

**COASTAL RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT FUND**

**STATUS REPORT OF GRANTS**

**1988-2009**

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

This report reviews the status of grants from the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) since its inception. The County established CREF as a permit condition for major oil and gas projects offshore Santa Barbara County. Environmental impact reports determined that the construction and operation of these projects cause significantly adverse impacts to four categories of coastal resources: (a) environmentally sensitive resources, (b) aesthetics, (c) recreation, and (d) tourism.

These impacts remain significantly adverse after all feasible, direct mitigation has been implemented. CREF minimizes the residual adverse impacts by funding projects that enhance the affected coastal resources with mitigation fees. Each February, payments of CREF fees are presently required of the following projects: (a) Point Arguello Project; (b) Santa Ynez Unit Project; and (c) Point Pedernales Project.

Molino Gas Project paid CREF fees when its drilling rig was erected in 1997 and when it plugged and abandoned its sole exploratory well in 2003. The Gaviota Terminal paid CREF fees from 1988 to 2007. The storage tanks will be removed in 2009, along with the associated CREF impacts.

In 1988, the Board of Supervisors approved Guidelines for the CREF program. The first solicitation of CREF proposals began in the summer of 1988. Between the 1988 and 2009 cycles, the Board of Supervisors awarded 261 CREF grants (including one loan).

## **2.0 SUMMARY OF GRANTS ADMINISTRATION**

In 2006, the Board of Supervisors revised the CREF process to consider grant awards over a three-year horizon rather than one year at a time. This approach gives the Board more flexibility in establishing funding priorities; it also schedules CREF decisions to coincide with the County's overall budget process. Non-profit organizations, governmental agencies, public educational institutions are still eligible to apply for CREF grants. Grants awards will be decided prior to the County's annual budget hearings. Afterwards, formal contractual agreements are executed with all successful grantees except for County agencies.

The Energy Division tracks the status of each grant; however, each County agency that receives a grant is accountable directly to the County's Chief Executive Officer for the budget and management of its CREF projects. For non-County projects, the Energy Division staff monitors the progress of grant contracts via periodic progress reports required of the grantees and through site visits, if appropriate.

Unless otherwise stipulated in the contract, the CREF Guidelines require projects to commence within one year of the Board's allocation, or the grant becomes void, and the funds are returned to CREF for reallocation. P&D may allow a maximum extension of one year if the award recipient demonstrates good cause for the delay. Any additional extensions require approval by the Board of Supervisors. A termination date is set for individual grants and specified in the final agreement. These safeguards ensure that CREF fees are put to their intended use in a timely manner.

The Board often awards partial funding to proposals. In such cases, CREF awards are not disbursed until the grantee collects the necessary additional funds to complete the project or revises its project to match the amount of secured funding while maintaining the same intent of the proposal. This practice reasonably ensures the County that a project is financially viable before CREF awards are expended.

## **3.0 SUMMARY OF GRANT AND LOAN STATUS**

The Board of Supervisors awarded 261 CREF grants for a total of \$18,061,031 between 1988 and 2009. Of these 261 CREF grants, 198 have been completed, 30 are in various stages of development, 32 grants were either fully or partially reallocated to other grants, and one grant defaulted. Tables 1-4, below, summarize the types of projects and applicants who received CREF awards.

**Table 1: CREF Allocations by Type of Project**

<b>PROJECT CATEGORIES</b>	<b>DOLLAR AMOUNT</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
<b>Acquisitions</b>	\$9,133,135	51%
<b>Capital Improvements</b>	\$7,051,470	39%
<b>Planning &amp; Research</b>	\$1,056,200	6%
<b>Educational</b>	\$683,839	4%
<b>Equipment</b>	\$136,387	< 1%
<b>Total</b>	\$18,061,031	

**Table 2: CREF Allocations by Type of Grantee\***

<b>GRANTEE</b>	<b>DOLLAR AMOUNT</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
<b>Cities</b>	\$1,469,686	8%
<b>County Agencies</b>	\$7,779,573	43%
<b>Non-Profit Agencies</b>	\$8,181,911	45%
<b>State &amp; Federal Agencies</b>	\$5,000	<1%
<b>Educational Institutions</b>	\$624,861	3%
<b>Total</b>	\$18,061,031	

\* Some projects have partnerships between a Non-Profit Agency and a Governmental Agency.

**Table 3: Total CREF Allocations to Cities**

<b>CITY</b>	<b>DOLLAR AMOUNT</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
<b>Santa Barbara</b>	\$532,931	36%
<b>Carpinteria</b>	\$414,629	28%
<b>Santa Maria</b>	\$55,000	4%
<b>Lompoc</b>	\$142,126	10%
<b>Guadalupe</b>	\$25,000**	2%
<b>Goleta</b>	\$300,000	20%
<b>Total</b>	\$1,469,686	

\*\* The City of Guadalupe co-partnered with non-profit agencies on various CREF awards for a total of \$170,000 which is figured into the non-profit category in Table 2.

**Table 4: Total CREF Allocations to Santa Barbara County Departments**

<b>COUNTY DEPT.</b>	<b>DOLLAR AMOUNT</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
<b>Parks</b>	\$4,590,829	59%
<b>Public Works</b>	\$1,336,389	17%
<b>Comprehensive Planning/Long Range Planning</b>	\$1,341,305	17%
<b>County Administrator</b>	\$281,162	4%
<b>General Services</b>	\$120,000	2%
<b>Fish &amp; Game Commission</b>	\$3,000	<1%
<b>Third District Supervisor</b>	\$45,000	<1%
<b>Ag. Commissioners Office</b>	\$61,888	<1%
	\$7,779,573	

## **APPENDIX A**

### **At-a-Glance CREF Allocations by Supervisorial District (1988-2009)**

**Table 1: First District<sup>1</sup>**

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Andree Clark Bird Refuge	\$ 170,000	1988	Cap. Improve. <sup>2</sup>
Carpinteria Swimming Pool	150,000	1988	Cap. Improve.
Carpinteria Salt Marsh Land Acquisition	83,000	1990	Acq. <sup>3</sup>
Carpinteria Salt Marsh Land Acquisition	150,000	1993	Acq.
Carpinteria Salt Marsh Land Acquisition	25,000	1995	Acq.
Carpinteria Salt Marsh Nature Park Interpretative Signs	38,500	2002	Cap Improve.
Carpinteria Salt Marsh, Basin I and So. Marsh Improve. Plan	50,000	2003	Cap Improve.
Santa Barbara Zoo – Sea Lion Exhibit	25,000	1990	Cap. Improve.
Santa Barbara Harbor Boat Launch	150,000	1990	Cap. Improve.
Carpinteria Bluffs Appraisals	20,000	1991	Acq.
Carpinteria Bluffs Appraisals	15,000	1992	Acq.
Carpinteria Bluffs Appraisals	15,000	1997	Acq.
Carpinteria Bluffs Acquisition	100,000	1998	Acq.
Carpinteria Bluffs Acquisition	350,000	1999	Acq.
Carpinteria Bluffs Restroom/Storage Facility	30,000	2004	Cap. Improve.
Carpinteria Creek Appraisals	5,000	1992	Acq.
Loon Point Beach Access Easement	2,872	1990	Acq.
Loon Point Beach Access Easement Realignment	66,000	1994	Cap. Improve.
Lookout Park Accessibility Modifications	30,000	1994	Cap. Improve.
Lookout Park Arundo Removal	40,000	2007	Cap. Improve.
Carpinteria Lions Community Building	25,000	1995	Cap. Improve.
Oceanview Park (Careaga) Acquisition	200,000	1995	Acq.
Channel Drive/Butterfly Beach Stair Refurbishment	27,000	1995 (1999 <sup>4</sup> )	Cap. Improve.
Pedestrian Improvements at Butterfly Beach	0	2005	Cap. Improve.
Coastal Bikeway, North Jameson Lane	95,000	1995	Cap. Improve.
Summerland Greenwell Park Improvements			
Phase 1	20,000	1996	Cap. Improve.
Phase 2	16,000	2001	Cap. Improve.
Seed Storage/Demonstration Garden	10,000	2005	Cap. Improve.
Bikeway Studies: Santa Claus Lane/Carp. Ave & Ortega Hill	50,000	1996	Cap. Improve.
Hammonds Meadows Beach Access Stairs	10,500	1996	Cap. Improve.
Ocean Recreation Center	60,000	1997	Cap. Improve.
Rincon Beach Access	29,000	1997	Cap. Improve.
Rincon Beach Day Use Area Planning	28,500	2001	Cap. Improve.
Rincon Beach Day Use Area Implementation	7,720	2002	Cap. Improve.
Rincon Beach Day Use Area, Phase I	37,037	2003	Cap. Improve.
Rincon Beach Day Use Area, Phase II	40,000	2006	Cap. Improve.
Rincon Beach Day Use Area, Phase II	92,000	2007	Cap. Improve.
Finney Street Beach Access	21,413	1997	Cap. Improve.
Surfrider Extension Trail	6,440	2000	Acq.

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<sup>1</sup> Grants awarded between 1988-1991, 1992-2001 and 2002-on all reflect different district boundaries.

<sup>2</sup>Capital improvement

<sup>3</sup>Acquisition

<sup>4</sup>Reallocated in the 1999 cycle

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Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Santa Claus Lane Preliminary Beach Access	\$ 26,000	2000	Acq.
Santa Claus Lane Beach Access, Phase I	22,500	2004	Acq.
Design Guidelines for Hwy 101 Landscaping and Structures	10,000	1998	Plan/Rsch. <sup>5</sup>
Carpinteria Creek Watershed Outreach	14,671	2002	Edu <sup>6</sup>
Carpinteria-Rincon Coastal Multi-Use Trail, Feasibility Study	49,622	2003	Plan/Rsch
Harbor Seal Sanctuary Improvement	12,629	2004	Cap. Improve.
Lifeguard Facility at Ash Avenue/Beach	20,000	2005	Cap. Improve.
Carpinteria Old Town (Palm to Linden) Trail Segment	24,500	2006	Plan/Rsch
Franklin Trail	0	2007	Cap. Improve.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,470,904</b>		

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<sup>5</sup>Planning & Research

<sup>6</sup>Education

**Table 2: Second District<sup>7</sup>**

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Arroyo Burro Beach			
Tot Lot	\$ 0	1988	Cap. Improve.
Parking Lot	50,000	1991	Cap. Improve.
Parking Lot Appraisals/Negotiations	6,000	1996	Acq.
Coastal Overlook	26,300	1998	Cap. Improve.
Wheelchair Accessible Coastal Overlook	15,000	2002	Cap. Improve.
Pampas Grass Removal	21,888	2003	Cap. Improve.
Estuary Restoration	12,930	2005	Cap. Improve.
Estuary Restoration	75,000	2006	Cap. Improve.
Sea Center			
Renovation/Expansion	115,000	1988	Cap. Improve.
Touch Tank Shade Canopy	23,523	1994	Cap. Improve.
Wharf Improvements	50,000	2003	Cap. Improve.
Shark Exhibit	13,000	2005	Cap. Improve.
Generator for Aquariums	52,925	2009	Cap. Improve.
Santa Barbara City College Improvements			
La Playa Stadium Renovation	150,000	1990	Cap. Improve.
Restoration of Chumash Point	15,000	1992	Cap. Improve.
West Campus Walkway	19,470	1995	Cap. Improve.
Bikeway	0	1997	Cap. Improve.
More Mesa Vehicle Restriction	3,649	1992	Cap. Improv
Goleta Beach			
Parking Lot	28,274	1990	Cap. Improve.
Revetment	0	1992	Cap. Improve.
Fireline	202,500	1993	Cap. Improve.
Master Plan	55,000	1993	Plan/Rsch.
Irrigation	70,000	1994	Cap. Improve.
Pier Structural Rehabilitation	90,000	1994	Cap. Improve.
Restrooms	37,500	1997	Cap. Improve.
Carrying Capacity	15,000	1999	Plan/Rsch.
Coastal Data Collection	36,500	2001	Plan & Rsch.
Winter Sand Berm, Phase I	15,000	2003	Cap. Improve.
Coastal Data Collection	55,000	2004	Plan & Rsch.
Coastal Data Collection	63,700	2005	Plan & Rsch.
Los Marineros Marine Education	20,000	1992	Edu.
Los Marineros Marine Education Expansion	11,723	1995	Edu.
Santa Barbara Waterfront Aquatic Park Dredging	15,000	1992	Cap. Improve.
Santa Barbara Waterfront Aquatic Park Dredging	0	2001	Cap. Improve.
Los Banos del Mar Pool	15,000	1992	Cap. Improve.
Los Banos del Mar Pool	30,000	1993	Cap. Improve.
Oral History of Santa Rosa Island	9,250	1993	Edu.
Douglas Family Preserve (Wilcox Property) Acquisition	1,000,000	1994	Acq.
Los Positas Park Master Plan	50,000	1995	Plan/Rsch.
Los Positas Park Expansion/Acquisition	175,000	1995	Acq.
Los Positas Park Expansion/Acquisition	25,000	1997	Acq.
Los Positas Park Expansion/Acquisition	325,000	1998	Acq.

