite theater.

Applicant's Priority Ranking: The applicant submitted only one proposal.

Satisfaction of CREF Criteria:

[(+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; (+/-) means partially satisfies; and (-) means it does not satisfy the criterion.]

- (+) **Criterion #1.** Although the Pioneer Space Center Library has a limited coastal nexus, this specific proposal has a coastal relationship in that it will display projects that students at Cabrillo High School have produced at the school's aquarium or at VAFB while monitoring the Base's coastline.
- (+) **Criterion #2.** This specific proposal would enhance environmentally sensitive coastal resources by teaching students, the general public, and tourist about the marine environment. In so doing, this education heightens the sensitivity and enjoyment of the marine habitat.
- (+) **Criterion #3.** The proposal would have a benefit to the students, residents, and tourist in Lompoc. The proposed display system would be based at the Pioneer Space Center Library (which is adjacent to and will be associated with the Lompoc Museum) and carted around to various destinations (e.g., schools and other possible venues). The proposal allows for a broader outreach for Cabrillo High School Aquarium's student projects.
- (-) **Criterion #4.** The proposal is to purchase equipment; it is neither capital improvements nor acquisition. Staff considers it to have an educational component; however, it does not satisfy the higher priorities of CREF.
- (-) **Criterion #5.** The applicant does not seek additional funds nor offers in-kind services for any part of this proposal.
- (+) **Criterion #6.** There would be no ongoing County operational or maintenance costs associated with this project.
- (-) **Criterion #7.** The applicant is seeking 100% of the proposal's budget from CREF.
- (+/-) **Criterion #8.** Staff considers the proposal to be completed successfully since it is simply purchasing the equipment and setting up the display system. However, the longevity of the library is uncertain. The California Space Grant Foundation gave a \$12,000 grant for one year lease of the building. The applicant submitted a letter from this Foundation that states the Foundation is dedicated to supporting the library in the future; however, the Foundation could not commit to an exact amount of funding. The applicant is seeking operational costs through the California Space Grant Foundation and the Space Education Alliance. Neither funding source has committed to funding as of yet.

Other Considerations: The applicant states that it will seek more CREF grants in the future to develop coastal data storage and display capabilities.

The CREF program has helped the Cabrillo High School Aquarium purchase media equipment in the past. However, the applicant explains that the high school is limited on how much outreach it can have on the school campus. Currently, the high school opens the aquarium to the public one day a month. This proposal allows the high school to bring the students' marine-themed videos that they have developed to various venues.

The applicant explained that the project is time-critical in that it expands Cabrillo High School's Marine Science and Technology program, a specialized secondary program that was funded by the State Department of Education. This program is a three-year program and next year is the last year. This project allows the high school to publicly display many of its projects that were created from this program.

The camcorder is one of the requested equipment purchases. This equipment will allow the user of the screen to digitally plop him or herself into whatever is being displayed on the computer screen. The applicant explains that the software to use this equipment has not been developed yet.

PROJECT # 17
THE DUNES VISITOR CENTER

4th District
Dunes Center
Requests \$150,000
Total Project Costs: \$2,500,000

Staff Recommendation: Deny request in deference to other, more time-critical funding requests in this highly competitive CREF cycle. Encourage applicant to return next cycle to reconsider its request for funds, along with consideration of its previous CREF award from the 2003 cycle.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests funds towards its new center. The applicant has revised its plans for the center since the approval of a CREF grant last year. The revised project includes: (a) constructing a 3,500 square foot building that would house 12 exhibit areas; and (b) designing, fabricating and installing ten exhibits and displays. The entire Dunes Center campus will be comprised of three buildings: (i) one existing building for the Dunes Center headquarters; (ii) another existing building for the Olivier Fourie Research library (repository for all Dunes Center data), small meeting space, historical tours, and offices for partners; and (iii) the new 3,500 s.f building for the interpretation exhibits, theater, gift shop, and the Alfred & Anna Multari Environmental Education Center. The Alfred & Anna Multari Environmental Education Center will allow the applicant to accept a large number of school children at one time, including the use of a wet lab and AV equipment. The applicant states the previous exhibits it has fabricated from CREF grants will be incorporated into the new exhibit hall.

Background: The Dunes Center is a visitor education and research center supporting the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes. The Dunes Center (and the Nature Conservancy) have received a number of CREF grants in the past, for a total of \$392,222:

- (a) a \$33,222 grant in the 1994 cycle to update the Guadalupe Dunes master plan;
- (b) a \$120,000 grant in the 1995 cycle to design and fabricate exhibits and displays for the Dunes Center;
- (c) a \$5,000 grant in the 1996 cycle to purchase an interpretative trailer;
- (d) a \$22,500 grant in the 1999 cycle to develop and implement an educational package for teachers and students to visit the Dunes Center;
- (e) a \$22,000 grant in the 1999 cycle to produce a 20-minute video of the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes;
- (f) a \$21,500 grant in the 2001 cycle to create an interactive computer program about the life history of Guadalupe Dune's land and sea mammals; and
- (g) a \$168,000 grant in the 2003 cycle towards the Dunes Center exhibit hall and ten exhibits.

In addition, the Board awarded a \$50,000 grant in the 1994 cycle to construct a building to house the Dunes Center. However, the Dunes Center could not secure the necessary additional funds within two years and had to give the money back to the CREF program; the \$50,000 grant was reallocated in the 1997 CREF cycle. The Dunes Center received a \$166,836 grant in the 2000 cycle to construct

a building to house exhibits. During the planning process, the Dunes Center decided to design the building with specific exhibits, which increased the cost from \$350,000 to \$2.3 million. The latter amount is approximately \$1.1 million for the building and \$1.2 million for exhibits. Pursuant to the CREF contract, the Dunes Center returned the \$166,836 to CREF because the Center could not secure the additional monies prior to the contract termination date.

Applicant's Priority Ranking: The applicant submitted only one proposal.

Satisfaction of CREF Criteria:

[(+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; (+/-) means partially satisfies; and (-) means it does not satisfy the criterion.]

