

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Agenda Number:**  
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**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Jason Stilwell  
Interim Parks Director

**STAFF CONTACT:** Coleen Lund  
Project Manager (568-2470)

**SUBJECT:** Appropriation of \$119,000 from General Fund Contingency and \$50,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Execution of Contract with Chambers Group, Inc. for the Goleta Beach Long-Term Park and Beach Protection Environmental Impact Report (EIR); Second Supervisorial District

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## Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve a budget revision appropriating \$119,000 from the FY 2005-06 General Fund Contingency and \$50,000 from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds towards the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Goleta Beach County Park Long-Term Park and Beach Protection Plan.
- B. Execute a contract, in the amount of \$310,000, with Chambers Group, Inc., 17671 Cowan Avenue, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92614, for the preparation of the EIR.

## Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 5 – A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

## Executive Summary and Discussion:

This Board letter is requesting the execution of the contract for the preparation of an environmental impact report (EIR) for the Goleta Beach County Park Long-Term Park and Beach Protection Plan and the approval of a budget revision authorizing funding for the preparation of the EIR.

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On December 6, 2005, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to initiate environmental review of a long-term park and beach protection plan for Goleta Beach County Park. The environmental impact report (EIR) will review various alternatives for a long-term solution at Goleta Beach that will address the erosion and its attendant impact on park facilities, including solutions such as managed retreat and shoreline protection structures.

An environmental scoping hearing was held on May 11, 2006. Requests for proposals for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) were sent to eight pre-qualified environmental consulting firms. One proposal was received from Chambers Group, Inc., of Irvine, California, on May 19, 2006.

The proposal submitted by Chambers Group, Inc. represents a well-qualified team of experts in the preparation of environmental documents and analysis of coastal processes, erosion, marine biology, and recreation. Under the guidance of Chambers Group, Inc., the EIR team of sub-consultants will include Rincon Consultants, Inc., Moffatt & Nichol Engineers, and Coastal Frontiers Corporation. Chambers Group, Inc. and other team members' prior experience include the BEACON Beach Nourishment Demonstration Project EIR/EA, the Bolsa Chica Wetlands Restoration Project EIR/EIS, the California Beach Restoration Study, and the Surfer's Point (Ventura) Managed Shoreline Retreat Project EIR. In addition, information gathered on local coastal processes and biology by area professionals as well as information generated through the 18-month working group process will be considered in the development of the EIR. Staff therefore recommends that the Board approve the contract agreement with Chambers Group, Inc. for the preparation of the environmental impact report.

At the December 6, 2005 Board meeting, County Parks estimated the costs to prepare the environmental document to be approximately \$300,000. On January 17, 2006, the Board approved a \$100,000 allocation from General Fund Contingency in anticipation of receiving the balance of funds from FEMA as well as funds available under a State Proposition 12 per capita grant allocated to this project. FEMA has denied the County's request to utilize \$125,000 in funds, thereby reducing the amount available from FEMA to \$50,000. The balance of the original request will not be made available to the County until the completion of the EIR process and identification of the project. The \$50,000 in FEMA funding was awarded as part of the total FEMA award of \$1,200,000 for the replenishment of sand lost during the January 2005 storms. The State Proposition 12 per capita funds available for preparation of non-construction related costs totals \$75,000. From this amount, \$35,000 has been budgeted for preparation of this EIR, \$15,000 is budgeted for consultant assistance in preparation of the scoping document, EIR review, and public hearings, and \$25,000 is budgeted for the engineering plan and regulatory permit application preparation at the conclusion of the environmental review process.

The total cost of the consultant's proposal received on May 19, 2006, is \$310,000. The attached budget revision (totaling \$169,000) will provide for all of the funding requirements anticipated for the completion of the EIR.

#### **Mandates and Service Levels:**

There are no mandates or changes in service levels.

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**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Current total funding available for the EIR for the Goleta Beach Long-Term Park and Beach Protection Plan is \$141,000 (\$100,000 from previous General Fund Contingency allocation, \$35,000 from State Proposition 12 grant, and \$6,000 from unallocated deferred maintenance project funding). These funds are budgeted in the Parks Department's Capital Outlay Fund (Fund 0030). The funding from the proposed budget revision (\$119,000 from FY 2005-06 General Fund Contingency and \$50,000 from FEMA) will be added to the existing project budget, providing total funding of \$310,000 for the contract with Chambers Group, Inc.

There is no impact to facilities.

**Special Instructions:**

Clerk of the Board to provide a copy of the executed contract agreement and minute order to the Parks Department/Administration Office, attn: Coleen Lund.

**Concurrence:**

Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel

**This Board letter was authored by Coleen Lund, Project Manager (568-2470) and Mike Gibson, Business Manager (568-2477).**

**Attachments:**

Budget Revision  
Contract Agreement