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<sup>7</sup> Grants awarded between 1988-1991, 1992-2001 and 2002 on all reflect different district boundaries.

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Santa Barbara Maritime Museum			
-- Museum Construction	\$ 30,000	1996	Cap. Improve.
-- Auditorium Construction	15,172	1998	Cap. Improve.
-- Outreach Library	8,850	1999	Cap. Improve.
-- Increase Visibility Project	0	2004	Edu.
-- Surf Exhibit	50,000	2007	Cap. Improve.
Santa Barbara County Veterans Memorial	20,000	1996	Cap. Improve.
Lower Westside Bikeway	29,720	1997	Cap. Improve.
South Coast Watershed Resource Center (WRC)	50,000	2000	Cap. Improve.
WRC & Arroyo Burro Firehydrant/Underground Utilities	29,883	2001	Cap. Improve.
WRC Improvements and Exhibits	19,861	2003	Edu
Shoreline Drive Enhancement	50,281	2000	Cap. Improve.
Shoreline Park Stairs Beach Access	30,000	2002	Cap. Improve.
Audubon Goleta Slough Restoration	15,500	2000	Cap. Improve.
Atascadero Mutt Mitt Stations	4,800	2002	Cap. Improve.
Atascadero Creek Trail Bridge Decking (bridge near Patterson Ave.)	5,118	2004	Cap. Improve.
Atascadero Creek Trail Bridge Decking (bridge near Turnpike Road)	19,000	2006	Cap. Improve.
Shade Structure for Native Plants <sup>8</sup>	15,000	2002	Cap. Improve.
Lifeguard Towers at Arroyo Burro, Goleta, and Jalama Beaches <sup>9</sup>	57,505	2002	Cap. Improve.
San Jose Creek Bikeway	0	2004	Cap. Improve.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,444,822</b>		

<sup>8</sup> Benefits both the Second and Third Districts.

<sup>9</sup> Benefits both the Second and Third Districts.

**Table 3: Third District<sup>10</sup>**

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Isla Vista			
Camino Corto Acquisition	\$ 550,000	1988	Acq.
Isla Vista Redevelopment Agency -- \$250,000 Loan	0	1991	Acq.
Del Playa Land Swap	10,300	1996	Acq.
Blufftop Acquisition	57,500	2001 (2005) <sup>11</sup>	Acq.
Blufftop Acquisition	493,159	2003 (2005) <sup>12</sup>	Acq.
Camino Corto Master Plan & Implementation	17,355	1994	Plan/Rsch.
Camino Corto and Del Sol Vernal Pool Reserve	30,311	1996	Cap. Improve.
Camino Corto and Del Sol Vernal Pool Reserve – Irrig.	30,000	1997	Cap. Improve.
Estero Park Lathhouse for Propagating Natives	24,000	1998	Cap. Improve.
Pescadero Blufftop Improvement	25,000	1999	Cap. Improve.
Del Playa Pelican Park – Water Meter	10,000	2001	Cap. Improve.
Camino del Sur Stairway Improvements	25,000	2001	Cap. Improve.
Bathrooms, Preliminary Planning & Permitting	30,000	2003	Cap. Improve.
Blufftop Acquisition	215,350	2005	Acq.
Improvements to Three Beach Accesses	210,000	2006	Cap. Improve.
Improvements to Walter Capps Park	54,305	2007	Cap. Improve.
Improvements to Walter Capps Park	130,800	2008	Cap. Improve.
Improvements to Walter Capps Park	90,125	2009	Cap. Improve.
Goleta Valley Transfer Development Rights	10,500	1988	Plan/Rsch.
Goleta Beach Slough Revetment	100,000	1988	Cap. Improve.
Santa Barbara Shores/Ellwood Mesa			
Acquisition (Santa Barbara Shores)	1,000,000	1988	Acq.
Acquisition (Santa Barbara Shores)	140,000	1991	Acq.
Improvements	280,000	1991	Cap. Improve.
Improvements	49,981	1991	Cap. Improve.
Improvements	201,724	1991	Cap. Improve.
Debt Repayment (on Santa Barbara Shores loan)	115,217	1996	Acq.
Improvements	46,351	1997	Cap. Improve.
Regional Plan	50,000	2000	Plan/Rsch.
Regional Plan	50,000	2002	Plan/Rsch.
Acquisition (Ellwood Mesa/Sperling Preserve)	367,963	2004	Acq.
Acquisition (Ellwood Mesa/Sperling Preserve)	50,000	2005	Acq.
More Mesa Appraisal and Hazardous Waste Survey	25,000	1990	Acq.
More Mesa Management Plan	10,000	1991	Plan/Rsch.
Mission Santa Ines and Its Harbors Project	8,723	1995	Edu.
Phase II – El Capitan Bikeway and Trail	50,000	1996	Cap. Improve.
Gaviota Creek Fish Passage	50,000	1991 (1996) <sup>13</sup>	Cap. Improve.
Gaviota Creek Fish Passage	20,000	1993 (1996) <sup>14</sup>	Cap. Improve.
Gaviota Creek Fish Passage	30,000	1996	Cap. Improve.

<Table Continues>

<sup>10</sup> Grants awarded between 1988-1991, 1992-2001 and 2002 on all reflect different district boundaries.

<sup>11</sup> Reallocated in the 2005 cycle

<sup>12</sup> Reallocated in the 2005 cycle

<sup>13</sup> Reallocated in the 1996 cycle

<sup>14</sup> Reallocated in the 1996 cycle

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Conservation Efforts Along the Gaviota Coast			
Phase IV: Coop. Permanent Coastal Preservation	\$ 14,452	1994	Plan/Rsch.
Phase V	25,000	1995	Edu.
Gaviota Coast Resource Study	20,000	1997	Plan/Rsch.
Gaviota Coast Resource Study	27,000	2000	Plan/Rsch.
Agricultural Conservation Easement Appraisals	32,810	1997	Acq.
Easement Fund	25,000	1998	Acq.
Easement Fund	100,000	1999	Acq.
Easement Fund	303,268	2000	Acq.
Easement Fund	330,000	2002	Acq.
Suitability/Feasibility Study	10,000	1999	Plan/Rsch.
Suitability/Feasibility Study	15,000	2002	Plan/Rsch.
Facilitation of Common Ground Process	15,000	1999	Plan/Rsch.
Facilitation of Common Ground Process	45,000	2003	Plan/Rsch.
Arroyo Hondo Ranch Acquisition	208,929	2001	Acq.
Gaviota Ranch/Brinkman Estate Conservation Easement	0	2003 (2005) <sup>15</sup>	Acq.
Gaviota Ranch/Brinkman Estate Conservation Easement	0	2005	Acq.
Jalama Beach County Park Expansion	616	1996	Acq.
Coronado Acquisition	43,005	1998	Acq.
Coronado Acquisition and Restoration	25,000	1999	Acq.
Ponds and Aviaries -- Animal Hospital	0	1998	Cap. Improve.
San Jose Creek Class I Bike, Planning	75,000	1998	Cap. Improve.
Snowy Plover & Coastal Access Pilot Program	24,989	2001	Edu.
Ocean Beach Nature Center	50,000	2003	Cap. Improve.
Surf Beach Snowy Plover Docent Wind Shelter	0	2004	Cap. Improve.
Doty Property Acquisition	300,000	2007	Acq.
Gaviota Village Property	1,360,938	2008	Acq.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,709,671</b>		

<sup>15</sup> Reallocated in the 2005 cycle

**Table 4: Fourth District<sup>16</sup>**

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Leroy Park Recreational Center	\$ 75,000	1988	Cap. Improve.
Leroy Park Recreational Center	75,000	1990	Cap. Improve.
Leroy Park Recreational Center	75,000	1991	Cap. Improve.
Point Sal Acquisition	125,000	1988	Acq.
Point Sal Road Reopening, Alternative Analysis Report	50,000	2005	Plan/Rsch
Ocean Park Improvements	400,000	1988	Cap. Improve.
Ocean Park Improvements	100,000	1990	Cap. Improve.
Host Site	19,000	1999	Cap. Improve.
Mission Vieja Site Acquisition	50,000	1990	Acq.
Burton Mesa Management Plan	19	1988	Plan/Rsch.
Burton Mesa Management Plan	76,320	1992	Plan/Rsch.
Burton Mesa Management Plan	40,000	1994	Plan/Rsch.
Burton Mesa Acquisition	281,162	1996	Acq.
Burton Mesa Acquisition	72,691	1996	Acq.
Burton Mesa Acquisition	210,000	1997	Acq.
Cabrillo High School Aquarium			
Construction	100,000	1994	Cap. Improve.
Construction	77,943	1998	Cap. Improve.
Construction	123,335	2000	Cap. Improve.
Outreach Program	11,724	1995	Edu.
Technology/Media Exhibit	71,142	2001	Edu.
Santa Ynez River Enhancement Plan <sup>17</sup>	36,088	1995	Plan/Rsch.
Surf Beach Pedestrian Crossing	120,000	1997	Cap. Improve.
Santa Ynez River Open Space/Park	25,000	1998	Acq.
Burton Mesa Chaparral Garden	2,271	2000	Cap. Improve.
Guadalupe Dunes Vehicle Barrier to Protect Snowy Plovers	13,450	2002	Cap. Improve.
Guadalupe Dunes Tractor	89,000	2004	Equipment
Lompoc Aquatic Center	67,126	2002	Cap. Improve.
Dunes Center			
Exhibit Hall/Visitor Center	0	2003 (2005) <sup>18</sup>	Cap. Improve.
Exhibit Hall/Visitor Center	0	2005	Cap. Improve.
Pioneer Space Center's Coastal Display	11,942	2004	Equipment
The Natural Ways Exhibit at La Purisima	63,531	2006	Cap. Improve.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,461,744</b>		

<sup>16</sup> Grants awarded between 1988-1991, 1992-2001 and 2002 on all reflect different district boundaries.

<sup>17</sup> Benefits both the Third and Fourth Districts.