- (+) **Criterion #1.** The proposal has a coastal relationship since it would educate the public about the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes environment. The Local Coastal Program Dunes Study has identified the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes as highly valuable and a sensitive coastal environment. The Dunes are listed in the California Natural Diversity DataBase with a large number of known sensitive species and habitats.
- (+) **Criterion #2.** The project would enhance coastal recreation, tourism, and environmentally sensitive coastal resources by providing more interactive exhibits and larger building space that focuses on the environmentally sensitive habitats at Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes.
- (+) **Criterion #3.** The applicant states that the center serves many visitors a year, especially local residents, tourist, and school groups. It anticipates that the center will accommodate approximately 50,000 visitors a year.
- (+) **Criterion #4.** This project is a capital improvement, which satisfies the higher priority use of CREF.
- (+/-) **Criterion #5.** In June of this year, the applicant hired an independent consulting firm that prepared a statewide study to determine the feasibility of the Dunes Center project. The Study identified prospective gifts amounts totaling \$2,338,500. However, the applicant has not secured any other grants since it applied for CREF funding a year ago. Aside from this year's CREF request, the applicant is seeking approximately \$2 million from five sources.
- (+) **Criterion #6.** The project would not require any ongoing County operational or maintenance costs. The first year operational costs are folded into the \$2.5 million budget. Leasing of office space, point of entry fees, membership fees, gift shop revenues, concession sales, along with the endowment revenues will pay for the operational costs after the first year.
- (+) **Criterion #7.** The applicant secured 21% of the total project costs (including last year's CREF award for \$168,000). With this year's request, it seeks 6% from CREF. The applicant seeks the remaining 73% from five other funding sources.
- (+/-) **Criterion #8.** The applicant has successfully operated the Dunes Center for a number of years and has successfully completed a number of exhibits, funded by CREF, that have won national awards. However, the applicant still needs to secure approximately \$2 million to

realize the new center. In the past year, the applicant has not secured any new grants towards this project. The feasibility study indicates: 85% of respondents are planning to make a gift and 57% of those 85% are considering a gift of \$50,000 or more. The study identified a potential of \$2,338,500 in gifts. The feasibility study expresses “This is an exceptionally high level of potential funding identified during a feasibility study; it is very encouraging for a successful campaign outcome.”

Other Considerations: None.

PROJECT # 18
SAND AND SEA LEARNING AREA

5th District
The Natural History Museum
Requests \$35,200
Total Project Costs: approximately \$61,900

Staff Recommendation: Award a partial grant of \$30,000 with general allocation monies towards the fenced outdoor area only (the first item listed below).

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests funds to design and install a sand and sea learning area at its Natural History Museum located in downtown Santa Maria. Three components of the project involve:

- constructing a 20'x14' fenced outside area on the northern side of the museum (\$30,000 CREF request). The area would be equipped with three tables, a sand area with whale bone, shell, and other marine fossils, bronze marine animals to play on, outdoor speakers, motion-activated lighting (to deter vandalism), and a life-size mural depicting whales, sharks, and dolphins. This area will be used by classroom students for learning activities.
- developing a four-sided information kiosk with motion-detected lighting, located in the Museum's parkway (\$3,000 CREF request). The four sides will have information about current Museum announcements and events, history of the Hart Home (the Museum's building), and history about the local area.
- enhancing the existing sea life mural and seashore estuary exhibit that was funded by CREF in a past grant. A tree would be painted next to the mural; a stick nest with a juvenile blue heron taxidermy would be placed at the top of the tree (\$2,200 CREF request).

Background: The applicant recently completed an exhibit that depicts a local seashore habitat in its museum with a \$26,000 grant in the 2001 CREF cycle. The exhibit's design includes a painting of dunes, grasses, a tidepool, flowers, and birds. Along a banister in front of the mural are interactive panels with two focal subjects: What do I Eat? (predator/prey) and What do I do? (niche function in the web of life). The exhibit is also equipped with a compact disc player and speakers, replaying a recording of ocean and bird sounds.

Applicant's Priority Ranking: The applicant submitted only one proposal.

Satisfaction of CREF Criteria:

[(+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; (+/-) means partially satisfies; and (-) means it does not satisfy the criterion.]

- (+) **Criterion #1.** The proposal possesses a functional coastal relationship by educating students and visitors about the local marine environment. Although not all of the kiosk portion of the proposal is coastal-related, it appears to be a small portion.

- (+) **Criterion #2.** The project enhances environmentally sensitive coastal resources and coastal recreation by educating visitors about the marine and seashore habitats and the various species that frequent these habitats. In so doing, this education heightens the sensitivity, respect and enjoyment of these habitats.
- (+) **Criterion #3.** The applicant states that two school groups and an average of 60 visitors per month visit the museum. The Earth Day event brought in over 100 visitors and the Grapes and Grains October festival brought in over 300 visitors. The applicant states that it is working with various school districts and other regional and local museums to provide science and natural history enrichment programs for students and teachers.
- (+) **Criterion #4.** Ninety-four percent of this project is a capital improvement, which satisfies the higher priority use of CREF.
- (+) **Criterion #5.** The applicant offers \$26,700 as in-kind donations and services, such as lighting, fence installation, picnic tables, bronze play structures, and docent training kits.
- (+) **Criterion #6.** The project would not require any additional ongoing County operational or maintenance costs. The applicant has successfully operated the museum now for four years and states that volunteers and docents will operate and maintain the exhibit.
- (+/-) **Criterion #7.** The applicant seeks 57% of the project costs from CREF; the remaining 43% it offers as in-kind donations and services from various people and local businesses. The applicant has not sought funding from other sources for this project.
- (+) **Criterion #8.** Staff believes the project will be completed successfully. The applicant has successfully completed its last exhibit funded by CREF.

Other Considerations: None.

PROJECT # 19
MARINE EXHIBIT

5th District
The Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum
Requests \$250,000
Total Project Costs: approximately \$250,000

Staff Recommendation: Award a challenge grant of \$120,000 with general allocation monies, contingent on the applicant securing all necessary funds to complete the project.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests funds to fabricate, construct and install a marine exhibit in its new museum location. The exhibit would be a fabricated pier, equipped with viewfinders and telescopes that will zoom onto a coastline habitat. Under the pier will be a salt water aquarium. An undersea tunnel will simulate an underwater experience. The “tunnel” will exit onto a beach scene. In addition, the exhibit will have an interactive computer center, focused on sea and shore habitats.

