



County of San Luis Obispo, California

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: General Services Agency / Elizabeth Kavanaugh/ (805)781-4089

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Commission review the Off Highway Vehicle In Lieu Fee Fund grant applications and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for funding of specific projects within the \$85,000 available in Fiscal Year 2014-2015 County Budget. All Districts.

DATE: 12/12/2013

Recommendations: It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission review the Off Highway Vehicle In Lieu Fee Fund grant applications and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for funding of specific projects by priority within the \$84,561 available in Fiscal Year 2014-2015 County Budget subject to County Counsel review for legal compliance .

Discussion:

On November 6, 2012, the Board of Supervisors adopted evaluation criteria for review of Off Highway Vehicle In Lieu Fee Fund (OHVF) grant applications. This process includes County Parks' staff to organize an application process and administer the grants. The Board of Supervisors also authorized the Parks and Recreation Commission to review the OHVF grant applications and recommend funding for specific projects to be part of the County's yearly budget. This fiscal year (2014-2015) OHVF grant allotment is \$84,561. During this year's grant cycle, County Parks has received five (5) grant applications for projects that equal approximately \$150,000.

In October 2013 staff advertised and conducted an OHVF grant application workshop that outlined the application process, timelines, and evaluation criteria as noted in Attachment 1, the General Application Procedure. The deadline for the OHVF grant applications was November 15, 2013. County Parks received five (5) grant applications. All the applications were complete, met the deadline and provided a match of time, labor or money. All meet the outlined General Evaluation Criteria except two. Staff determined that the city of Morro Bay's Police Department and Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District applications do not meet the grant's General Evaluation Criteria. The City of Morro Bay Police Department's application did not demonstrate that the off highway vehicle requested to patrol the sand dunes in Morro Bay and surrounding beaches is related to a need created by legal or illegal off highway vehicle use within their jurisdiction. The Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District's

application does not provide evidence that the damage to the proposed restoration site is directly related to legal or illegal off highway vehicle use. The damage could be from the existing hunting use on the site or the natural occurrence of the wind blowing onto the site. A summary of all applications is provided on the following page of this report and copies of the applications are attached to this staff report for a more detailed review.

Applicant	Title	Project Description	Request
Central Coast Motorcycle Association	Pozo La Panza Area Environmental Assessment	Environmental assessment and planning necessary to: 1) relocate ten problematic OHV trails due to excessive grade, unfavorable soil type and subsequent drainage problems; 2) restore the old trails; and 3) create two additional OHV trails in the Pozo La Panza area of the Las Padres National Forest.	\$40,000.00
Central Coast Motorcycle Association	Pozo La Panza Area Restoration	Fencing to prevent off-trail OHV use and/or restoration of 17 areas damaged by unauthorized off-highway vehicle use in the Pozo La Panza area of the Los Padres National Forest.	\$23,090.04
Central Coast Motorcycle Association	Purchase of a Sutter Trail dozer	Purchase of a reconditioned specialty trail dozer to be used in the Los Padres National Forest. The Sutter trail dozer has a narrow six way blade that is ideal for creating smooth new trails and maintaining existing ones while providing better erosion control and less soil and vegetation removal.	\$26,500.00
Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District	Dune Lake Native Plant Restoration	Collect, propagate and plant up to 8,000 native plants on a 900-acre privately held ranch, with a conservation easement over it, that is adjacent to the Oceano Dunes State Vehicle Recreation Area. All vegetation on site had been destroyed by OHV trespass. Vegetating this site will collect airborne sand particles that blow from the Oceano Dunes State Vehicle Recreation Area onto downwind residents, creating air quality concerns. *NOTE: Staff determined this project does not meet General Evaluation Criteria.	\$40,000.00*
Morro Bay Police Department	Response to Environmentally Sensitive, Critical and Urgent Events	Purchase and equip an off-highway vehicle for officers to use when responding to enforcement and medical calls on the beach and other areas that are not accessible by patrol vehicles. The off-highway vehicle will protect environmentally sensitive areas of the beaches by stopping trespass in these areas. *NOTE: Staff determined this project does not meet General Evaluation Criteria.	\$20,000.00*

Total	\$149,590.04
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Your commission can recommend any project or combination of projects provided the total does not exceed the \$84,561 available. You are not required to recommend full expenditure of available funds. All or part of available funds may be recommended for funding specific projects. Should funds remain available after your Commission makes its recommendations, the remaining funds will be applied to the OHVF grant funding for the next year.

Other Agency Involvement:

County Administration Office has reviewed the applications for consistency with the evaluation criteria.

County Counsel has provided an initial review and will provide a final review of the recommended applications before they are included into the County’s Budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 for Board of Supervisor’s action(s).

Financial Consideration:

Off Highway Vehicle In-Lieu Fee Funds are available for fiscal year 2014-2015:

Grant Funds Available	\$89,561
Less County Parks Staff Administrative Cost	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Funds Available to Applicants	<u>\$84,561</u>

Attachments

1. General Evaluation Criteria Applications:
2. Central Coast Motorcycle Association- Pozo La Panza Area Environmental Assessment
3. Central Coast Motorcycle Association- Pozo La Panza Area Restoration
4. Central Coast Motorcycle Association- Sutter Tractor-Dozer
5. Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District – Dune Lakes Native Plant Restoration
6. City of Morro Bay Police Department – Response to Environmentally Sensitive, Critical and Urgent Events