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Dear Amber,

Attached is some information we'd like to have distributed to the board for the upcoming August 7 meeting.

Thanks,



Bruce Whitcher BOSagendaitem22.docx

ITEM NO. 22
MEETING DATE: AUGUST 7, 2012
PRESENTED BY: BRUCE WHITCHER
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Re: Agenda Item #22, August 7, 2012 - Application Process for Distribution of OHV In Lieu Funds

Dear Board Members:

We recently received a draft proposal prepared by San Luis Obispo County administrative staff for distribution of OHV "in lieu" funds received by the County. These funds originate from off highway green sticker vehicle registration fees. The funds are reserved for purposes related to the use of off-highway vehicles described in section 5090.50 of the Public Resources Code.

The staff proposal would allocate these funds by a 50-50 split between the County and other agencies and non-profit organizations. The half available to outside agencies and non-profits would be allocated by County Parks and Recreation Commission on a competitive basis. We support the staff recommendation to develop such a process.

In the past the majority of these funds have gone to projects related to the Oceano Dunes SVRA. We recognize that the SVRA serves a very large number of visitors to the County; however it is not the only designated OHV area in San Luis Obispo County.

The Pozo-La Panza OHV trail system East of Santa Margarita is the second largest OHV area in the County. This area serves the residents of San Luis Obispo County as well as visitors to the Central Coast. It is the only OHV use area that is open to the public along the coast between Hollister and Santa Barbara. You may be aware that the Central Coast Motorcycle Association has applied for and received County in lieu funds which have been used for planning, maintenance, and improvement of this trail system. There have recently been significant reductions in grant funding available to manage Pozo. We submit that a portion of the County in lieu funds should be available for maintenance and improvement of this area

We very much appreciate the opportunity to participate in a competitive application process, but we would like to know more details about how this process will work. We agree that the San Luis Obispo County Parks Department is a logical choice for an agency to administer the program.

Although we appreciate the need for the County to retain a portion of these funds for use by county departments, we feel quite strongly that because these funds are derived exclusively from off highway vehicle registration fees, budget augmentations made from this fund should be limited to purposes related to the use of off highway vehicles. We hope that information related the nature of budget augmentations will be available as part of annual budget process.

We look forward to hearing the details of this proposal as it is further developed. We are available to provide any information you might need.

Sincerely,

Bruce Witcher
Central Coast Motorcycle Association

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