Background: The Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum recently has moved its location within Santa Maria. The applicant has received three past CREF grants: \$24,500 in the 1994 CREF cycle to install the Tide Pool Touch Tank, the Kelp Forest Tunnel, and the Sea It! Research Vessel exhibits; \$13,444 in the 1997 cycle to develop marine science curriculum and conduct workshops for teachers and children; and \$20,000 in the 2002 cycle to install an Ocean Supermarket exhibit that teaches adults and children about the marine food chain and the variety of everyday food that comes from the ocean. Only the latter project has not been completed. After seven years of use, the exhibits developed in the 1994 CREF grant will not be moved to the new location.

Applicant's Priority Ranking: The applicant submitted only one proposal.

Satisfaction of CREF Criteria:

[(+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; (+/-) means partially satisfies; and (-) means it does not satisfy the criterion.]

- (+) **Criterion #1.** The proposed project is coastal related by function, educating children and adults about the shore and near shore marine environment.
- (+) **Criterion #2.** The proposal enhances recreation and environmentally sensitive coastal resources by teaching children about the near shore marine environment and in so doing, heightens the sensitivity of the marine habitat.
- (+) **Criterion #3.** The applicant states that this proposal will benefit over 18,000 people who visit the museum annually. Specifically, the museum attracts children (underprivileged, special educated, and at-risk, too), parents, grandparents, and counselors.

- (+) **Criterion #4.** Ninety-six percent of this project is a capital improvement, which satisfies the higher priority use of CREF.
- (+/-) **Criterion #5.** The applicant does not offer any in-kind services nor is it seeking any funds from other funding sources for this project. It has sought \$50,000 towards programs that would be associated with the proposal. In addition, the applicant has secured \$924,000 towards its \$1.2 million total budget for relocating the museum.
- (+) **Criterion #6.** The proposal would not require any additional ongoing County operational or maintenance costs. The applicant states the museum has an annual budget for maintenance and repair.
- (+/-) **Criterion #7.** The applicant seeks 100% from CREF for this proposal. However, it has secured 77% of the total budget for the museum relocation from other sources.
- (+) **Criterion #8.** Staff believes the proposal can be completed successfully. The applicant has received three CREF grants in the past, completing two successfully and currently working on completing the third. The applicant states that the construction/demolition of the new museum began in early November. The applicant plans on a June 2004 grand opening.

Other Considerations: None.

PROJECT # 20
SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL HAZARDS REMOVAL PROGRAM

South Coast
California State Lands Commission
Mineral Resources Management Division
Requests \$100,000
Total Project Costs: approximately \$931,000

Staff Recommendation: Award a partial grant of \$6,800 with general allocation monies to apply towards removing hazards at Fernald Point (\$4,000) and at the east end of Summerland near Padaro Lane (\$2,800). These two recommended hazards are considered among the most dangerous hazards listed in the applicant's proposal that CREF can feasibly fund in this extremely competitive cycle.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests funds to remove debris and hazards from the tidal zone and upland beach area at as many as 20 sites between the Gaviota Coast and Rincon Beach. Many of these hazards are remnant structures from oil exploration in the early 1900s, which have not been abandoned properly. The applicant states that these structures pose a serious threat of injury to beachgoers. The applicant has completed the necessary environmental review and obtained most of the necessary state and local permits required for the removal of many of the identified hazards. Some of debris is associated with the railroad, and the applicant will pursue funding from the Union Pacific Railroad to remove these types of hazards.

Background: In the early 1900s, oil exploration in Santa Barbara County occurred from piers and structures near shore. After their use, these piers and structures were left and not properly abandoned. Today remnant wellheads, well caissons, well casings, cables, pipelines, piles, and angle bars are exposed after winter storms erode sand from the tidal areas. The applicant states that these structures no longer have an identifiable responsible party for the removal.

Applicant's Priority Ranking: The applicant submitted only one proposal.

Satisfaction of CREF Criteria:

[(+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; (+/-) means partially satisfies; and (-) means it does not satisfy the criterion.]

- (+) **Criterion #1.** The proposal has a coastal nexus in that it is removing safety hazards in and around the tidal zone along the southern coast of Santa Barbara County. The proposal has received most of the necessary permits and is consistent with the Coastal Act and the Local Coastal Plan.
- (+) **Criterion #2.** The proposal would enhance coastal recreation, coastal tourism, and to some extent, environmentally sensitive coastal resources. The proposal would remove safety hazards that are exposed in the tidal zone at various beaches along Santa Barbara County's southern coast.

- (+) **Criterion #3.** The proposal would benefit resident and tourist beachgoers along the southern coast of Santa Barbara County. Hazards would be removed from El Capitan Beach State Park, the beach below Ellwood Mesa and Santa Barbara Shores, Sands Beach, beach below Isla Vista cliffs, beaches in front of the Biltmore and Miramar Hotels, Summerland beach, Santa Claus Lane beach, Carpinteria State Beach, and Rincon Beach.
- (+) **Criterion #4.** The proposal is considered a capital improvement, therefore satisfying the higher priority of CREF.
- (+) **Criterion #5.** The applicant states that it sought \$1 million from the State's General Fund in the 03/04 fiscal year. However, due to budget constraints, the money was not allocated. The applicant has spent \$104,000 on environmental review and permitting the removal of some hazards. The applicant will seek funding from the Union Pacific Railroad to remove debris associated with the railroads. Energy Division staff has asked the California Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources for assistance from its Orphan Well Fund to abate well casings. In addition, the Energy Division will also pursue the Union Pacific Railroad for its portions.
- (+) **Criterion #6.** The applicant states that there would be no ongoing costs from the County once the hazards are removed.
- (+) **Criterion #7.** The applicant states it will continue to seek funding from the State's General Fund in each fiscal year's budget until it is successful. The applicant will seek funding from Union Pacific Railroad.
- (+/-) **Criterion #8.** When the applicant uses the term "removal" it actually means removing the above ground debris and the underground portion as much as it feasibly can since many of the debris is deep in the ground. The applicant has removed debris hazards at nine locations and considers five of these sites to have a low probability of the debris reappearing with beach erosion.

The applicant has received most of the necessary permits and does not believe removing these hazards will be difficult.

Other Considerations: Although some of the debris has been around for decades, many have only become hazardous recently due to erosion, deterioration, or other reasons. Some hazards are located above the mean high tide and others below. Despite the various jurisdictional boundaries, the debris has posed varying threats to public safety. The project should be taken advantage of in the near future because of the safety aspect and that the permits expire within two to five years, depending on the permit.

