

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Department Name: Community Services

Department No.: 057

For Agenda Of: January 12, 2021

Placement: Administrative

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department George Chapjian, Community Services Director (805) 568-2467

Director:

Contact Info: Jill Van Wie, Manager, Capital Projects (805) 568-2470

SUBJECT: Jalama Beach Park Grant Award and Grant Application Resolutions;

Third Supervisorial District

<u>County Counsel Concurrence</u> <u>Auditor-Controller Concurrence</u>

As to form: Yes As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: Risk Management Other Concurrence: N/A

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Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the attached Resolutions approving the California Coastal Conservancy ("Coastal Conservancy") Grant Awards for the:
 - i. Jalama Beach Coastal Trail and Beach Access Planning Project (Attachment 1); and
 - ii. Jalama Beach Campground Expansion and Improvements Planning Project (Attachment 2);
- b) Authorize the Director of the Community Services Department, or designee, to execute the grant agreement, in a form substantially similar to the attached California Coastal Conservancy draft agreement (Attachment 3) and upon review and concurrence of County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, and Risk Manager or their designee;
- c) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the attached Resolution Approving the State Water Resources Control Board ("SWRCB") Grant Application for the Jalama Beach Water Recycling Feasibility Study (Attachment 4);
- d) Authorize the Director of the Community Services Department, or designee, to apply for a Water Recycling Program grant from SWRCB, for the Jalama Beach Water Recycling Feasibility Study;
- e) Authorize the Director of the Community Services Department, or designee, to execute and submit the grant contract, in a form substantially similar to the attached SWRCB contract terms

- and conditions (Attachment 5) and upon review and concurrence of County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, and Risk Manager or their designee if the SWRCB grant is awarded; and
- f) 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 15262, finding that project involves only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the board has not approved, adopted, or funded but does require consideration of environmental factors.

Summary Text:

Approval of the Coastal Conservancy grant awards would assist in providing planning for a coastal trail, beach access and expanded campground facilities and site improvements at Jalama Beach Park pursuant to the acceptance of 36 acres of land donated by The Nature Conservancy ("Conservancy") in 2019. Submission of the SWRCB grant application would assist in providing funding to study utilizing recycled water and improving wastewater treatment facilities at Jalama Beach Park.

Background:

Once a Chumash Indian settlement named "Halama", 23 acres of privately-owned land was donated to the County of Santa Barbara in 1943, and Jalama Beach County Park was formed. In 2019, the County accepted 36 acres of the Conservancy-owned Jack and Laura Dangermond Preserve, land southerly and easterly adjacent to the existing park. Located directly on the Pacific Coast, the park is located near the City of Lompoc, and is one of the only overnight beach parks accessible to mid and North County residents. The park serves over 200,000 visitors a year, and aside from direct beach access provides day use services such as picnic areas and overnight services with 109 campsites and cabins all either beachfront or overlooking the ocean.

Pursuant to the 2019 land donation, Santa Barbara County Community Services Department Parks Division sought a total of \$180,000 in funding from the Coastal Conservancy for the following two (2) coastal access and campground expansion planning projects:

- <u>Jalama Beach Coastal Access Planning Project (\$100,000)</u>
 The project consists of preparing feasibility and environmental studies and completing design for a ³/₄ mile segment of the California Coastal Trail, a coastal access stairway at or near a rugged bluff canyon footpath known as *the crack*, and roadside coastal access parking spaces.
- <u>Jalama Beach Low Cost Affordable Accommodations Planning (\$80,000)</u>
 The project consists of preparing conceptual design and completing environmental and technical studies for the addition of an estimated 40-50 campsites, relocation of campground support facilities, and site improvements.

Grants for the two projects were awarded by the Coastal Conservancy in May 2020 and November 2020 and do not require a funding match.

Santa Barbara County Parks Division plans to seek approximately \$150,000 in funding through the SWRCB grant opportunity to evaluate the feasibility of water recycling at Jalama Beach County Park to offset or augment the use of potable water supplies, address capacity constraints of the existing wastewater treatment system, reduce groundwater and surface water demand, accommodate planned campground expansion, and improve water quality within Jalama Creek.

Risk:

Not applying for or receiving grants is a lost opportunity to provide coastal access, facility and water quality and use improvement opportunities to Jalama Beach Park.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

N/A

Attachments:

- Attachment 1: Resolution Approving the Coastal Conservancy Grant Funding Award for the Jalama Beach Coastal Trail and Beach Access Planning
- Attachment 2: Resolution Approving the Coastal Conservancy Grant Funding Award for the Jalama Campground Expansion and Improvements Planning Project
- Attachment 3: Draft Coastal Conservancy Contract
- Attachment 4: Resolution Approving the Grant Application to the SWRCB for the Jalama Beach Water Recycling Feasibility Study
- Attachment 5: SWRCB Contract General Terms and Conditions

Special Instructions:

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