<sup>18</sup> Reallocated in the 2005 cycle

**Table 5: Fifth District<sup>19</sup>**

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Waller Park Water Conservation	\$ 125,000	1988	Cap. Improve.
Allan Hancock Theater Expansion	175,000	1990	Cap. Improve.
Peregrine Falcon Reintroduction	5,000	1992	Plan/Rsch.
S.M./Guadalupe Dunes Bikeway			
Bikeway Study	30,000	1992	Plan/Rsch.
General Plan Amendment	374	1996	Plan/Rsch.
Construction of Bikeway, Phase IV	0	1997	Cap. Improve.
Guadalupe Dunes County Park			
Kiosk Staffing	0	1993	Edu.
Management Plan Update	33,222	1994	Plan/Rsch.
Trailer	5,000	1996	Cap. Improve.
Phase II, Master Plan for Road Repairs	23,705	1996	Plan/Rsch.
Implementation Plan	104,065	1998	Cap. Improve.
Implementation Plan	22,935	1999	Cap. Improve.
Guadalupe Dunes Education Center (Dunes Center)			
Construction of Center	0	1994	Cap. Improve.
Construction of Exhibit Hall	0	2000	Cap. Improve.
Exhibits	120,000	1995	Edu.
Ecosystem Education Unit Package	22,500	1999	Edu.
Video of Dunes	22,000	1999	Edu.
Land & Sea Mammals Interactive Computer Program	21,500	2001	Edu.
Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum			
SEA IT!	24,550	1994	Edu.
SEA IT! Phase II	13,444	1997	Edu.
Ocean Supermarket Exhibit, Phase I	20,000	2002	Edu.
Ocean Supermarket Exhibit, Phase II	79,000	2005	Edu.
Marine Exhibit, Phase I	115,000	2004	Cap. Improve.
Marine Exhibit, Phase II	47,750	2006	Cap. Improve.
Tide & Seek Exhibit	45,000	2007	Cap. Improve.
Belly of the Whale, Phase I	75,000	2008	Cap. Improve.
Belly of the Whale, Phase II	75,000	2009	Cap. Improve.
Point Sal Appraisals	5,000	1995	Acq.
Point Sal Acquisition	33,415	1999	Acq.
Pioneer Park	25,000	1996	Acq.
Santa Maria YMCA Pool	0	1997	Cap. Improve.
Santa Maria Valley Beautiful Earth Week	10,000	1998	Edu.
Salmon & Trout Educational Program	3,000	1998	Edu.
Guadalupe Community Park Ball Fields	25,000	1998	Cap. Improve.
Van for the Environmental Education on Wheels	0	1999	Edu.
Van for the Environmental Education on Wheels	16,500	2001	Edu.
Marine Science Curriculum, Pilot Program	8,332	2000	Edu.
Santa Maria Natural History Museum			
-- Exploring the Seashore Exhibit	26,000	2001	Edu.
-- Sand & Sea Learning Area	30,000	2004	Cap. Improve.
-- From the Beginnings Under the Sea	50,000	2006	Cap. Improve.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,437,292</b>		

<sup>19</sup> Grants awarded between 1988-1991, 1992-2001 and 2002 on all reflect different district boundaries.

**Table 6: Grants Benefiting Three or More Districts**

Project Name	Adjusted Amount	Approved	Type
Earth Day 1990	\$ 10,000	1990	Edu.
Earth Day 1995	10,000	1995	Edu.
Open Space and Recreation Element	50,000	1991	Plan/Rsch.
Coastal Access Implementation Plan	30,000	1992	Plan/Rsch.
Offers to Dedicate Coastal Access	37,843	1996	Plan/Rsch.
South Coast Water Quality – Education Component	26,000	1998	Edu.
California Central Coast Birding Trail	0	1998	Cap. Improve.
Snowy Plover Video	8,930	1998	Edu.
Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network:			
Upgrades to Seabird Rehabilitation Facility	1,580	2000	Cap. Improve.
Seabird Net Enclosure	1,037	2004	Equipment
Seabird Care Compound	31,800	2005	Cap. Improve.
Seabird Care Compound	120,000	2006	Cap. Improve.
Seabird Care Compound	150,000	2007	Cap. Improve.
Waves on Wheels Van	25,000	2001	Edu.
Marine Mammal Rescue Project	24,408	2004	Equipment
Marine Mammals Rescue Project	10,000	2005	Equipment
Santa Barbara Beaches Hazards Removal Project	0	2004	Cap. Improve.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$536,598</b>		

**Table 7: Amounts Allocated by Districts<sup>20</sup>**

District	Amount
First	\$ 2,470,904
Second	\$ 3,444,822
Third	\$ 7,709,671
Fourth	\$ 2,461,744
Five	\$ 1,437,292
Three or More Districts	\$ 536,598
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,061,031</b>

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### **Summary of Each CREF Grant**

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## **FIRST DISTRICT GRANTS**

**\$2,470,904**

### **Coastal Acquisitions**

**(\$1,020,812)**

#### **Carpinteria Salt Marsh Land Acquisitions – Three Separate Grants**

*1990 Cycle, \$83,000 ~ Completed*

This grant helped preserve approximately 34 acres of wetlands within the boundaries of the Carpinteria Salt Marsh. The University of California Reserve (which owns the adjacent 115 acres) and the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County manage 31 acres, which was purchased by the Land Trust. One property owner owns the remaining 3 acres, in which an open space conservation easement protects the wetlands. Originally a \$90,000 grant, the Land Trust used \$83,000 to acquire the 31 acres in January of 1999 and returned \$7,000.

*1993 Cycle, \$150,000 ~ Completed*

*1995 Cycle, \$25,000 ~ Completed*

The 1993 CREF grant helped the City of Carpinteria acquire 3.29 acres of wetlands and beachfront property at Ash Avenue in August of 1996. The 1995 grant helped the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County finance associated legal and administrative costs with that land purchase. Acquisition of the property allowed for restoration of tidal wetlands and provides for public access to the beachfront portion of the property.

#### **Carpinteria Bluffs Appraisals and Acquisitions – Five Separate Grants**

*1991 Cycle, \$20,000 ~ Completed*

*1992 Cycle, \$15,000 ~ Completed*

*1997 Cycle, \$15,000 ~ Completed*

*1998 Cycle, \$100,000 ~ Completed*

*1999 Cycle, \$350,000 ~ Completed*

As a first step to preserve an 83-acre ocean-front mesa in Carpinteria, the 1991 award funded an appraisal of thirteen properties known as Carpinteria Bluffs I. The 1992 award supplied additional research on fair market values of the properties. The Land Trust served as the fiscal agent for these two awards and completed the appraisal and research in April of 1992. The Citizens for the Bluffs, Inc., which formed to preserve the Carpinteria Bluffs I property, updated the 1992 appraisal with the help of the 1997 CREF grant. The updated appraisal was completed in June of 1997.

Adding to the purchase price of \$3,950,000, the 1998 and 1999 awards helped acquire 52 acres of the Carpinteria Bluffs coastal property. The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County closed escrow in December of 1998 for a purchase price considerably less than the appraised value of the property. A deed recorded with the land requires a minimum of 50% of the land to be used as open space for purposes of habitat preservation and passive recreation (trails and ocean viewing); the remaining percentage of land can be used as active recreation (soccer and softball fields). Currently, 47 acres (90%) are preserved in habitat preservation and passive recreation and five acres (10%) contain two ball fields.

## **Carpinteria Creek Appraisals**

*1992 Cycle ~ Unable to Complete: \$5,000 Expended, \$15,000 Refunded*

This grant helped pay for appraisals and negotiations of conservation easements or purchase of three parcels known as the Carnevale property, adjacent to Carpinteria Creek. The Carpinteria Creek Committee expended \$5,000 of the original \$20,000 grant; however it could not raise the needed monies to purchase the easements. Therefore, the City of Carpinteria returned \$15,000 of the CREF grant, and the Board reallocated that money in the 1998 CREF cycle.

## **Loon Point Beach Access Easement**

*1990 Cycle ~ Unable to Complete: \$2,872 Expended, \$7,128 Refunded*

The Parks Department had hoped to use this grant to pursue acquisition of a public access easement along an existing trail next to the railroad tracks from the parking lot at Padaro Lane to Loon Point beach. The Union Pacific Railroad rejected all offers by the County to grant an easement on its property. The Parks Department refunded \$7,128 of the original \$10,000 grant, and the Board of Supervisors reallocated the refunded money in the 2000 CREF cycle.

## **Oceanview Park (Careaga Open Space) Acquisition**

*1995 Cycle, \$200,000 ~ Completed*

Oceanview Park sits on 3.5 acres on the eastern side of Summerland. Park amenities, such as trails, picnic area, grass playing field, benches at scenic lookouts, signage, ancillary parking, and landscaping entice the visitor to use the park and enjoy its panoramic views of the ocean. In December of 1996, the Planning & Development Department, Comprehensive Planning Division paid \$105,000 to the property owner for an open space easement onsite. The owner installed the recreational improvements in early 2002, allowing the park to open at that time. The Division released the remaining \$95,000 in February of 2003, after the Board of Supervisors approved a Resolution of Acceptance; this Resolution transferred the property in fee from the owner to the County.

## **Surfrider Extension Trail**

*2000 Cycle ~ Unable to Complete: \$6,440 Expended, \$45,060 Refunded*

The Surfrider Trail runs from the railroad tracks to Hammonds Beach. The Parks Department had hoped to acquire an easement to expand the trail by 1,125 feet, along the beach side of the railroad tracks. With \$6,440 of the original \$51,500 CREF grant, the Parks Department prepared documents necessary to acquire the easement (e.g., legal description, appraisal). Purchase of the easement was moving forward until Union Pacific decided it would not allow an easement because of pedestrian safety due to the proximity of passing trains. The Parks Department relinquished \$45,060 back to CREF in February of 2009.

## **Santa Claus Lane Beach Access – Two Separate Grants**

*2000 Cycle, \$26,000 ~ Completed*

*2004 Cycle, \$22,500 ~ Completed*

With the goal of identifying a safe public beach access at Santa Claus Lane, the 2000 grant paid for surveying and preparing a preliminary title search for eight properties along Santa Claus Lane. The Parks Department completed the surveys in August of 2001 and identified a preliminary beach access design across the railroad tracks. With a portion of the 2004 grant, Comprehensive Planning paid for a mean high tide line survey for the eight properties and preliminary appraisals for the parcels the County is looking to acquire. The Real Properties Division is currently negotiating with owners to obtain a beach access.

## **Coastal-Related Capital Improvements (*\$1,351,299*)**

### **Andree Clark Bird Refuge**

*1988 Cycle, \$170,000 ~ Completed*

The Andree Clark Bird Refuge includes 29 acres of a freshwater/brackish lake on a 42-acre site that has an outlet across from East Beach in the City of Santa Barbara. This grant implemented various improvements that helped upgrade the Refuge's water quality and wildlife habitat. In addition, the grant helped pay for constructing three viewing platforms. The City of Santa Barbara completed the project in December of 1991.

### **Carpinteria Swimming Pool**

*1988 Cycle, \$150,000 ~ Completed*

The Carpinteria swimming pool renovation included the completion of the dressing and shower rooms, lockers, lights, bleachers, lifeguard stands, and landscaping. The Carpinteria Swimming Pool Association completed the project in June of 1989.

### **Santa Barbara Zoo – Sea Lion Exhibit**

*1990 Cycle, \$25,000 ~ Completed*

The existing sea lion exhibit received a new animal holding area, a visitor space, interpretive graphics, a native island plant garden, and a water filter system. The Santa Barbara Zoological Gardens completed this project in August of 1990.

## **Santa Barbara Harbor Boat Launch**

*1990 Cycle, \$150,000 ~ Completed*

This City of Santa Barbara restored and improved the boat launch ramp at the Santa Barbara Harbor, allowing for use of the ramp during the full range of tides and by all vessels. The City completed the project in April of 1991.