PROJECT # 21
CONSTRUCTION OF SHADE STRUCTURE FOR PROPAGATION OF NATIVE PLANTS

South Coast
Growing Solutions Restoration Education Institute
Requests \$14,000
Total Project Costs: approximately \$107,580

Staff Recommendation: Deny request in deference to other, more time-critical funding requests in this highly competitive CREF cycle.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests funds to complete its recently developed nursery. The applicant request CREF funds specifically for:

- building potting benches and a seed storage facility,
- improving the irrigation system, and
- installing a restroom with solar panels.

The first two items listed are items that the applicant could not complete in its original proposal because of budget over runs (see *Background* section). The applicant uses the shade structure to propagate native plants for restoring coastal and non-coastal habitats throughout the south coast.

Background: With a \$15,000 grant from the 2002 CREF cycle, the applicant erected a 2,400 square-foot shade structure for plants, including a ground cover, a tool shed, an irrigation system, and a gate and fencing at the County's Solid Waste Transfer Station. Because some of the items cost more than expected, the applicant was unable to build benches and a seed storage facility, purchase seed storage and cleaning equipment, and install a more efficient irrigation system.

Applicant's Priority Ranking: The applicant submitted only one proposal.

Satisfaction of CREF Criteria:

[(+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; (+/-) means partially satisfies; and (-) means it does not satisfy the criterion.]

- (+/-) **Criterion #1.** Staff considers the proposal to have a partial coastal nexus. Most of the propagated native plants would be used in projects for restoring coastal habitats; however, some of the plants would be used for restoration projects not dependent on a coastal habitat.
- (+/-) **Criterion #2.** Growing native plants for local restoration projects partially enhances environmentally sensitive coastal habitats and non-coastal environmentally sensitive habitats. In addition, the proposal would partially enhance coastal aesthetics by restoring coastal habitats.
- (+) **Criterion #3.** Restoration of local habitats would benefit present and future users of these sites throughout the south coast. The applicant informs the public about the importance of habitat restoration through classes, weekend workshops, and internships.

- (+) **Criterion #4.** As a capital improvement, the proposal satisfies the higher priority of CREF.
- (-) **Criterion #5.** Towards the additional budget (up and beyond the original budget), the applicant offers \$4,500 as in-kind services for volunteer time, project administration, and habitat information books.
- (+) **Criterion #6.** The applicant states that ongoing operations and site maintenance will be handled by plant sales.
- (-) **Criterion #7.** The applicant offers 24% as in-kind service and requests 76% from CREF. The applicant does not seek funding for the additional budget costs from other sources.
- (+/-) **Criterion #8.** Once the applicant secures the necessary monies, staff believes this project can be completed successfully. The applicant now has a better sense of how much money is needed to complete the project. It appears that the project's product (native plants) is in high demand on the south coast for various restoration projects.

Other Considerations: In November of 2002, the Board of Supervisors executed a license agreement (No. YI 3344) with the applicant to lease a half acre at the County's Solid Waste Transfer Station.

PROJECT # 22
THE COAST OF CALIFORNIA STORM AND TIDAL WAVE STUDY

South Coast
Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment (BEACON)
Requests \$60,000
Total Project Costs: approximately \$3 million

Staff Recommendation: Deny request in deference to other, more time-critical funding requests in this highly competitive CREF cycle.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests funds to help prepare The Coast of California Storm and Tidal Wave Study (CCSTWS), a comprehensive study of the state's coastline. The study area for this phase is in between Ellwood Beach and Point Mugu in Oxnard. When totally completed, CCSTWS will provide a useful model for the evaluation, assessment, and understanding of the coastal processes along the California coast. The study has three main elements:

- field studies, which includes beach profile surveys, aerial photographs, wave measurements, littoral environment observations and measurements;
- data analysis and interpretation, which includes waves, currents, beach width and shoreline changes, and the potential sources of sand gains or losses; and
- presentation of the study findings in technical reports that can be used by a wide variety of people.

Background: The Los Angeles District of the Army Corps of Engineers initiated the CCSTWS in 1982 after a series of major storms had caused considerable damage at many locations along California's 1,100-mile long coast. The study was completed for the San Diego region in 1990, with 40 technical reports and a final report as the product. The study for the Orange County region was completed in 1992, and the Los Angeles region was completed in 1998.

Applicant's Priority Ranking: The applicant submitted only one proposal.

Satisfaction of CREF Criteria:

[(+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; (+/-) means partially satisfies; and (-) means it does not satisfy the criterion.]

- (+) **Criterion #1.** The proposal has a coastal relationship in that it is studying the processes of the coastline that affect beach erosion.
- (+/-) **Criterion #2.** It remains uncertain whether the study's results would affect effective strategies to address beach erosion. The applicants hope that such strategies would enhance coastal recreation and tourism by preserving/enhancing beach parks.
- (+) **Criterion #3.** The applicant states that the final product would help determine what can and cannot be built along the coast; it states that it will be a planning tool for planning agencies.

- (-) **Criterion #4.** The proposal is considered planning & research and, therefore, does not satisfy the higher priority of CREF.
- (+) **Criterion #5.** The applicant needs to secure 10% of the total cost as a local match, which equates to \$250,000. The applicant requests 24% of the total match from CREF and plans on seeking the remaining 76% from Ventura County and the cities of Santa Barbara, Goleta, Carpinteria, San Buenaventura, Oxnard, and Point Hueneme, which are all members of the applicant's organization.
- (-) **Criterion #6.** The applicant states that there would be no ongoing operational or maintenance costs for the County.
- (+) **Criterion #7.** The applicant is seeking 76% of the total cost of the local match amount from Ventura County and the cities of Santa Barbara, Goleta, Carpinteria, San Buenaventura, Oxnard, and Point Hueneme.
- (+/-) **Criterion #8.** Portions of the study have been completed in San Diego, Orange County, and Los Angeles. Once the money is raised, staff believes the project can be completed. However, it remains uncertain to what extent the results would lead to effective strategies that address chronic beach erosion.

Other Considerations: None.

