



**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: February 17, 2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Fish and Game Commission Grant Awards

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) Review and approve the grants to local non-profit groups recommended by the County Fish and Game Commission (Attachment 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, as specified in Attachment B.**

Summary Text: The County Fish and Game Commission reviewed the attached grant requests at their November 20, 2014 meeting and recommends that the Board approve funding for these proposals. The total requested amount is \$4,500, and is fully funded by Fish and Game fine revenues. The approved Planning and Development 2014-16 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 and other expenditures authorized by Fish and Game Section 13103. 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 November 20, 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	Funds will be used to purchase solar panels for a new solar-powered water well to be located on the Carrizo Plain Ecological Reserve. This will benefit wildlife in the immediate area of State Highway 166 in the Cuyama Valley. This project will consist of the relocation of an existing wildlife water trough and the addition of a new trough. The 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.
Neal Taylor Nature Center Kids Fishing Workshop	\$1,500.00	Funds will be used for educational materials and equipment for the Kid's and Adult Fishing Workshops, which offer educational programs that comply with FG Code 13103 a. The workshops will incorporate the teaching of basic fishing skills, offering an introduction to fish species and their habitat in Cachuma Lake and the ocean off the Santa Barbara County coastline; discussing conservation, catch and release and care of catch; creating ecological and environmental awareness, and encouraging and appreciation of Cachuma lake and the ocean off our coastline as a precious natural resource.
Seafaring Opportunities For Those In Need (SOFTIN)	\$1,000.00	Funds will be used for educational materials and equipment for educational excursions for special needs people. Special-needs people (approximately 100 annually) will be taught about matters that relate to the outreach goals of the Commission, such as skills for subsistence/recreational fishing (fishing is catch and release), utilizing ethical angling practices, identification of marine mammals, shore and sea birds, fish and plants, and how sports men and women fund the wildlife management process by paying biologists and wardens to shape and enforce our wildlife management.

Performance Measure: N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other: Fine Revenue	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	\$ -

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 \$34,964, 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 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

Attachments:

- A. Grant Application Forms
- B. CEQA Exemption

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