## **Loon Point Beach Access Easement Realignment**

*1994 Cycle, \$66,000 ~ Incomplete*

An existing trail runs from the parking lot at Padaro Lane to Loon Point Beach in Summerland. A portion of this trail eroded severely due to poor drainage and high tidal activity. With this CREF grant, the Parks Department plans on realigning the easement used by the public and to correct drainage problems that lead to continued deterioration. Early on, the Department completed major drainage repairs (e.g., removed and replaced concrete culvert, brought in soil to reestablish trail) to address public access and safety issues; however, extensive erosion continues. The Department had been working with the property owner on permitting a proposed realigned easement; however, the ownership of the property has recently changed hands and the Department reports that all pending cases have closed. The Parks Department is reassessing the project and determining if it can implement some drainage protection measures with the remaining CREF funds (approximately \$13,000). This project is 13 years behind schedule.

## **Lookout Park Improvements – Two Separate Grants**

*1994 Cycle, \$30,000 ~ Completed*

**Accessibility Modifications** ~ Lookout Park, a coastal blufftop park in Summerland, now meets federal requirements for wheelchair access (Americans With Disability Act). The Parks Department completed the following improvements by May of 1996: a wider, paved pathway from the parking lot to the restrooms and a wheelchair accessible restroom.

*2007 Cycle, \$40,000 ~ Incomplete*

**Arundo Removal** ~ *Arundo donax*, also known as giant reed or simply Arundo, is an invasive, non-native weed. The Agriculture Commissioner's Office (ACO) removed 1.7 acres of Arundo from Lookout County Park in 2008. In late summer of 2009, ACO will conduct a follow-up treatment and plant native plantings. As part of a larger Arundo removing project in all of Santa Barbara County, the ACO will begin surveying and mapping in July of 2009 the extent of Arundo at selected beaches between Rincon Beach County Park and Guadalupe Dunes County Park to determine future needs.

## **Carpinteria Lions Community Building**

*1995 Cycle, \$25,000 ~ Completed*

Lions Park in Carpinteria hosts a new community building. CREF monies helped purchase and construct a prefabricated cabin. The Carpinteria Lions Community Building Association completed construction in November of 1995.

## **Channel Drive/Butterfly Beach Stair Refurbishment**

*1995 Cycle, \$27,000 ~ Completed*

Originally the Board of Supervisors awarded \$30,000 to the Montecito Association to refurbish the beach stairway along Channel Drive, construct a seating area and trash enclosure, and extend the walkway. The Montecito Association could not obtain an encroachment permit to extend the walkway, since one property owner objected. In the 1999 CREF cycle, the Board transferred \$27,000 of this grant to the Parks Department to refurbish the stairs and reallocated the remaining \$3,000 in that cycle. The Department completed the stair refurbishment in May of 2001.

## **Pedestrian Improvements at Butterfly Beach**

*2005 Cycle ~ Unable to Complete: \$30,000 Grant Refunded*

The Public Works Department had planned to install a five-foot wide, 620-foot long pathway along Channel Drive at Butterfly Beach. The pathway would have extended east from the beach steps (located at the intersection of Channel Drive and Butterfly Lane) and link up with the existing pedestrian pathway that leads to the Coral Casino. The Department worked with the nearby Montecito residents on many designs for the pathway; however, the residents did not support the design ideas and the cost of the pathway was getting too expensive. The Department relinquished the \$30,000 grant in March of 2009.

## **Coastal Bikeway, North Jameson Lane**

*1995 Cycle, \$95,000 ~ Completed*

A section of the popular Coastal Bikeway runs along North Jameson Lane. The Public Works Department widened and restriped North Jameson Lane between San Ysidro Lane and Sheffield Drive to accommodate 4-foot-wide shoulders on both the south and north sides for bicycles. Public Works completed the project in June of 1998.

## **Summerland Greenwell Park – Three Separate Grants**

*1996 Cycle, \$20,000 ~ Completed*

*2001 Cycle, \$16,000 ~ Completed*

**Park** ~ The Summerland Citizens Association converted approximately two acres of land that was used as a County road yard into a passive recreational park. The 1996 CREF grant went towards Phase 1 improvements, which included demolition, restoration of a creek, installation of fences and a parking area. The Association completed Phase 1 and opened the park in February of 2000. The 2001 grant went towards

Phase 2, which included irrigation, plants, pathways, building improvements, and signs. The Association completed Phase 2 at the end of 2004. The Summerland Citizens Association is responsible for maintaining the park and for on-going restoration at the park.

**2005 Cycle \$10,000 ~ Completed**

**Seed Propagation & Demonstration Garden** ~ Growing Solutions Restoration Education Institute grows native plants for restoration projects along the south coast and has its office in a building at the Summerland Greenwell Park. With this CREF grant, Growing Solutions installed a seed processing and storage facility for its operations and a demonstration garden of local coastal native plant species at the park. The applicant completed the project in May of 2006.

**Bikeway Studies: Santa Claus Lane – Carpinteria Avenue and Ortega Hill**

**1996 Cycle, \$50,000 ~ Completed**

The Public Works Department prepared two Project Study Reports for: (a) a Class I bikeway extending from Santa Claus Lane to Carpinteria Avenue; and (b) a Class I bikeway around Ortega Hill. Public Works completed these reports in July of 1997. CalTrans constructed the Ortega Hill bikeway. The City of Carpinteria states that it is requesting Cal Trans to include the Santa Claus Lane - Carpinteria Avenue Bikeway as an alternative in their analysis on widening the freeway.

**Hammonds Meadows Beach Access Stairs**

**1996 Cycle, \$10,500 ~ Completed**

The public has historically used an existing beach access across Hammonds Meadows. However, a severe drop-off prohibited access at the end of the legal easement. This CREF grant provided for the installation of permanent stairs atop the seawall to the beach. The Parks Department completed the stairs in July of 1997.

**Ocean Recreation Center**

**1997 Cycle, \$60,000 ~ Completed**

A half block from Carpinteria City Beach, there is a building that stores lifeguard equipment and ocean-related recreational equipment (e.g., snorkels, kayaks, and surfboards). The CREF grant helped construct this building that also supplies restrooms for beach-goers and visitors to the Carpinteria Salt Marsh. The City of Carpinteria completed this project in August of 1999.

**Finney Street Beach Access**

**1997 Cycle, \$21,413 ~ Completed**

Finney Street in Summerland, located next to Lookout Park, provides access to the beach below. This grant helped reconstruct a failed slope and regain 8-10 parking spaces for the beach access. The Public Works Department completed the project in fall of 1998 and reports that the Department continues to deal with bluff erosion.

## Rincon Beach Park – Six Separate Grants

*1997 Cycle, \$29,000 ~ Completed*

**Beach Access Ramp** ~ This grant helped to expand a concrete ramp that leads to Rincon Beach. The expanded ramp provides year-round coastal access for the physically disabled and for Parks Department vehicles. The Parks Department completed construction in July of 2000.

*2001 Cycle, \$28,500 ~ Completed*

*2002 Cycle, \$7,720 ~ Completed*

*2003 Cycle, \$37,037 ~ Completed*

*2006 Cycle, \$40,000 ~ Incomplete*

*2007 Cycle, \$92,000 ~ Incomplete*

**Day Use Area** ~ The 2001 award initiated first steps to construct a day-use area at Rincon Beach; this included preparing engineering, landscape, and irrigation designs, conducting a Phase 1 archaeological report, and securing permits. The 2002 and 2003 awards, along with a \$69,480 AB1431 grant paid for Phase I improvements, which included: walkways, a 75-person group picnic area, new lawn and irrigation. The Parks Department completed Phase I in May of 2005.

The 2006 and 2007 awards go towards some of the Phase II improvements, which are: additional walkways, plantings and irrigation, two individual seating areas, and grass pavers through the lawn. The Parks Department reports that it completed the hardscape portion of Phase II in July of 2009; the planting remains and the Department states it will be completed by end of 2009.

## Carpinteria Salt Marsh Improvements – Two Separate Grants

*2002 Cycle, \$38,500 ~ Completed*

**Nature Park Interpretative Signs** ~ The Carpinteria Salt Marsh is one of the few relatively natural estuaries along the Southern California coast and one of the State's most important coastal resources. With this grant, twenty new interpretative signs inform salt marsh visitors about beach shoreline processes, historical oil development in the area, ecology, geology, marsh species, and specific habitats of the marsh. The City completed the project in May of 2006.

*2003 Cycle, \$50,000 ~ Completed*

**Basin I and South Marsh Improvement Plan** ~ This CREF grant added to a \$1.9 million project to restore 31 acres in the Carpinteria Salt Marsh's Basin I and the South Marsh area:

- removal of non-native plant species and planting native species;
- creation of new channels to reflect the historic web of tidal channels;
- development of pedestrian trails, fencing, signs, and viewing areas; and
- protection of adjacent areas from flooding.

The Land Trust completed the restoration project in March of 2008:

## **Carpinteria Bluffs Restroom/Storage Facility**

*2004 Cycle, \$30,000 ~ Completed*

Along with another \$165,000 secured by the City of Carpinteria, this grant helped build a 650 square-foot restroom and small storage area next to the ball fields on the Carpinteria Bluffs property. Beginning in August of 2004, this facility has been serving users of the nearby ball fields and users of the coastal trails.

## **Harbor Seal Sanctuary Improvements**

*2004 Cycle, \$12,629 ~ Completed*

Due to increasing public access in the general area of the harbor seal rookery, the City of Carpinteria is informing visitors that the rookery is protected and not subject to human access. Visitors in water vessels are informed of the protected area by a set of informational offshore buoys; visitors on land encounter new onsite signage and brochures. In addition, the City installed more ropes and posts at the public overlook for safety along the Blufftop. The City completed the project in September of 2006 and refunded \$6,694 of an original \$19,323 award.

## **Lifeguard Facility at Ash Avenue**

*2005 Cycle, \$20,000 ~ Completed*

A new prefabricated lifeguard facility has replaced the old lifeguard station at the beach at the end of Ash Avenue. The new facility is equipped with insulation, hot water heater, electricity, and an observation deck. In addition, it has an area below that stores life-saving equipment. The City secured an additional \$30,000 and completed the project in February of 2006.

## **Franklin Trail**

*2007 Cycle ~ Unable to Commence: \$24,000 Grant Refunded*

A few decades ago, there was a trail linking the City of Carpinteria to the Los Padres National Forest; however, the use of it was lost with the intensification of agriculture and change in land ownership. In the 2007 CREF cycle, the Parks Department received \$24,000 as a local match to seek a \$380,864 grant from the State of California Recreational Trails Program towards constructing an approximate 5-mile multi-use trail (hiking, biking, and equestrian use). The trail would begin on Foothill Road in Carpinteria (near the high school) and head up near the ridge of the local mountains. The Parks Department was unsuccessful in receiving the state grant. Since the Department could not secure additional monies within two years, the money reverts back to CREF in the 2010 cycle. The Department states that it will reapply for the \$380,864 grant from the State of California Recreational Trails Program in October of 2009.

## **Planning & Research** *(\$84,122)*

### **Design Guidelines for Highway 101 Landscaping and Structures**

*1998 Cycle, \$10,000 ~ Completed*

This grant helped to develop design guidelines for landscaping and structures (e.g., bridges) along Highway 101 between the eastern boundary of the City of Santa Barbara and the western boundary of Ventura. The Comprehensive Planning Division prepared two sets of guidelines: one, specifically, for the Montecito area, and the other for outside Montecito. The Comprehensive Planning Division submitted these guidelines to the Coastal Commission in March of 2002. Coastal Commission staff requested various revisions, including removing the portions associated with the City of Goleta. The Division revised the guidelines and included them in the Land Use Development Code, which is currently pending approval from the Coastal Commission sometime in late 2009.