PROJECT # 23
OILED MARINE MAMMAL RESCUE PROJECT

County-Wide
Santa Barbara Marine Mammal Center
Requests \$34,499
Total Project Costs: approximately \$93,699

Staff Recommendation: Grant a partial request of \$24,408 with general allocation monies to pay for the first four out of six items listed below. This proposal has a strong coastal nexus in that it helps to address specific impacts to oiled marine mammals – one of several factors upon which assessment of CREF fees are based.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests funds to be able to better handle a catastrophic event when many marine mammals are being stranded on beaches over a short period of time (e.g., because of an oil spill or domoic acid outbreak – see *Background* section below). The applicant requests CREF funds to specifically pay for the following:

- purchase 30 hoop nets, which are used to catch the marine mammals, and permanently loan these nets to government agencies that would help out in rescuing marine mammals (\$2,250 CREF request);
- purchase 50 portable kennel cages, which are used to transport the marine mammals in from the beach to the Center (\$1,250 CREF request);
- purchase portable enclosures that can be quickly assembled to handle unusually large numbers of marine mammals (\$15,200 CREF request);
- purchase a trailer to store the cages (\$5,708 CREF request), for easy transport and deployment.
- purchase oiled wildlife gear and oil cleanup material, such as protective clothing, absorbent materials, cleaning materials, storage containers for soiled waste, and cleanup tubs (\$5,000 CREF request); and
- purchase a trailer to store the oil gear and oil cleanup materials (\$5,091 CREF request).

With in-kind services, the applicant would also train qualified government agencies countywide in the rescue of marine mammals so that more trained personnel may be available during a catastrophic event when many marine mammals are being stranded on beaches over a short period of time.

Background: The Santa Barbara Marine Mammal Center was founded in 1976 in response to growing numbers of distressed marine mammals stranded on beaches. Its primary goal is to rescue, rehabilitation, and release sick, injured, and orphaned marine mammals. The Center is staffed entirely by approximately 50 volunteers, who are typically students at the City College or the University. The Center also conducts educational outreach programs at local schools, parks and museums and workshops for park rangers, lifeguards, animal control personnel, and researchers. From oil spills or domoic acid outbreaks (plankton producing a toxic acid), the Center rescues marine mammals. In one 30-day period this year, 170 sea lions were rescued on Santa Barbara beaches.

Applicant's Priority Ranking: The applicant submitted only one proposal.

Satisfaction of CREF Criteria:

[(+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; (+/-) means partially satisfies; and (-) means it does not satisfy the criterion.]

- (+) **Criterion #1.** The proposal contains a strong coastal nexus by rescuing, rehabilitating, and releasing a large number of marine mammals during a potential catastrophic event when many marine mammals are being stranded on beaches over a short period of time.
- (+) **Criterion #2.** This proposal would enhance environmentally sensitive coastal resources, specifically various species of marine mammals. In addition, it will enhance coastal recreation and tourism by quickly removing a potentially large number of stranded marine mammals during a catastrophic event.
- (+) **Criterion #3.** It provides a broad public benefit to the over 45 species of marine mammals in our area, including whales, dolphins, sea otters, seal lions, harbor seals, and porpoises. Five species of whales in our region are considered endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Two species of seals and seal lions and the sea otter are listed as threatened under the Act. Responding more quickly to a catastrophic event could help the protection of these endangered and threatened species. The applicant explains that the beachgoers would be benefited also in the fact that marine mammals can inflict bites and can carry diseases communicable to humans and domestic animals. In addition, people who are concerned about the welfare of marine mammals benefit by knowing that stranded marine mammals are quickly being rescued, rehabilitated, and released.
- (-) **Criterion #4.** The proposal is considered equipment, which does not satisfy the higher priorities of CREF.
- (-) **Criterion #5.** The applicant offers in-kind services valued at approximately \$16,200 to manage the project, construct nets for the participating agencies, and assemble the storage trailers with the emergency and oiled gear equipment.
- (+) **Criterion #6.** The proposal does not propose any ongoing County operational or maintenance costs. The applicant has successfully been a self-supporting organization for 27 years. Operating funds (which pay for food and medical supplies for the animals, rental space in the harbor, utilities, and insurance for the applicant's boats and vehicles) are obtained through the applicant's base supporters, fundraising events, and occasional foundation grant.
- (+/-) **Criterion #7.** The applicant states that it has not located a funding source that would fund large-scale marine mammal stranding events. This is the first time the applicant has ever applied for a CREF grant.
- (+) **Criterion #8.** Staff believes this project can be completed successfully because the applicant has been successfully operating this organization for 27 years. The applicant states that its program has a high rate of success: over 80% of the animals that come in for treatment survive and are returned to the wild. The applicant concludes that this is the highest success

rate of any marine mammal rescue organization in the world. The Center has received a number of awards for its work.

Other Considerations: The applicant states that the equipment to be purchased by a CREF grant would have an approximate 20-year life expectancy.

PROJECT # 24
SEABIRD RESCUE/REHABILITATE EQUIPMENT

County-Wide
Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network
Requests \$1,037
Total Project Costs: approximately \$1,137

Staff Recommendation: Grant full request of \$1,037 with general allocation monies. This proposal has a strong coastal nexus in that it helps to address specific impacts to oiled marine birds – one of several factors upon which assessment of CREF fees are based.

Summary of Proposal: The applicant requests funds to purchase:

- four nets used to capture injured or oiled seabirds, and
- a small shed to store equipment used specifically to care for seabirds (e.g., including nets, carriers to transport the seabirds from the beach, towels, food, rehydration fluid, and a heater).

The applicant states that these purchases will help the rescue and rehabilitation of seabirds found on Santa Barbara beaches.

Background: The applicant rescues and rehabilitates injured wildlife, and the applicant states it successfully rehabilitates 60% of the animals. The applicant states that it frequently gets phone calls from beachgoers who have spotted an injured or oiled seabird on a beach. Upon receiving the call, the applicant sends out a volunteer. Some birds put up resistance to being rescued and so must be netted. The old nets need replacing (thus the CREF request for the capture nets). All of the equipment listed above to care for a seabird is currently not in one place; therefore, the requested purchase of a shed who organize all the necessary equipment in one place to be used immediately.

The applicant plans on establishing a full-time wildlife care center; however, it has been unable to secure land for this proposed center. The applicant relinquished a \$25,000 grant from the 1998 CREF cycle towards this proposed center since it could not commence the project within the allotted two years. In addition, the applicant received a \$1,580 CREF grant in the 2000 cycle to purchase an above ground pool, a baby scale to weigh birds, an ultraviolet light, a freezer, and an aviary.

