



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: October 2, 2018
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
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Director
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SUBJECT: Fish and Wildlife Commission Grant Awards

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- a) Approve and authorize the Director of Planning and Development to award grants to Johnson Flat Wildlife Water Project and the Time Lapse Monitoring Cameras for Local Watershed Monitoring, as recommended by the County Fish and Wildlife Commission (Attachment 1).
- b) Determine that the award of Fish and Wildlife Commission Grant funds is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15378 (b) (4) of the State Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Summary Text: The County Fish and Wildlife Commission reviewed the attached grant requests at their July 26, 2018 meeting, and recommends that the Board approve partial funding for Time Lapse Monitoring Cameras for Local Watershed Monitoring proposal and full funding for the Johnson Flat Wildlife Water Project. The total requested amount for the time lapse monitoring cameras for local watershed monitoring is \$1,851.00 and the Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends approval of a grant of \$1,683.00, which excludes the estimated administrative overhead. The total requested amount for well pump and well casing is \$8,000, and the Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends approval of the full amount. These expenditures are fully funded by Fish and Wildlife fine revenues. The adopted 2018-19 Fiscal Year Budget for the Fish and Wildlife Fund provides for these expenditures. This grant is a permissible expenditure pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 13103. County Resolution 75-207 authorizes the Fish and Wildlife Commission to advise your Board on fish and wildlife matters and make recommendations to your Board on proposals from individuals and organizations for the expenditures of fish and wildlife fine revenues.

Background:

The County Fish and Wildlife Commission, established by Resolution 75-207 and recently amended by Resolution 16-12, is comprised of nine members: five appointed by the Board of Supervisors, three from local sportsmen’s associations and one commercial fisher. State law limits how revenues from Fish and Wildlife fines may be expended. Under State law, funds can be expended only for specific purposes, including, but not limited to, improvement of fish and wildlife habitat. In their July 26, 2018 meeting, the Fish and Wildlife Commission discussed the merits of these proposals and the organizations that are requesting funding. The grants for consideration have satisfied statutory requirements. Below is a summary of the proposed grants; full grant application material is provided in Attachment 1.

Project	Amount Requested	Project Description
Johnson flat Wildlife Water Project	\$8,000	This project is for the replacement of a well pump and well casing. The well provided water for a 4,700-gallon poly storage tank, a wildlife friendly drinking trough, and a fenced bird guzzler.
Timelapse Monitoring Cameras for Local Watershed Monitoring	\$1,851	Allows for the purchase of 6 time-lapse digital cameras to install and use at voluntary steelhead trout habitat restoration sites in Santa Barbara County.

The County Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends that the Board approves funding the grant requests found in Attachment 1. The total requested amount is \$9,851, and the Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends approval of a total of \$9,683, and is fully funded by restricted Fish and Wildlife fine revenues. 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 Code Section 13103.

Performance Measure: N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Budgeted: Yes

Fish and Wildlife fine revenue is held in the Fish and Wildlife Fund, #0041. Annual revenues to the fund range from \$5,000 to \$8,000, and the Fund currently has a balance of approximately \$79,400. Funding for the proposed grant expenditures is fully offset by fine revenue and is budgeted in the Administration & Support Budget Program on page D-279 of the 2018-19 fiscal year budget. Administrative support costs, including the preparation of this report, are offset by funding from the Fish and Wildlife Fund.

Staffing Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

None

Attachments:

1. Grant Application Forms

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