### **Carpinteria-Rincon Coastal Multi-Use Trail, Feasibility Study**

*2003 Cycle, \$49,622 ~ Incomplete*

Currently, the formal route for bicyclists along the California Coastal Trail (between Rincon Beach County Park and the east end of the City of Carpinteria) is the shoulder of Highway 101. The City of Carpinteria prepared a feasibility study that analyzed the costs, the environmental impacts, and the real property issues involved with a route for this segment of the California Coastal Trail. The route involves City, County, State, and railroad properties. The City plans to release its final feasibility study in August of 2009.

### **Carpinteria Old Town (Palm to Linden) Trail Segment**

*2006 Cycle, \$24,500 ~ Completed*

The City of Carpinteria developed plans and received permits in 2009 for a trail that will connect downtown Carpinteria to Carpinteria State Beach campground. The City is seeking \$468,000 to implement the: (a) trail, (b) its associated phytoremediation system, whereby plants clean pollutants from urban runoff before the water flows into the Carpinteria Salt Marsh, and (c) interpretative signs, informing visitors of historical uses of the plants by the Chumash Indians and the phytoremediation system.

**Educational**  
**(\$14,671)**

**Los Marineros Marine Education -- Two Separate Grants**

(This project benefits both the First and Second Districts. See same title under Second District Grants, Educational.)

**Carpinteria Creek Watershed Outreach**

*2002 Cycle, \$14,671 ~ Completed*

The Carpinteria Creek Watershed Coalition formed in response to the National Marine Fisheries Service designation of Carpinteria Creek as critical habitat for Southern California steelhead trout. The Coalition promoted the restoration of steelhead habitat in the Carpinteria Creek by preparing an informational brochure, fact sheets, a quarterly newsletter, webpages on the internet, and a set of portable display panels. The coalition distributed these materials by hand and through town meetings, mailings, and the Internet. The Community Environmental Council completed the project in March of 2005 and returned \$365 from the original grant amount (\$15,036).

## **SECOND DISTRICT GRANTS**

**\$3,444,822**

### **Coastal Acquisitions** *(\$1,531,000)*

#### **Douglas Family Preserve (Wilcox Property) Acquisition**

*1994 Cycle, \$1,000,000 ~ Completed*

This CREF grant provided essential seed money to acquire a 69-acre coastal blufftop property, known as the Douglas Family Preserve, for \$3.6 million. On behalf of the Small Wilderness Area Preserve, the Trust for Public Lands purchased the property in January of 1997, with help from the local community. A restricting use recorded with the grant deed stipulates that the property must be used for public education and low-intensity uses as an urban wilderness preserve. In March of 1997, the Trust handed over the ownership and stewardship of the coastal property to the City of Santa Barbara.

#### **Arroyo Burro Beach Parking Lot Appraisal/Negotiations**

*1996 Cycle, \$6,000 ~ Completed*

Previously, the County rented and extended the parking lot area for this popular beach. In 1997, it was sold to the Trust for Public Lands in association with the Douglas Family Preserve acquisition (see above). The Parks Department used this grant money to pay for an appraisal and Real Property Division staff time to negotiate donation of this piece of land in turn for the \$1 million CREF grant to purchase the Preserve. Trust for Public Lands donated the land with the parking lot to the County in March of 1997.

#### **Elings Park (Las Positas Park) Expansion/Acquisition – Three Separate Grants**

*1995 Cycle, \$175,000 ~ Completed*

*1997 Cycle, \$25,000 ~ Completed*

*1998 Cycle, \$325,000 ~ Completed*

The California Province of the Society of Jesus (more commonly known as the Jesuits) was the previous owner of 136 acres of open space adjacent to Las Positas Park. The Jesuits sold the land, allowing the existing park (now known as Elings Park) to expand. The Jesuits contributed \$1 million to the purchase price of \$2.5 million. The Las Positas Foundation completed this purchase in December of 1998. The Restricting Use requires 120 acres to be used as passive recreation and wildlife habitat and allows ten acres to continue as agriculture or passive recreation. In August 2009, Energy Division contacted Elings Park Foundation regarding potential violations to the Covenant Restricting Use.

## Coastal-Related Capital Improvements (\$1,577,788)

### Arroyo Burro Beach – Seven Separate Grants

*1988 Cycle ~ Unable to Commence: \$50,000 Grant Refunded*

**Tot Lot** ~ Originally the Board of Supervisors awarded a \$50,000 grant to construct a pre-school play area on the lawn adjacent to the Arroyo Burro Beach Park ranger's house. In December 1991, the Board reallocated the entire \$50,000 to the reconstruction of the beach's parking area along Cliff Drive (see *Parking Lot* below).

*1991 Cycle, \$50,000 ~ Completed*

**Parking Lot** ~ With this grant, Arroyo Burro Beach's parking expanded from 60 to 97 spaces. Other improvements included landscaping and a sidewalk along Cliff Drive. The Parks Department completed the project in October of 1992.

*1998 Cycle, \$26,300 ~ Incomplete*

*2002 Cycle, \$15,000 ~ Incomplete*

**Coastal Overlook Enhancement** ~ The 1998 grant was awarded to the Parks Department to improve the existing bluff coastal overlook with new stairs, benches and decorative tiles at Arroyo Burro Beach. When the City of Santa Barbara Planning Commission approved the coastal overlook on the bluffs, it did so with a condition that the County also provides an overlook accessible to people in wheelchairs. The Board of Supervisors granted the 2002 grant for that accessible coastal overlook to be designed with an artistic element, interpretative panels, and a viewing scope. The Parks Department commenced construction of the bluff coastal overlook in 2006; however, work was stopped due to running over budget. The Department reports that this coastal overlook is 85% complete and will be completed by end of winter 2010. The Department states that it would construct the wheel-chair access coastal overlook in-house by July of 2010. The project is seven years behind schedule.

*2003 Cycle, \$21,888 ~ Completed*

**Arroyo Burro Pampas Grass Removal** ~ With this CREF grant, pampas grass, an invasive non-native weed that is a significant threat to California's native coastal ecosystems, has been eliminated from much of the lower Arroyo Burro Creek watershed. The focus area of this grant was along Jeff Elings Road in Elings Park and Arroyo Burro Creek's riparian habitat along Las Positas Road and Cliff Drive. After the removal, the Agricultural Commissioner's Office restored the areas with coastal sage scrub vegetation in June of 2005.

*2005 Cycle, \$12,930 ~ Completed*

*2006 Cycle, \$75,000 ~ Completed*

**Arroyo Burro Estuary Restoration** ~ The City of Santa Barbara spear-headed a restoration project with a goal of enhancing the water quality and the habitat of the Arroyo Burro estuary. The approximate \$1.6 million project naturalized the last 300 feet of Mesa Creek (which drains into the Arroyo Burro Estuary), removed all non-native vegetation, replanted with native species, enlarged the estuary, and constructed three small step

pools, allowing for passage of steelhead fish. In addition, the City created new trails, connecting Arroyo Burro Beach County Park with the Douglas Family Preserve. The City had completed the project by January of 2007.

## **Sea Center – Five Separate Grants**

### *1988 Cycle, \$115,000 ~ Completed*

**Renovation/Expansion** ~ The Sea Center, located on Stearns Wharf in Santa Barbara, is a visitor center for local marine education. In 1991, a major renovation at the Sea Center consisted of enclosing a 600-square-foot area adjacent to the Center and installing a touch tank, outside seating for lectures, and a view port to observe sea life under the pier. The project also included revamping the interpretive signs along Stearns Wharf. With over ten years of use, the Museum demolished the Sea Center in order to construct a newer, larger center (described below under *2003 Cycle, \$50,000*).

### *1994 Cycle, \$23,523 ~ Completed*

**Touch-Tank Canopy** ~ In April of 1997, this grant helped fabricate and install a canopy for the touch-tank area, sheltering marine organisms from exposure to sunlight and ultraviolet radiation and protecting Sea Center visitors on rainy days. After approximately six years of use, the canopy was demolished; the Museum constructed a newer, larger center (described below under *2003 Cycle, \$50,000*).

### *2003 Cycle, \$50,000 ~ Completed*

**Wharf Improvements** ~ After extensive renovation and expansion work, the Sea Center doubled its size to a 6,734 square-foot facility. This CREF grant helped upgrade the wharf under the Sea Center to meet current seismic code requirements for the larger facility. The budget for the entire expansion project was \$8 million. The Museum completed the wharf improvements and opened the new facility in April of 2005.

### *2005 Cycle, \$13,000 ~ Completed*

**Shark Exhibit** ~ The interactive shark exhibit has a tank with live juvenile swell sharks and translucent egg cases, a microscope video and interpretative panels. The Museum installed the exhibit and opened the new facility in April of 2005.

### *2009 Cycle, \$52,925 ~ Incomplete*

**Generator for Aquariums** ~ This CREF grant will help the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History purchase and install a generator and associated equipment at the Ty Warner Sea Center on the Wharf in Santa Barbara. The generator and equipment would be used during an electrical outage to continuously supply fresh water and oxygen to the aquariums with live animals. The Museum estimates that the Sea Center has an electrical outage once every couple months. The generator and associated equipment will be installed by the end of 2009.

## **Santa Barbara City College Improvements – Four Separate Grants**

### ***1990 Cycle, \$150,000 ~ Completed***

***La Playa Stadium Renovation*** ~ Renovating the City College stadium included construction of restrooms, a ticket booth, a concession stand, a new press box, and new seating. The Foundation for Santa Barbara City College completed the project in July of 1995.

### ***1992 Cycle, \$15,000 ~ Completed***

***Restoration of Chumash Point*** ~ With a total cost of \$150,000, the overall project included preservation of a Chumash burial ground and village site and installation of landscaping, a viewing area, and a coastal bluff trail. The Foundation for Santa Barbara City College completed the project in June of 1993.

### ***1995 Cycle, \$19,470 ~ Completed***

***West Campus Walkway*** ~ Visitors and students of City College's west campus can enjoy ocean views along a 1,200-foot, decomposed granite walkway located on the blufftop. The Foundation for Santa Barbara City College completed the walkway in April of 1997.

### ***1997 Cycle ~ Unable to Commence: \$5,000 Grant Refunded***

***Bikeway*** ~ Originally the Board of Supervisors awarded a grant to construct a 2,700-foot bikeway, spanning across the west campus and installing two bicycle parking areas. The Foundation for Santa Barbara City College was unable to secure the additional funds for the bikeway within the required two years and relinquished the \$5,000 grant to CREF. The Board reallocated that money in the 1999 cycle.

## **More Mesa Vehicle Restriction**

### ***1992 Cycle ~ Unable to Complete: \$3,649 Expended and \$46,351 Reallocated***

The More Mesa Management and Restoration Plan identified areas to block motorized vehicular access onsite. Originally the Board of Supervisors awarded \$50,000 to install gates and fences along these identified areas. However, in May of 1997, the Board reallocated \$46,351 towards soil remediation at the Santa Barbara Shores site. With the remaining \$3,649, the Parks Department erected a barrier to More Mesa at the end of Mocking Bird Lane.

## Goleta Beach – Seven Separate Grants<sup>21</sup>

*1990 Cycle ~ Unable to Complete: \$28,274 Expended and \$201,726 Refunded*

**Parking Lot** ~ Originally the Board of Supervisors awarded a \$230,000 CREF grant to add approximately 170 parking spaces by reconstructing and restriping the existing Goleta Beach parking lot. The Board reallocated \$201,726 of this grant to the Santa Barbara Shores project in 1991. The Parks Department spent the remaining monies on preliminary designs for the parking lot.