Applicant's Priority Ranking: The applicant submitted only one proposal.

Satisfaction of CREF Criteria:

[(+) means the proposal satisfies the criterion; (+/-) means partially satisfies; and (-) means it does not satisfy the criterion.]

- (+) **Criterion #1.** The proposal contains a strong coastal nexus by rescuing, rehabilitating, and releasing injured or oiled seabirds.
- (+) **Criterion #2.** This proposal would enhance environmentally sensitive coastal resources, specifically various seabird species. In addition, it will enhance coastal recreation and tourism in the area by removing injured or oiled seabirds from our beaches.
- (+) **Criterion #3.** This proposal will benefit injured and oiled sea birds. In addition, the sight of an injured or oiled bird affects most people; knowing the birds were being cared for would have a broad public benefit.
- (-) **Criterion #4.** The proposal is considered equipment, which does not satisfy the higher priority of CREF.
- (+) **Criterion #5.** The applicant is asking CREF for only \$1,037 and offers \$100 as in-kind services in the form of installing the shed.
- (+) **Criterion #6.** There would be no ongoing County operations or maintenance involved with this proposal. The applicant has been successfully been operating for over 15 years.
- (+) **Criterion #7.** It offers only 9% of the total budget as in-kind services and seeks 95% from CREF. However, the applicant is seeking a very small amount from CREF, \$1,037.
- (+) **Criterion #8.** Staff expects the applicant to complete the proposal successfully. It is simply purchasing some equipment and installing a shed. The applicant has successfully been rescuing and rehabilitating birds for over 15 years. It has successfully completed one CREF grant.

Other Considerations: The proposed nets and shed are all portable items that could be moved if the facility relocated.

APPENDIX B

At-a-Glance

**CREF Allocations by Supervisorial District
(1988-2003)**

Table 1: First District¹

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Andree Clark Bird Refuge	\$ 170,000	1988	Cap. Improv. ²
Carpinteria Swimming Pool	150,000	1988	Cap. Improv.
Carpinteria Salt Marsh Land Acquisition	83,000	1990	Acq. ³
Carpinteria Salt Marsh Land Acquisition	150,000	1993	Acq.
Carpinteria Salt Marsh Land Acquisition	25,000	1995	Acq.
Carpinteria Salt Marsh Nature Park Interpretative Signs	38,500	2002	Cap Improv.
Carpinteria Salt Marsh, Basin I and So. Marsh Improve. Plan	50,000	2003	Cap Improv.
Santa Barbara Zoo -- Sea Lion Exhibit	25,000	1990	Cap. Improv.
Santa Barbara Harbor Boat Launch	150,000	1990	Cap. Improv.
Carpinteria Bluffs Appraisals	20,000	1991	Acq.
Carpinteria Bluffs Appraisals	15,000	1992	Acq.
Carpinteria Bluffs Appraisals	15,000	1997	Acq.
Carpinteria Bluffs Acquisition	100,000	1998	Acq.
Carpinteria Bluffs Acquisition	350,000	1999	Acq.
Carpinteria Creek Appraisals	5,000	1992	Acq.
Loon Point Beach Access Easement	2,872	1990	Acq.
Loon Point Beach Access Easement	66,000	1994	Cap. Improv.
Lookout Park Accessibility Modifications	30,000	1994	Cap. Improv.
Carpinteria Lions Community Building	25,000	1995	Cap. Improv.
Oceanview Park (Careaga) Acquisition	200,000	1995	Acq.
Channel Drive Beautification	27,000	1995 (1999 ⁴)	Cap. Improv.
Coastal Bikeway, North Jameson Lane	95,000	1995	Cap. Improv.
Summerland Greenwell Park	20,000	1996	Cap. Improv.
Summerland Greenwell Park	16,000	2001	Cap. Improv.
Bikeway Studies: Santa Claus Lane/Carp. Ave & Ortega Hill	50,000	1996	Cap. Improv.
Hammonds Meadows Beach Access Stairs	10,500	1996	Cap. Improv.
Ocean Recreation Center	60,000	1997	Cap. Improv.
Rincon Beach Access	29,000	1997	Cap. Improv.
Rincon Beach Day Use Area Planning	28,500	2001	Cap. Improv.
Rincon Beach Day Use Area Implementation	7,720	2002	Cap. Improv.
Rincon Beach Day Use Area, Phase I	37,037	2003	Cap. Improv.
Finney Street Access	21,413	1997	Cap. Improv.
Surfrider Extension Trail	51,500	2000	Acq.
Santa Claus Lane Preliminary Beach Access	26,000	2000	Acq.
Design Guidelines for Hwy 101 Landscaping and Structures	10,000	1998	Plan/Rsch. ⁵
Carpinteria Creek Watershed Outreach	15,036	2002	Edu ⁶
Carpinteria-Rincon Coastal Multi-Use Trail, Feasibility Study	50,000	2003	Plan/Rsch
Total	\$2,225,078		

