



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 052
For Agenda Of: August 28, 2018
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department George Chapjian, Community Services Director (805) 568-2467
Director:
Contact Info: Jill Van Wie, Program & Project Business Leader (805) 568-2470
SUBJECT: **Project Funding Agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the Rancho Guadalupe Dunes Preserve Public Access Revitalization Project; Third Supervisorial District**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Director of Community Services Department, or designee, to execute and submit a Project Funding Agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation as part of the grant award for the Rancho Guadalupe Dunes Preserve Public Access Revitalization Project (Attachment A) upon review and concurrence of County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, and Risk Manager; and
- b) Determine that the above recommended actions are not the approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the actions are creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

Santa Barbara County Parks Division was awarded \$230,000 in funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (through the Guadalupe Natural Resources Restoration Trust) for the Rancho Guadalupe Dunes Preserve Public Access Revitalization Project. The grant award will allow for improvements to ADA-compliant visitor services at Rancho Guadalupe Dunes including installation of a pre-fabricated waterless restroom facility, interpretive panels and benches, a kiosk at the parking area consolidating informational signage, and new park entry signage.

Background:

The Rancho Guadalupe Dunes Preserve (Preserve) is located in the northwest corner of Santa Barbara County immediately south of the Santa Maria River, and is part of the Nipomo-Guadalupe Dunes Complex. The 592-acre Preserve was established in 1987 when the Nature Conservancy purchased land from the Santa Maria Valley Associates using a grant from the California Coastal Conservancy. The Preserve currently sees nearly 100,000 visitors each year.

The \$230,000 in funding through this grant award will allow the Santa Barbara County Parks Division to improve and install educational and improved ADA accessible facilities at the Preserve. The project will replace the existing restroom with an ADA-compliant pre-fabricated waterless facility. Installation of the new restroom facility will require minor modifications to the concrete walkway and parking lot to allow for proper transition to the restroom facility. Interpretive signs with benches along the concrete walkway will promote environmental education and awareness, enhancing an outdoor area with high visitation. A new kiosk at the parking area will consolidate and improve informational signage, and a new Preserve entry sign will clean up the look of the park and beach entrance. This grant will be matched with an estimated \$30,000 in staff time to manage the project and an estimated \$125,000 in existing deferred maintenance funds through repair of the existing parking lot which is in need of maintenance due to frequent use of heavy sand removal equipment.

Risk:

Not accepting a grant is a lost funding opportunity for facility improvements at the Rancho Guadalupe Dunes Preserve.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The estimated \$155,000 grant match is funded through the Community Services Department Parks Division Operating Budget.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Project Funding Agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the Rancho Guadalupe Dunes Preserve Public Access Revitalization Project.

Special Instructions:

After Board action, please distribute the Minute Order to Jill Van Wie, Community Services Department, Parks Division.