*1992 Cycle ~ Unable to Commence: \$38,000 Grant Refunded*

**Revetment Project** ~ Originally the Board awarded a \$38,000 challenge grant to extend a previously completed revetment an additional 580 linear feet, along the south bank of the Goleta Slough. The Parks Department had not been able to raise additional funds; therefore, in the 1994 CREF cycle, the Board of Supervisors reallocated the \$38,000 towards structural improvements to the Goleta Beach pier (see *Goleta Beach Pier Structural Rehabilitation Description* below).

*1993 Cycle, \$202,500 ~ Completed*

**Fireline** ~ The Fire Department notified the Parks Department that the previous firewater system at Goleta Beach did not meet county building and fire code nor the recommendations of the National Fire Protection Association. The Department installed 2,900 feet of 10-inch diameter pipeline to transport water for firefighting purposes. The Department completed the project in October of 1994.

*1994 Cycle, \$70,000 ~ Completed*

**Irrigation** ~ In 1996, a new irrigating system for the lawn at Goleta Beach provides water-efficient irrigation, using reclaimed water. The Parks Department completed this project in June of 1996. In November of 2002, a big storm coinciding with a high tide threatened various amenities at Goleta Beach Park. The Parks Department reports that some of the lawn and irrigation was damaged, but the Department capped the damaged lines and the irrigation is still functioning on the existing lawn.

*1994 Cycle, \$90,000 ~ Completed*

**Pier Structural Rehabilitation** ~ This grant helped update a 1989 structural inspection of the Goleta Beach pier and made repairs to the pier pilings and other structural features. The Parks Department completed all structural repairs in August of 2000.

*1997 Cycle, \$37,500 ~ Completed*

**Restrooms** ~ The Parks Department renovated the interior of a Goleta Beach restroom for use by the physically disabled. The Department completed the project in July of 1998.

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<sup>21</sup> Also see Goleta Beach Slough Revetment, under Third District's Coastal-Related Capital Improvements.

**2003 Cycle, \$15,000 ~ Completed**

**Winter Sand Berm, Phase I** ~ In November of 2002, a big storm coinciding with a high tide threatened the lawn area and various amenities at Goleta Beach Park. To handle this emergency situation, the Parks Department used this CREF money to construct a 12 to 15-foot high, 1,000 lineal foot sand berm, running along the shoreline in front of the beach park. The Parks Department completed the project in January of 2003.

**Santa Barbara Waterfront Aquatic Park Dredging – Two Separate Grants**

**1992 Cycle, \$15,000 ~ Completed**

**2001 Cycle ~ Unable to Commence: \$25,000 Grant Refunded**

With the 1992 CREF grant, the City of Santa Barbara dredged a shallow-water, recreational area in the vicinity of the West Beach and the Santa Barbara Harbor, allowing safe sail boating for youth groups. The City of Santa Barbara, Waterfront Department moved 160,000 cubic yards of sand during the winter of 1993. However, sand continues to re-accumulate in this area and threatens to stop boating. In the 2001 cycle, the Board of Supervisors awarded a \$25,000 grant to the City to dredge West Beach and restore the small boat area. The Board made the award contingent on the City commencing a stopgap dredging project in the harbor by the end of May, 2001. The City was unable to commence the stopgap dredging after several attempts to negotiate an agreement with contracting dredgers. Therefore, the \$25,000 grant was subsequently transferred to the Cabrillo Aquarium's Technology/Media Exhibit.

**Los Banos Del Mar Pool – Two Separate Grants**

**1992 Cycle, \$15,000 ~ Completed**

**1993 Cycle, \$30,000 ~ Completed**

These two grants contributed to a new fiberglass liner and concrete deck at the City of Santa Barbara's Los Banos del Mar Pool. With the help of fund-raising from the Semana Nautica Association and the Friends of Los Banos del Mar, the City of Santa Barbara completed the project in May of 1996.

**Santa Barbara Maritime Museum – Four Separate Grants**

**1996 Cycle, \$30,000 ~ Completed**

**1998 Cycle, \$15,172 ~ Completed**

**1999 Cycle, \$8,850 ~ Completed**

**Interior Improvements** ~ The Santa Barbara Maritime Museum is located at the waterfront. The three CREF grants helped modify the interior of the Naval Reserve building, construct a theater within the exhibit hall, and construct an outreach resource library, respectively. The organization opened the museum to the public in July of 2000.

**2007 Cycle, \$50,000 ~ Completed**

**Surf Exhibit** ~ The Santa Barbara Maritime Museum installed a surfing exhibit in the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum. The exhibit features the history of surfing, development of the sport over the years,

and its relationship to Santa Barbara's recreation, industry, and lifestyle. The exhibit includes a 15-foot wave tube carved from foam. The Museum completed the exhibit at the end of March 2008.

## **Santa Barbara County Veterans Memorial**

*1996 Cycle, \$20,000 ~ Completed*

The Veterans Committee constructed a memorial at Las Positas Park dedicated to the women and men of Santa Barbara County who served in past wars. The memorial consists of nine sandstone stations, integrated along the hillside and connected by a 1,500-foot landscaped walkway. Las Positas Park Foundation completed the entire memorial in November of 1997.

## **Lower Westside Bikeway**

*1997 Cycle ~ Unable to Complete: \$29,720 Expended and \$15,280 Refunded*

The City of Santa Barbara had planned on constructing a Class I bikeway, extending from the intersection of Rancheria and Montecito Streets to the Beach Bikeway at Los Banos del Mar pool. The City encountered wetland issues when attempting to permit the bikeway route. The contract expired in December of 2003, without resolution of the wetland issues or completion of the project. The City returned \$15,280 of the \$45,000 award.

## **Shoreline Drive Enhancement**

*2000 Cycle, \$50,281 ~ Completed*

The City of Santa Barbara modified a half-mile section of Shoreline Drive from Loma Alta and La Marina Drive by developing a linear park, promenade sidewalk, and separate bikepath on the ocean side of the existing median. The City completed the project in August of 2004.

## **Shoreline Park Stairs Beach Access**

*2002 Cycle, \$30,000 ~ Completed*

The popular steps that lead from Shoreline Park down to the beach have been replaced. The new access replaced stairs from the 1960's, which had deteriorated from long-term exposure to ocean waves and weather. The City of Santa Barbara completed the project and opened the stairs to the public in January of 2003.

## **Audubon Goleta Slough Restoration**

*2000 Cycle, \$15,500 ~ Completed*

Efforts to restore the Goleta Slough Management Area included: removing the invasive pampas grass from the University of California, Santa Barbara east bluffs and revegetating areas within the Management Area with native coastal flora. The Santa Barbara Audubon Society completed the project in May of 2002.

## **South Coast Watershed Resource Center – Two Separate Grants**

### ***2000 Cycle, \$50,000 ~ Completed***

**Construction** ~ The South Coast Watershed Resource Center informs the public about the potential causes and solutions of watershed and ocean pollution. The Center provides informative fact sheets and educational exhibits about the Arroyo Burro creek, lagoon, beach ecology, native vegetation, culture and history. This grant helped fund re-construction of a vacated park ranger's house into the Center. The Community Environmental Council completed construction of the Center and held a grand opening in August of 2001.

### ***2001 Cycle, \$29,883 ~ Completed***

**Fire Hydrant & Undergrounding Utilities** ~ This grant had two grantees, and the amount was originally \$47,200. The first grantee, the Community Environmental Council, trenched and undergrounded existing overhead electrical and communication lines that traverse from its connection at Cliff Drive to the bathrooms and restaurant. The Council completed the utilities undergrounding in August of 2001, spending \$14,800. The second grantee, County Parks Department, installed 100 lineal feet of fireline and a fire hydrant, serving Arroyo Burro Beach County Park, the Brown Pelican Restaurant, and the South Coast Watershed Resource Center. The Department completed the fire hydrant and fireline in December of 2001, spending \$15,083 and relinquishing \$17,317 of the grant back to CREF.

## **Atascadero Bikeway – Three Separate Grants**

### ***2002 Cycle, \$4,800 ~ Completed***

**Mutt Mitt Stations** ~ Eight pet waste disposal stations, fitted with a mutt mitt dispenser, a bilingual interpretative sign, and a garbage can, along the Atascadero Creek Bike Path assist people cleaning up after their pets. The signs inform people about water quality issues concerning pet waste and the association between ocean water pollution and beach closures. Project Clean Water, a group of various County agencies, installed the pet waste disposal stations in February of 2002.

### ***2004 Cycle, \$5,118 ~ Completed***

### ***2006 Cycle, \$19,000 ~ Incomplete***

**Bridge Decking** ~ The Atascadero Creek trail (also known as the California Coastal Trail) is heavily used by pedestrians, equestrians, and bicyclists. The trail includes a number of wooden bridges, some old and splintering. The 2004 grant helped the County Public Works Department replace a bridge over Maria Ygnacio Creek with 2-inch thick, recycled plastic lumber in October of 2004. This new decking material has 175% the tensile strength and is more weatherproofed than the original decking material. With the 2006 grant, the Department plans to improve five bridges: (1) bridge near South Patterson Avenue, (2) bridge at Magna Vista Tract, (3) bridge at Arroyo Drive, (4) bridge at Neuces Drive, and (5) bridge between Nogal Drive and Modoc Road. Rather than replace the individual lumber slats with new material, the Department plans to turn the slats over in place and will have this done by end of 2009. The project is three years behind schedule.

## **Shade Structure for Native Plants**

*2002 Cycle, \$15,000 ~ Completed*

The lathhouse at Estero Park, another CREF-funded project, grows native plants for restoration projects in Isla Vista; however, there was a need for more space to grow local native seeds for restoration projects in the second and third districts. This grant funded a 2,400 square-foot shade structure, a tool shed and irrigation system at the County's Solid Waste Transfer Station. Growing Solutions Restoration Education Institute completed the project in September of 2003.

## **Lifeguard Towers at Arroyo Burro, Goleta, and Jalama Beaches**

*2002 Cycle, \$57,505 ~ Completed*

The County's Parks Department replaced old wood lifeguard towers with new fiberglass towers at Goleta Beach (two towers), Arroyo Burro and Jalama Beaches. The Department purchased the four towers and installed them by July of 2002.

## **San Jose Bikeway**

*2004 Cycle ~ Unable to Commence: \$45,000 Grant Refunded*

There is a plan that one day bicyclists will be able to ride the proposed San Jose Bikeway from Cathedral Oaks Road to Goleta Beach. Most of the monies have been secured already for the portion of the bikeway between Cathedral Oaks and Goleta Old Towne (including tunneling under Calle Real, Highway 101, and the railroad). A \$45,000 CREF grant was awarded towards constructing the lower portion of the bikeway from Goleta Old Towne to Goleta Beach. Since the City had not secured all of the funds within the allotted two years, the City relinquished the grant and the Board reallocated the \$45,000 in the 2006 CREF cycle.

## **Planning & Research** *(\$275,200)*

### **Goleta Beach Studies – Five Separate Grants**

*1993 Cycle, \$55,000 ~ Incomplete*

*1999 Cycle, \$15,000 ~ Incomplete*

***Carrying Capacity/Goleta Visioning Process*** ~ In 1996, the Parks Department completed a draft master plan and environmental carrying-capacity study for the Goleta Beach Park that list existing facilities and environmental resources, analyzes feasible options for future development, and evaluates potential mitigation. In 2002, the Parks Department completed an administrative draft initial study for the draft master plan document. However, in 2003, the initial draft was placed on hold until a Master Plan/Visioning process for the Goleta Beach was completed. After the visioning process, the Department prepared an environmental assessment of long-term park and beach protection, which incorporated the information from the 2002 draft master plan and environmental carrying capacity. In January of 2008, the Department submitted the environmental assessment to the California Coastal Commission, along with a Coastal Development Permit

(CDP) application for a permeable pier sand retention system. The Coastal Commission denied the permeable pier on July 8, 2009. The Department is starting to look at new alternatives.