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²Capital improvement

³Acquisition

⁴Reissued in 1999

⁵Planning & Research

⁶Education

Table 2: Second District⁷

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Arroyo Burro Beach			
Tot Lot	\$ 0	1988	Cap. Improv.
Parking Lot	50,000	1991	Cap. Improv.
Parking Lot Acquisition	6,000	1996	Acq.
Coastal Overlook	26,300	1998	Cap. Improv.
Wheelchair Accessible Coastal Overlook	15,000	2002	Cap. Improv.
Pampas Grass Removal	21,888	2003	Cap. Improv.
Sea Center Renovation/Expansion	115,000	1988	Cap. Improv.
Sea Center Touch Tank Shade Canopy	23,523	1994	Cap. Improv.
Sea Center Wharf Improvements	50,000	2003	Cap. Improv.
Santa Barbara City College Improvements			
La Playa Stadium Renovation	150,000	1990	Cap. Improv.
Restoration of Chumash Point	15,000	1992	Cap. Improv.
West Campus Walkway	19,470	1995	Cap. Improv.
Bikeway	0	1997	Cap. Improv.
More Mesa Vehicle Restriction	3,649	1992	Cap. Improv.
Goleta Beach			
Parking Lot	28,274	1990	Cap. Improv.
Revetment	0	1992	Cap. Improv.
Fireline	202,500	1993	Cap. Improv.
Master Plan	55,000	1993	Plan/Rsch.
Irrigation	70,000	1994	Cap. Improv.
Pier Structural Rehabilitation	90,000	1994	Cap. Improv.
Restrooms	37,500	1997	Cap. Improv.
Carrying Capacity	15,000	1999	Plan/Rsch.
Parking Lot Reinforcement	36,500	2001	Cap. Improv.
Winter Sand Berm, Phase I	15,000	2003	Cap. Improv.
Los Marineros Marine Education	20,000	1992	Edu.
Los Marineros Marine Education Expansion	11,723	1995	Edu.
Santa Barbara Waterfront Aquatic Park Dredging	15,000	1992	Cap. Improv.
Santa Barbara Waterfront Aquatic Park Dredging	0	2001	Cap. Improv.
Los Banos del Mar Pool	15,000	1992	Cap. Improv.
Los Banos del Mar Pool	30,000	1993	Cap. Improv.
Oral History of Santa Rosa Island	9,250	1993	Edu.
Douglas Family Preserve (Wilcox Property) Acquisition	1,000,000	1994	Acq.
Los Positas Park Master Plan	50,000	1995	Plan/Rsch.
Los Positas Park Expansion/Acquisition	175,000	1995	Acq.
Los Positas Park Expansion/Acquisition	25,000	1997	Acq.
Los Positas Park Expansion/Acquisition	325,000	1998	Acq.
Santa Barbara Maritime Museum			
-- Museum Construction	30,000	1996	Cap. Improv.
-- Auditorium Construction	15,172	1998	Cap. Improv.
-- Outreach Library	8,850	1999	Cap. Improv.
Santa Barbara County Veterans Memorial	20,000	1996	Cap. Improv.
Lower Westside Bikeway	45,000	1997	Cap. Improv.

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Appendix B
 CREF Awards (1988-2003)

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
South Coast Watershed Resource Center (WRC)	\$ 50,000	2000	Cap. Improv.
WRC & Arroyo Burro Firehydrant/Underground Utilities	29,883	2001	Cap. Improv.
WRC Improvements and Exhibits	19,861	2003	Edu
Shoreline Drive Enhancement	50,281	2000	Cap. Improve.
Shoreline Park Stairs Beach Access	30,000	2002	Cap. Improv.
Audubon Goleta Slough Restoration	15,500	2000	Cap. Improve.
Atascadero Mutt Mitt Stations	4,800	2002	Cap. Improve.
Shade Structure for Native Plants ⁸	15,000	2002	Cap. Improve.
Lifeguard Towers at Arroyo Burro, Goleta, and Jalama Beaches ⁹	57,505	2002	Cap. Improve.
Total	\$3,113,429		

⁸ Benefits both the Second and Third Districts.

⁹ Benefits both the Second and Third Districts.

Table 3: Third District¹⁰

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Isla Vista			
Camino Corto Acquisition	\$ 550,000	1988	Acq.
Isla Vista Redevelopment Agency -- \$250,000 Loan	0	1991	Acq.
Del Playa Master Plan (Land Swap)	10,300	1996	Acq.
Blufftop Acquisition	57,500	2001	Acq.
Blufftop Acquisition	493,159	2003	Acq.
Camino Corto Master Plan & Implementation	17,355	1994	Plan/Rsch.
Camino Corto and Del Sol Vernal Pool Reserve	30,311	1996	Cap. Improv.
Camino Corto and Del Sol Vernal Pool Reserve – Irrig.	30,000	1997	Cap. Improv.
Estero Park Lathhouse for Propagating Natives	24,000	1998	Cap. Improv.
Pescadero Blufftop Improvement	25,000	1999	Cap. Improv.
Del Playa Pelican Park – Water Meter	10,000	2001	Cap. Improv.
Camino del Sur Stairway Improvements	25,000	2001	Cap. Improv.
Bathrooms, Preliminary Planning & Permitting	30,000	2003	Prelim. Plan.
Goleta Valley Transfer Development Rights	10,500	1988	Plan/Rsch.
Goleta Beach Slough Revetment	100,000	1988	Cap. Improv.
Santa Barbara Shores Acquisition	1,000,000	1988	Acq.
Santa Barbara Shores Acquisition	140,000	1991	Acq.
Santa Barbara Shores Improvements	280,000	1991	Cap. Improv.
Santa Barbara Shores Improvements	49,981	1991	Cap. Improv.
Santa Barbara Shores Improvements	201,724	1991	Cap. Improv.
Santa Barbara Shores Debt Repayment	115,217	1996	Acq.
Santa Barbara Shores Improvements	46,351	1997	Cap. Improv.
Ellwood Mesa/Devereux Slough Regional Plan	50,000	2000	Plan/Rsch.
Ellwood Mesa/Devereux Slough Regional Plan	50,000	2002	Plan/Rsch.
More Mesa Appraisal and Hazardous Waste Survey	25,000	1990	Acq.
More Mesa Management Plan	10,000	1991	Plan/Rsch.
Conservation Efforts Along the Gaviota Coast			
Phase IV: Coop. Permanent Coastal Preservation	14,452	1994	Plan/Rsch.
Phase V	25,000	1995	Edu.
Gaviota Coast Resource Study	20,000	1997	Plan/Rsch.
Gaviota Coast Resource Study	27,000	2000	Plan/Rsch.
Agricultural Conservation Easement Appraisals	32,810	1997	Acq.
Easement Fund	25,000	1998	Acq.
Easement Fund	100,000	1999	Acq.
Easement Fund	303,268	2000	Acq.
Easement Fund	330,000	2002	Acq.
Suitability/Feasibility Study	10,000	1999	Plan/Rsch.
Suitability/Feasibility Study	15,000	2002	Plan/Rsch.
Facilitation of Common Ground Process	15,000	1999	Plan/Rsch.
Facilitation of Common Ground Process	45,000	2003	Plan/Rsch.
Arroyo Hondo Ranch Acquisition	208,929	2001	Acq.
Easement Fund	230,000	2003	Acq.
Mission Santa Ines and Its Harbors Project	8,723	1995	Edu.

