

# COASTAL RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT FUND (CREF)

#### Combined 2020-2021 Funding Cycle

May 11, 2021

# **Recommended Actions**



- a/b. Receive and approve staff's recommendations for 2020 & 2021 awards
- c. Direct staff to prepare non-County contracts
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g. Determine the allocation of CREF awards are exempt from CEQA

### **Brief CREF Overview**



- Three oil and gas facilities pay into CREF annually.
  - Point Arguello, Point Pedernales and Santa Ynez Unit
- CREF Guidelines stipulate:
  - 50% of the CREF fees go towards coastal acquisitions type projects
  - Other 50% goes towards general allocation and coastal acquisitions type projects
- Staff solicits, evaluates and recommends proposals for CREF awards
- Board of Supervisors awards grants



## CREF 2020-2021 Proposals

**10 Proposals** 

seeking

\$1,455,178

**1 Acquisition** seeking \$712,800 (\$712,800 available) 9 General Allocations seeking \$742,378 (\$293,212 available)

# **Available Acquisition Monies**



## \$712,800 available

- \$146,606 from 2020 fees (earmarked for coastal acquisition)
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- \$419,488 from Fund Deferral Program

# Grant Recommendations Acquisition



Proposal	Request	Recommend
No. 9 – Land Trust's Orella Ranch	\$ 712,800	\$ 175,000
Conservation Easement		

- \$146,606 from 2020 coastal acquisition subfund
- \$ 28,394 from 2021 coastal acquisition subfund

# **Fund Deferral Program**



#### **Recommended Action f**

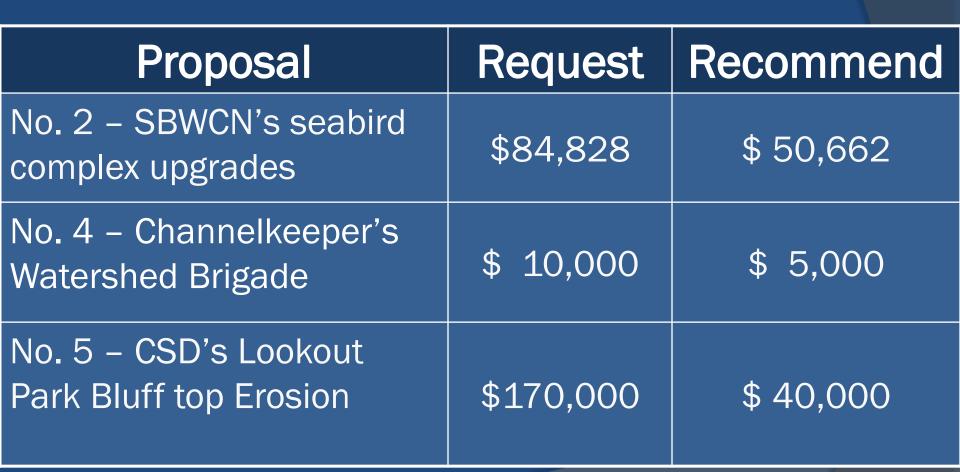
\$118,212	Defer remaining amount of 2021 fees earmarked for coastal acquisitions to Fund Deferral Program
\$419,588	Retain current balance of Fund Deferral Program
\$537,800	Total amount that staff recommends for Fund Deferral Program

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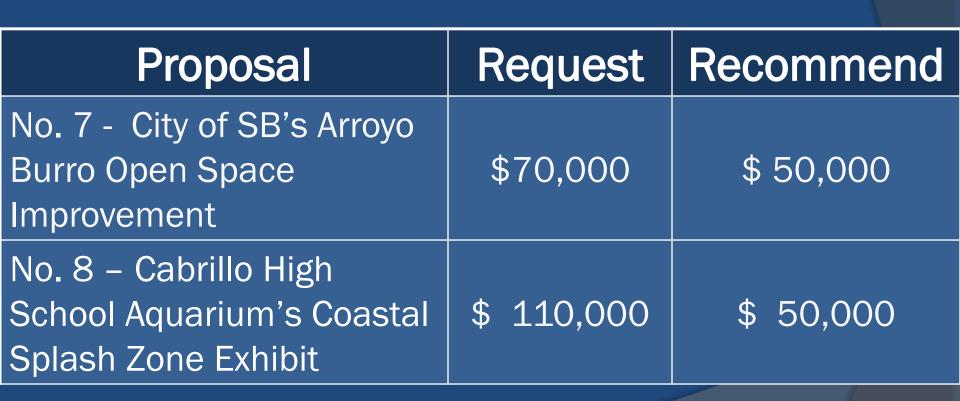
Proposal	Request	Recommend
No. 1 – NatureTrack's beach-friendly wheelchair trax device	\$ 26,272	\$ 26,272
No. 3 - CIMWI's K-5 <sup>th</sup> grade Marine Conservation Curriculum	\$33,929	\$ 33,929
No. 10 – SM Natural History Museum's Coastal Exhibits	\$37,349	\$37,349 <sub>8</sub>

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