**2001 Cycle, \$36,500 ~ Completed**

**2004 Cycle, \$55,000 ~ Completed**

**2005 Cycle, \$63,700 ~ Completed**

**Coastal Collection Data** ~ The County Parks Department, with much input from community meetings, prepared a comprehensive plan and long-term vision for Goleta Beach (see *Carry Capacity/Goleta Visioning Process* above). Part of this long-term vision plan included two years worth of quarterly data collection surveys (e.g., offshore kelp dives and sampling and analysis of intertidal and sand beach species and ecosystem) offshore of Goleta Beach; the three CREF grants helped pay for a number of quarterly surveys. The Department began the first quarterly survey in 2004 and completed the surveys in 2006.

[Regarding the 2001 grant, the Board of Supervisors had originally awarded the Parks Department the \$36,500 to reinforce the west portion of the parking lot to support heavy-duty trucks carrying sediment for beach nourishment. In July of 2004, the Board of Supervisors approved the Parks Department's request to reallocate this 2001 CREF grant towards technical data collection. The original project of reinforcing the parking lot was actually completed in May of 2005 with AB1431 monies and monies from the Public Works Department.]

## **Las Positas (Elings) Park Master Plan**

**1995 Cycle, \$50,000 ~ Completed**

The Las Positas Park Foundation prepared a master plan for 136 acres of open-space adjacent to Las Positas Park (see *Elings Park [Las Positas Park] Expansion/Acquisition* under Second District Grants, Coastal Acquisitions). The Foundation completed the plan in September of 1995. The plan includes protection of natural resources onsite and development of tennis courts, picnic areas, trails, and viewing areas. Of the 136 acres, the Foundation devoted approximately 133 acres to low-intensity uses. Currently, the 136 acres have been left in open space, with a portion serving as a paragliding area. The Foundation dedicated six acres on the westside of Las Positas Road to the City of Santa Barbara to install a bikepath.

## **Educational (\$60,834)**

### **Los Marineros Marine Education – Two Separate Grants**

**1992 Cycle, \$20,000 ~ Completed**

**1995 Cycle, \$11,723 ~ Completed**

With the 1992 grant, the Channel Islands Marine Sanctuary and the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History expanded an active marine educational program geared to fifth grade students in the City of Santa Barbara, increasing the numbers of participating classrooms by 25%. The Los Marineros Program's activities include going on field trips, cleaning local beaches, visiting the UCSB lab to perform simple scientific

transects on Campus Beach, touring the harbor, visiting the Sea Center, and studying ocean currents, water quality, marine invertebrates and the impacts of marine policy. The activities were implemented during the 1993-94 school year.

The popularity of the Los Marineros Program prompted the museum to expand the marine educational program to all fifth graders in the Santa Barbara School District. With the 1995 grant, the Museum provided curriculum materials and training to district teachers in January of 1997.

## **Oral History of Santa Rosa Island**

### *1993 Cycle, \$9,250 ~ Completed*

In December of 1995, the Santa Cruz Island Foundation, Santa Rosa Island Chapter prepared a portable public display and a written publication, portraying the cultural and natural history of Santa Rosa Island. The display and publication contain photographs of the island and excerpts of oral interviews with individuals who lived, worked, and visited the island since the early 1900s. The Foundation reports that the public displays have not been used recently but that in 2000, the Foundation published a coffee-table book that used the photographs and oral interviews.

## **South Coast Watershed Resource Center Exhibits & Improvements**

### *2003 Cycle, \$19,861 ~ Completed*

The Water Resource Center has been teaching visitors about personal responsibility and the connection to healthy watersheds since August 2001. With the CREF grant, the Community Environmental Council has created an artistic five-foot fiberglass sculpture of a steelhead trout that was displayed along State Street for a few months and at the Earth Day festival. The sculpture now resides at the Center. The Council has created an interactive board game that maps out the steelhead's life-cycle, habitats, and challenges it endures. Additionally, the grant helped with a marine-themed tiled mural, a reading area for children and new shelving for the Center's wetlab. The Council completed the project in August of 2006.

## **Increase Visibility to Santa Barbara Maritime Museum**

### *2004 Cycle ~ Unable to Commence: \$10,000 Grant Refunded*

With confusion about the location of the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum and harbor area, various interested parties had come together to try to increase the number of visitors, both local and out-of-town. Ideas to increase the visibility included developing: (a) a comprehensive plan, and (b) maps and signs along the waterfront between Stearn's Wharf and the harbor area. The Maritime Museum was unable to secure additional funding in the allotted two years and relinquished the \$10,000 CREF grant. The Board of Supervisors relocated the money in the 2006 cycle.

## **THIRD DISTRICT GRANTS**

**\$7,709,671**

### **Coastal Acquisitions**

**(\$5,754,055)**

#### **Camino Corto Acquisition**

*1988 Cycle, \$550,000 ~ Completed*

CREF helped purchase approximately 24 acres of coastal property, known as the Camino Corto site, in Isla Vista. The Public Works Department acquired this property in August of 1988. The project created a park, small parking lot, and open-space areas that preserve environmentally sensitive habitats.

#### **Santa Barbara Shores Acquisition – Three Separate Grants**

*1988 Cycle, \$1,000,000 ~ Completed*

*1991 Cycle, \$140,000 (CREF interest) ~ Completed*

*1996 Cycle, \$115,217 ~ Completed*

The 1988 and 1991 CREF grants helped the County purchase a 118-acre undeveloped coastal property for open space and parkland for \$11.5 million. The County purchased the property in September of 1991. The 1996 CREF grant paid a portion of the 1995/1996 fiscal year's debt payment for the property. For more of an update on future planning for this site, see *Ellwood Mesa Acquisition* under this section and *Ellwood Mesa/Devereau Slough Regional Plan* under this District's Planning & Research section.

#### **More Mesa Appraisal and Hazardous Waste Survey**

*1990 Cycle, \$25,000 ~ Completed*

The More Mesa Foundation and The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County completed a land appraisal and hazardous waste survey of the More Mesa property in September of 1990. With additional funding from Proposition 70, The Land Trust purchased the portion of this site known as the Austin/Andrew property in June of 1991. After acquisition, the Land Trust transferred the property to Santa Barbara County.

#### **Isla Vista Blufftop Acquisitions – Five Separate Grants/Loan**

*1991 Cycle, \$0 (Paid back a \$250,000 interest-free loan)~ Completed*

*I.V. Redevelopment Agency Loan* ~ This interest-free loan helped the Public Works Department acquire 14 of the 32 remaining, undeveloped, bluff-top properties in the Del Playa area of Isla Vista. The total price was approximately \$2.6 million. The County is preserving these parcels as open-space parkland. The Agency paid the loan back in fall of 2002, and the County reallocated that money in the 2003 cycle towards acquisition of more blufftop properties in Isla Vista.

**1996 Cycle, \$10,300 ~ Completed**

**Del Playa Land Swap** ~ The locations of the 14 acquired parcels (described above) are scattered along the Blufftop. The County's goal was to have as many County-owned parcels together as possible so that the County could provide the largest possible contiguous open space for public use. The County researched and contacted property owners to determine if they would be willing to consider a potential land swap. The Planning & Development Department, Comprehensive Planning Division completed the project in spring of 2003, without any success in swapping lands.

**2001 Cycle, \$57,500 ~ Completed**

**2003 Cycle, \$493,159 ~ Completed**

**2005 Cycle, \$215,350 ~ Completed**

**Blufftop Acquisition** ~ The County purchased five parcels along Del Playa Drive in Isla Vista, thereby creating a two-acre open space blufftop park. Comprehensive Planning Division and the General Services Department report that it closed escrow on July 28, 2005 for three of the five parcels with a \$1.5 million purchase price. The County purchased the remaining two parcels for \$1 million on April 7, 2006, with money the County received from selling two other Isla Vista properties.

## **Jalama Beach County Park Expansion**

**1996 Cycle ~ Unable to Complete: \$616 Expended and \$9,394 Refunded**

Currently, visitors trespass over Bixby Ranch property to reach a southern portion of Jalama Beach County Park. The Parks Department was pursuing a donation or purchase of a conservation easement over 20 acres of blufftop land to the south of Jalama Beach to create a formal beach access, along with parking and additional day-use and dry-camping areas. The project had been delayed for a few years as the interested parties were trying to resolve consistency issues with the property's Agricultural Preserve status. In 2005, the Bixby Ranch owners put a portion of the property - including the 20 acres that was of interest to the Parks Department - up for sale. The Parks Department relinquished \$9,394 of the original \$10,000 CREF grant due to the uncertainty of the Bixby Ranch.

## **Conservation Efforts Along the Gaviota Coast – Eight Separate Grants**

**1997 Cycle, \$32,810 ~ Completed**

**Administrative Activities** ~ The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County conducted four land appraisals, preliminary title research, and negotiations for securing conservation easements. The work on this project followed the outreach the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County conducted to Gaviota Coast landowners (see *Conservation Efforts Along the Gaviota Coast, Phase IV* under Third District Grants, Planning & Research). Two of the appraisals resulted in acquiring conservation easements (Freeman Ranch and La Paloma Ranch, see below) and one appraisal resulted in acquiring property (see *Arroyo Hondo Ranch Acquisition* below). The Land Trust completed the appraisals by September 1999 and returned \$2,190 of the original \$35,000 grant.

**1998 Cycle, \$25,000 ~ Completed**

**1999 Cycle, \$100,000 ~ Completed**

**2000 Cycle, \$303,268 ~ Completed**

**2002 Cycle, \$330,000 ~ Incomplete**

**2003 Cycle ~ Unable to Commence: \$230,000 Grant Refunded**

**2005 Cycle ~ Unable to Commence: \$55,000 Grant Refunded**

**Gaviota Coast Easements** ~ With \$15,000 of the 1998 CREF grant, the entire \$100,000 1999 CREF grant, and other various grants, the Land Trust purchased a conservation easement over the 660-acre Freeman Ranch to conserve natural resources. The Land Trust completed this easement in September of 2000.

In March of 2003, the Land Trust purchased two conservation easements over 745 acres and a nearby 5.66-acre property, together known as the La Paloma Ranch. This purchase included the remaining \$10,000 of the 1998 CREF grant, the entire \$303,268 from the 2000 CREF grant, and \$205,000 of the 2002 CREF grant. The remaining \$125,000 of the 2002 grant is planned to supplement other land or easement purchases in the future.

The Board of Supervisors had awarded a \$230,000 grant in the 2003 cycle and a \$55,000 grant in the 2005 cycle towards the Gaviota Ranch/Brinkman Family Estate property, which the Land Trust is currently in negotiations with the Brinkman heirs. The Board of Supervisors did not reinstate these two awards in the 2006 cycle to the Land Trust.

**2001 Cycle, \$208,929 ~ Completed**

**Arroyo Hondo Ranch Acquisition** ~ The Land Trust purchased the Arroyo Hondo Ranch on the Gaviota Coast in October of 2001. This spectacular ranch covers 782 acres from the Santa Ynez mountains down to the ocean. Along with the biological resources, the cultural, historical, recreational, and scenic resources of this site are unmatched along the central coast. The Land Trust returned \$91,071 of the original \$300,000 CREF grant.

## **Coronado Acquisition and Restoration – Two Separate Grants**

**1998 Cycle, \$43,005 ~ Completed**

**1999 Cycle, \$25,000 ~ Completed**

Using the full 1998 grant and \$21,500 of the 1999 grant, the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County purchased a 9.3-acre open space property in Goleta adjacent to the Ellwood Main Monarch Butterfly grove. The Land Trust completed the acquisition in April of 1999 and limited the use of the property to wildlife habitat preservation, wildlife-oriented education, and public access to the coastal trail system. The remaining \$3,500 of the 1999 grant paid for completing a master plan for the subject property and installing plants, trees, site signs, interpretive displays, and elementary school work stations. This work was completed in December of 2000.