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Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Phase II – El Capitan Bikeway and Trail	\$ 50,000	1996	Cap. Improv.
Gaviota Creek Fish Passage	50,000	1991 (1996) ¹¹	Cap. Improv.
Gaviota Creek Fish Passage	20,000	1993 (1996) ¹²	Cap. Improv.
Gaviota Creek Fish Passage	30,000	1996	Cap. Improv.
Jalama Beach County Park Expansion	10,000	1996	Acq.
Coronado Acquisition	43,005	1998	Acq.
Coronado Acquisition and Restoration	25,000	1999	Acq.
Ponds and Aviaries -- Animal Hospital	0	1998	Cap. Improv.
San Pedro Creek Class I Bike Path	75,000	1998	Cap. Improv.
Ocean Beach Nature Center	50,000	2003	Cap. Improv.
Total	\$5,144,585		

¹¹Reallocated in 1996

¹²Reallocated in 1996

Table 4: Fourth District¹³

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Leroy Park Recreational Center	\$ 75,000	1988	Cap. Improv.
Leroy Park Recreational Center	75,000	1990	Cap. Improv.
Leroy Park Recreational Center	75,000	1991	Cap. Improv.
Point Sal Acquisition	125,000	1988	Acq.
Ocean Park Improvements	400,000	1988	Cap. Improv.
Ocean Park Improvements	100,000	1990	Cap. Improv.
Host Site	19,000	1999	Cap. Improv.
Mission Vieja Site Acquisition	50,000	1990	Acq.
Burton Mesa Management Plan	19	1988	Plan/Rsch.
Burton Mesa Management Plan	76,320	1992	Plan/Rsch.
Burton Mesa Management Plan	40,000	1994	Plan/Rsch.
Burton Mesa Acquisition	281,162	1996	Acq.
Burton Mesa Acquisition	72,691	1996	Acq.
Burton Mesa Acquisition	210,000	1997	Acq.
Cabrillo High School Aquarium			
Construction	100,000	1994	Cap. Improv.
Construction	77,943	1998	Cap. Improv.
Construction	123,335	2000	Cap. Improv.
Outreach Program	11,724	1995	Edu.
Technology/Media Exhibit	71,142	2001	Edu.
Santa Ynez River Enhancement Plan ¹⁴	36,088	1995	Plan/Rsch.
Surf Beach Pedestrian Crossing	120,000	1997	Cap. Improv.
Santa Ynez River Open Space/Park	25,000	1998	Acq.
Burton Mesa Chaparral Garden	2,271	2000	Cap. Improv.
Snowy Plover & Coastal Access Pilot Program ¹⁵	25,000	2001	Edu.
Guadalupe Dunes Vehicle Barrier to Protect Snowy Plovers	13,450	2002	Cap. Improv.
Lompoc Aquatic Center	67,126	2002	Cap. Improv.
Dunes Center Exhibit Hall	168,000	2003	Cap. Improve.
Total	\$2,440,271		

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¹⁴ Benefits both the Third and Fourth Districts.

¹⁵ Benefits both the Third and Fourth Districts.

Table 5: Fifth District¹⁶

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Waller Park Water Conservation	\$ 125,000	1988	Cap. Improv.
Allan Hancock Theater Expansion	175,000	1990	Cap. Improv.
Peregrine Falcon Reintroduction	5,000	1992	Plan/Rsch.
S.M./Guadalupe Dunes Bikeway			
Bikeway Study	30,000	1992	Plan/Rsch.
General Plan Amendment	374	1996	Plan/Rsch.
Construction of Bikeway, Phase IV	0	1997	Cap. Improv.
Guadalupe Dunes County Park			
Kiosk Staffing	0	1993	Edu.
Management Plan Update	33,222	1994	Plan/Rsch.
Trailer	5,000	1996	Cap. Improv.
Phase II, Master Plan for Road Repairs	23,705	1996	Plan/Rsch.
Implementation Plan	104,065	1998	Cap. Improv.
Implementation Plan	22,935	1999	Cap. Improv.
Guadalupe Dunes Education Center (Dunes Center)			
Construction of Center	0	1994	Cap. Improv.
Construction of Exhibit Hall	0	2000	Cap. Improv.
Exhibits	120,000	1995	Edu.
Ecosystem Education Unit Package	22,500	1999	Edu.
Video of Dunes	22,000	1999	Edu.
Land & Sea Mammals Interactive Computer Program	21,500	2001	Edu.
Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum			
SEA IT!	24,550	1994	Edu.
SEA IT! Phase II	13,444	1997	Edu.
Ocean Supermarket Exhibit	20,000	2002	Edu.
Point Sal Appraisals	5,000	1995	Acq.
Point Sal Acquisition	33,415	1999	Acq.
Pioneer Park	25,000	1996	Acq.
Santa Maria YMCA Pool	0	1997	Cap. Improv.
Santa Maria Valley Beautiful Earth Week	10,000	1998	Edu.
Salmon & Trout Educational Program	3,000	1998	Edu.
Guadalupe Community Park Ball Fields	25,000	1998	Cap. Improv.
Van for the Environmental Education on Wheels	0	1999	Edu.
Van for the Environmental Education on Wheels	16,500	2001	Edu.
Marine Science Curriculum, Pilot Program	8,332	2000	Edu.
Exploring the Seashore Exhibit	26,000	2001	Edu.
Total	\$ 920,542		

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Table 6: Grants Benefiting Three or More Districts

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Earth Day 1990	\$ 10,000	1990	Edu.
Earth Day 1995	10,000	1995	Edu.
Open Space and Recreation Element	50,000	1991	Plan/Rsch.
Coastal Access Implementation Plan	30,000	1992	Plan/Rsch.
Offers to Dedicate Coastal Access	37,843	1996	Plan/Rsch.
South Coast Water Quality – Education Component	26,000	1998	Edu.
California Central Coast Birding Trail	0	1998	Cap. Improv.
Snowy Plover Video	8,930	1998	Edu.
Upgrades to Seabird Rehabilitation Facility	1,580	2000	Cap. Improv.
Waves on Wheels Van	25,000	2001	Edu.
Total	\$199,353		

Table 7: Amounts Allocated by Districts¹⁷

District	Amount
First	\$ 2,225,078
Second	\$ 3,113,429
Third	\$ 5,144,585
Fourth	\$ 2,440,271
Five	\$ 920,542
Three or More Districts	\$ 199,353
Total	\$14,043,258

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