

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Accept the recommendation of the Monterey County Fish and Game Commission to award ten (10) funding grants;
- b. Approve the distribution of Fish and Game grant funds in the amount of \$15,500 for the following specified grant projects for Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014; and
Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council, BSA \$2,000
California Department of Fish and Game \$500
Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day \$2,500
Monterey County Parks Department-Toro Pond Renovation \$2,000
Monterey Bay Salmon Trout Project \$5,000
Monterey Bay Veterans, Inc. \$2,500
CalTIP \$1,000
- c. Approve the distribution of Fish and Game grant funds in the amount of \$9,900 for the following specified grant projects for Fiscal year 2014-2015.
Ventana Wildlife Society \$5,000
Lazy Arrow \$2,500
Gates and Associates \$2,400

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Monterey County Fish and Game Commission is recommending that the Board of Supervisors approve seven (7) Fish and Game Grant projects for Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014 and three (3) projects for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Due to the timing of the latter three grant projects, funds are not required immediately, yet are needed prior to the next grant cycle and the commission recommends awarding them after the end of this fiscal year (June 30, 2014): This action is consistent with Board Resolution 81-239, which states that all expenditures using County Fish and Game funds must be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

The ten grant applications were legally placed on the Monterey County Fish and Game Commission's agenda for review on February 11, 2014. Regarding the application from Gates and Associates, Wildlife Conservation and Hunting in the Golden State, the commission requested more specifics on actual spending activities and provided direction to the applicant to revise their budget to reflect actual line item expenses and return to the April 8th meeting for funding consideration. All grant projects were reviewed for consistency with California State Fish and Game Code criteria. A copy of the relevant portion of the draft minutes from the February 11, 2014 and April 8, 2014 meetings are attached hereto regarding the presentations and discussions on the applications. Each applicant has agreed to the terms and conditions of the grant agreement for use of Fish and Game propagation funds. By majority vote, the Commission recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the following grants in the amounts shown below:

1. Silicon Valley Monterey Bay, BSA - \$2,000
Project: Fish and Habitat Conservation Education
2. California Department of Fish and Game - \$500
Project: Carmel River Striped Bass Removal.
3. Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day - \$2,500
Project: Outreach event to educate and expose youth to outdoor activities and wildlife.
4. Monterey County Parks Department - \$2,000
Project: Toro Park Pond Renovation.

5. Monterey Bay Salmon Trout Project - \$5,000

Project: Coho Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Programs

6. Monterey Bay Veterans, Inc. - \$2,500

Project: Disabled Veterans Fishing Rehab

7. CalTIP - \$1,000

Project: CalTIP Programs (brochures, K-9, rewards, website, hotline)

8. Ventana Wildlife Society - \$5,000

Project: Free non-lead bullet program

9. Lazy Arrow - \$2,500

Project: Junior and Women's Pheasant Hunt

10. Gates & Associates - \$2,400

Project: Wildlife Conservation and Hunting in the Golden State

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed and approves as to form.

FINANCING:

Sufficient funds are available in both Fiscal Year 2013 -14 and 2014-15 budgets, Appropriation PAR002 Park Unit 8155 to award these grants recommended by the Commission. There is no adverse impact to General Fund Contribution as a result of this action.

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Attachments on file with Clerk of the Board:

Relevant Application and Discussion portion of Draft minutes from Fish and Game Meeting of February 11, 2014 and April 8, 2014.