



Legislation Text

File #: 15-0754, **Version:** 1

Community Development Agency, Development Services Division, recommending the Board consider the following:

- 1) Receive and file information on the implementation of the County Ecological Preserve Ordinance and rare plant fee program; and
- 2) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the retroactive Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$25,000 per year for two years, including retroactive payments totaling \$75,000 for work done in 2013, 2014, and 2015, for with the Bureau of Land Management to support the Pine Hill Preserve Manager position, terminating on September 20, 2018. (Est. Time: 30 Min.)

FUNDING: Funded by the Rare Plant Special Revenue Account.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Community Development Agency (CDA), Development Services Division requesting the Board receive and file information on the implementation of the County Ecological Preserve Ordinance and rare plant fee program and approve and authorize the Chair to sign the retroactive Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$25,000 per year for two years, including retroactive payments totaling \$75,000 for work done in 2013, 2014, and 2015, for with the Bureau of Land Management to support the Pine Hill Preserve Manager position, terminating on September 20, 2018.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

The Staff Memo dated July 1, 2015, along with its exhibits, provides background information to the Board on the implementation of the County Ecological Preserve Ordinance (Exhibit A: Ordinance 4500) and rare plant fee program.

The Ordinance established an Impact Fee Program for acquisition and management of land intended for rare plant preserves. The County had a Cooperative Management Agreement with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and other agencies for management of rare plant preserves, which has since expired. In order to continue management of the Pine Hill Preserve lands, staff recommends the Board approve the Cooperative Agreement. Funding is from the Rare Plant Special Revenue account. The Funding Agreement authorizes funding the BLM for past years not paid (2013 and 2014).

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

County Counsel

CAO RECOMMENDATION

CAO recommending the Board move staff's recommendations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding will be from the Rare Plant Special Revenue account.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

- 1) The Clerk to obtain signatures on two (2) copies of the retroactive Cooperative Agreement with the Bureau of Land Management.
- 2) The Clerk to send one fully executed copy of the retroactive Cooperative Agreement to CDA Administration and Finance Division.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

N/A

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