



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Department Name:** Planning and  
Development  
**Department No.:** 053  
**For Agenda Of:** July 8, 2014  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Glenn Russell, PhD. 805.568.2085  
Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Fish and Game Commission Grant Awards

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

- A) Approve the grants to local non-profit groups recommended by the County Fish and Game Commission (Exhibit A).**
- B) Determine that the award of Fish and Game Commission Grant Funds is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b) (3) and 15378 (b) (4) of the State Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (Exhibit B).**

**Summary Text:** The County Fish and Game Commission reviewed the attached grant requests at their May 29, 2014 meeting and recommends that the Board approve funding for these proposals. The total requested amount is \$7,500, and is fully funded by Fish and Game fine revenues. The approved 2013-15 Fiscal Year Budget for the Fish and Game Fund provides for these expenditures. These grants provide funding for a variety of community based educational programs that focus on fish and wildlife. County Resolution 75-207 authorizes the Fish and Game Commission to advise your Board on fish and game matters and make recommendations to your Board on proposals from individuals and organizations for the expenditures of fish and game fine revenues.

**Background:**

The County Fish and Game Commission, established by Resolution 75-207, is comprised of 12 members, five appointed by the Board of Supervisors, six from local sportsmen's associations and one commercial fisher. State law limits how revenues from Fish and Game fines may be expended. Under State law, funds can be expended for educational purposes and for rehabilitation of fish and wildlife

habitat. In their May 29, 2014 meeting, the Fish and Game Commission discussed the merits of each proposal and the organization that was requesting the funding. Each request was fully supported by the Fish and Game Commission. Below is a summary of the grants, full grant applications materials are provided in Attachment A.

Name of Organization Requesting Grant	Amount Requested	Project Description
Chimineas Ranch Foundation  The Yellow Jacket Wildlife Solar Well and Water Source	\$2,000.00	The solar powered water wells will be located on the Carrizo Plain Ecological Reserve which will benefit wildlife in the immediate area of State Highway 166 in the Cuyama Valley. The project will consist of the relocation of existing wildlife water troughs. A new solar powered pump will bring a water supply to these troughs. This project will directly relieve current drought impacts to these populations ranging from upland game to deer and elk.
California Department of Fish & Wildlife  Motion Activated Trail Cameras	\$2,000.00	The motion activated trail cameras will be used solely in Santa Barbara County to assist wardens in detecting and apprehending poachers, trespassers, and other resource abusers in the county. Motion activated trail cameras would greatly enhance the wardens' abilities to patrol the county by having the cameras placed in locations where activity is high, or where a specific violations are suspected.
Debra Takayama Memorial Jr. Pheasant Hunt	\$1,700.00	The hunt is hosted on a private ranch where participants interact with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife biologists and wardens. They continue the lessons taught in their Hunter Education classes relating to conservation and safety. Hunter education is a major component of the program and the hunt is attended by the Southern District Hunter Education Coordinator, Lieutenant Mike Norris of the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Junior hunters also attend a class in which some play the role of a conservation officer, and others the role of wildlife law violators.
Santa Barbara Sports Fishing Club	\$1,800.00	This project will give at risk youth at the Los Prietos Boys Camp and Academy the opportunity to earn a rewarding experience. The curriculum will include: the protection of our ocean resources, game wardens to wildlife and fisheries biologists, and the importance of obtaining a fishing license and how collected money is spent.

**Performance Measure:** N/A

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other: Fine Revenue	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$ -

Fish and Game fines are held in the Fish and Game Fund, #0041. Funds for grant expenditures were budgeted this fiscal year. The Fish and Game fund currently has a balance of approximately \$21,629, which is sufficient for these proposed expenditures. Annual revenues to the fund range from \$6,000 to \$10,000. The Fish and Game Fund is located on page C-36 of the adopted 2014-15 and 2015-2016 Fiscal Year budget. Administrative support costs, including the preparation of this report, are offset by \$1,000 of Fish and Game funds each year.

**Staffing Impacts:**

None

**Special Instructions:**

None

**Exhibits:**

- A. Grant Application Forms
- B. CEQA Exemption

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