## **Ellwood Mesa (Sperling Preserve) Acquisition – Two Separate Grants**

*2004 Cycle, \$367,963 ~ Completed*

*2005 Cycle, \$50,000 ~ Completed*

One hundred and thirty-seven acres of open space, blufftop property, commonly known as the Ellwood Mesa, has been preserved forever. The Trust for Public Land purchased the land and transferred the property to the City of Goleta on February 4, 2005. The land was appraised at \$45 million; however, the purchase price was approximately \$20 million. The reason for the substantially lower purchase price is that the City of Goleta offered the previous Ellwood Mesa landowner a land swap of 36 acres located at the northwest corner of the now City-owned Santa Barbara Shores Park. The 36 acres has been developed with houses.

## **Doty Property Acquisition**

*2007 Cycle, \$300,000 ~ Completed*

In August of 2007, the City of Goleta closed escrow on the Doty property, a one-acre parcel, located northeast of the Sperling Preserve. The City of Goleta acquired the 137-acre Sperling Preserve from the Trust for Public Lands in 2005; however, the Doty property was not included in the preserve since the property owner did not want to sell at the time. The property has low-lying creek habitat, sensitive environmental areas, and multi-use trails onsite. The City added an additional \$100,000 to the CREF grant to pay \$400,000 to purchase the property. The City plans to rezone the property open space.

## **Gaviota Village Property Acquisition**

*2008 Cycle, \$1,360,938 ~ Completed*

Gaviota State Park has just increased by 43 acres, for a total of 2,043 acres. Trust for Public Land (TPL) purchased the Gaviota Village property, 43 acres located on the western end of the Gaviota coast, in July of 2009 for \$2.85 million. The property is made up of two parcels, one which is zoned Commercial Highway, and has historically been used as a restaurant, service station and grocery store. The property is bordered by Highway 101 on the south, Gaviota State Park open space on the west, and to the east and north agricultural lands. Canada del Barro runs through the Gaviota Village property, and the property supports a variety of habitat types, such as grasslands, chaparral, and coastal sage scrub. TPL transferred the land to the California Department of Parks and Recreation; the land is restricted to open space and passive recreational uses.

## **Coastal-Related Capital Improvements** **(\$1,612,597)**

### **Goleta Beach Slough Revetment**

*1988 Cycle, \$100,000 ~ Completed*

Approximately 350 linear feet of rock revetment and native vegetation support a section of the south bank of the Goleta Slough at Goleta Beach Park. The project protects existing structures, including parking areas. The Park Department completed construction in January of 1990.

### **Gaviota Creek Fish Passage – Three Separate Grants**

*1991 Cycle, \$50,000 ~ Completed*

*1993 Cycle, \$20,000 ~ Completed*

*1996 Cycle, \$30,000 ~ Completed*

The road crossing over Gaviota Creek in Gaviota State Park blocked the upstream migration of steelhead trout to approximately six miles of spawning and rearing habitat. The project, designed to correct the blockage, included a no-grout rock slope protection structure, a cofferdam for pedestrian access, and silt and debris protection for downstream habitat. The Public Works Department completed the project in February of 1997; however, in the winter of 1998, the crossing became a sediment trap during the El Nino storms. The Department designed a new bridge that would be longer and higher than the original bridge.

### **Santa Barbara Shores Improvements – Four Separate Grants**

*1991 Cycle, \$49,981 ~ Completed*

*1991 Cycle, \$201,724 ~ Completed*

*1991 Cycle, \$280,000 (CREF reserves) ~ Completed*

*1997 Cycle, \$46,351 ~ Completed*

Originally the Board of Supervisors awarded the three 1991 CREF grants towards the purchase of the 118-acre undeveloped coastal property for open space and parkland. The Parks Department subsequently shifted these three grants to fund improvements to the site. All four grants went towards preparation of a Master Plan, removal of diseased trees on the property, and clean-up of hazardous waste on the property left from oil developers several decades ago. The Parks Department completed remediation of oil contamination and restoration of the site by the summer of 2001. The Parks Department drafted a master plan for the site; however, it encountered strong public opposition since it included several active recreational uses. A new master plan moved forward under the *Ellwood Mesa/Devereux Slough Regional Plan* (see under Third District Grants, Planning & Research).

## **Phase II – El Capitan Bikeway and Trail**

*1996 Cycle, \$50,000 ~ Completed*

This grant allowed the Parks Department to construct a 1.2-mile segment of the coastal trail between El Capitan Ranch and El Capitan State Park. This segment was the missing link that now allows bicyclists the opportunity to travel both north and south along the coast for approximately 5 miles off the highway. The Parks Department completed the project in July of 2001.

## **Camino Corto and Del Sol Vernal Pool Reserve – Two Separate Grants**

*1996 Cycle, \$30,311 ~ Completed*

*1997 Cycle, \$30,000 ~ Completed*

Similar grassland and vernal pool habitats link the Del Sol Reserve and the Camino Corto sites. The 1996 grant helped to implement various improvements identified in a Management Plan. For the Del Sol Reserve, improvements included trails, native grassland and vernal pool restoration. Improvements to the Camino Corto site included trails and interpretive signs. The 1997 grant funded the purchase of a water meter and installation of water lines to supply water for drinking fountains and landscaping at the Camino Corto site. The Planning & Development Department, Comprehensive Planning Division paid the Isla Vista Recreation and Parks Department to complete the improvements, which were all completed by September of 1998.

## **San Jose Creek Class I Bike Path**

*1998 Cycle, \$75,000 ~ Incomplete*

The proposed San Jose Creek Bikeway extends from Cathedral Oaks to the existing coastal trail bikeway at the Goleta Beach County. This CREF grant has gone towards planning for the lower portion of the bikeway from Goleta Old Towne to Goleta Beach. Approximately three years ago, the Long Range Planning Division and the City of Goleta completed a draft Project Study Report (PSR) and draft environmental review document for this lower portion of the bikeway. The City and the County have been working with CalTrans and the Gas Company for over a few years to resolve some design and access issues. The City needs to prepare some studies for the CalTrans issue to be resolved, and the City is still working on issues with the Gas Company. Once the PSR is finalized, the City will continue to fund raise for the construction portion. [Originally the Board of Supervisors granted this award towards the San Pedro Bikeway, but the money was transferred to the San Jose Creek bikeway, which became a higher priority.] The project is nine years behind schedule.

## **Estero Park Lathhouse for Propagating Native Plants**

*1998 Cycle, \$24,000 ~ Completed*

An 800 square-foot lathhouse at Estero Park is used for propagating native plants, allowing the Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District to grow plants locally for its restoration projects in the Isla Vista area. The district completed the lathhouse in March of 2000.

## **Ponds and Aviaries – Animal Hospital**

*1998 Cycle ~ Unable to Commence: \$25,000 Grant Refunded*

Originally the Board of Supervisor awarded a \$25,000 grant to develop ponds and aviaries at a proposed Oiled Wildlife Care Facility/Animal Hospital. The CREF grant would have helped fund construction of three concrete ponds and steel wire mesh aviaries to replicate a natural habitat for the multiple birds and mammal species treated by the Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network. When the Board awarded the CREF grant, the Department of Fish and Game had awarded the Wildlife Care Network a \$450,000 grant towards the proposed Oiled Wildlife Care Facility. However, since that time, the Department of Fish and Game withdrew the \$450,000 grant. In turn, the Wildlife Care Network relinquished the \$25,000 CREF grant to the County since it could not develop the proposed hospital. The Board reallocated the \$25,000 in the 2000 CREF cycle. The Wildlife Care Network is proceeding with a permanent facility in Goleta (see *Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network* under Coastal-Related Capital Improvements in the Grants Benefiting Three or More Districts section).

## **Pescadero Blufftop Improvements**

*1999 Cycle, \$25,000 ~ Completed*

The Isla Vista Parks & Recreation District used this grant with other funding to install recreational facilities (e.g., new landscaping, picnic tables, educational signs) at the Pescadero Blufftop Park in Isla Vista. The District completed the project in November of 2002.

## **Del Playa Pelican Park – Water Meter**

*2001 Cycle, \$10,000 ~ Completed*

This grant paid for purchasing and installing a water meter at a new park in Isla Vista, the Del Playa Pelican Park, an approximate one-acre blufftop. The Isla Vista Recreation and Park District purchased the meter in April and completed the park in June of 2001.

## **Isla Vista Beach Access Stairway Improvements – Two Separate Grants**

*2001 Cycle, \$25,000 ~ Completed*

*Camino del Sur* ~ Approximately every one to three years, ocean waves damaged the wooden bottom steps at the Camino del Sur public beach access in Isla Vista; the County would have to close the beach access and repair the steps. This grant allowed the Department of Public Works to design, permit and install stainless-

steel steps at the bottom of this existing stairway. The Department completed the stairs during the summer of 2002. The Department reported that the stairs have held up over the past winters.

**2006 Cycle, \$210,000 ~ Completed**

**Three Beach Accesses** ~ The Department of Public Works improved three beach access ways in Isla Vista. The major improvements for the Escondido Pass Stairway and Camino Del Sur Stairway were slip-lining approximately 450 feet of storm drain pipes that are located underneath the stairways and attaching 90-degree turn downs (to prevent storm drain water from hitting the stairways during high flow). For the Camino Pescadero Stairway, the major improvement was installing stainless-steel steps at the bottom of the stairway. The Department completed the project at the end of 2007.

**Shade Structure for Native Plants**

(This project is located in both the Second and Third Districts. See same title under Second District Grants, Capital Improvements)

**Lifeguard Towers at Arroyo Burro, Goleta, and Jalama Beaches**

(This project is located in both the Second and Third Districts. See same title under Second District Grants, Capital Improvements)

**Ocean Beach Nature Center**

**2003 Cycle, \$50,000 ~ Incomplete**

Originally a \$60,000 grant, the Board allocated this grant towards a nature interpretative center at Ocean Beach Park. In the 2004 cycle, the Parks Department relinquished \$10,000 and requested to use the remaining \$50,000 to design an interpretative open-air kiosk and approximately 100 feet of elevated boardwalk. The boardwalk would run along the perimeter of the parking lot, with views of the estuary and Santa Ynez River. The Parks Department has completed the design and received approval from the Park Commission in fall of 2004 and the North County Board of Architectural Review in 2008. The Department plans to submit a Coastal Development Permit application to the Coastal Commission in the fall of 2009, with hopes of completing the project by the end of 2009. The project is three years behind schedule.

**Surf Beach Snowy Plover Docent Wind Shelter**

**2004 Cycle ~ Unable to Commence: \$7,500 Grant Refunded**

This CREF grant would have paid for constructing a bench and wind shelter for the docents at Surf Beach. Because of the volunteer docents that were stationed at Surf Beach, this beach had been able to remain open a good portion during the Snowy Plover nesting season, March 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>. Implemented in 2000, this docent program had been very successful in informing visitors about protecting the snowy plover and preventing beach access violations (see *Snowy Plover & Coastal Access Pilot Program* under Third District Grants, Educational). The Comprehensive Planning Division of Planning & Development relinquished the \$7,500 grant because the Department did not think the wind shelter was a viable stand-alone project without secured funding for the on-going docent program.

## **Isla Vista Coastal Bathrooms**

*2003 Cycle, \$30,000 ~ Incomplete*

This CREF grant is the first step towards constructing a public restroom facility, with outdoor shower heads, along Del Playa in Isla Vista. In November of 2002, the Third District held a workshop in Isla Vista to solicit input from area residents and interested parties to choose a site for the facility. The Parks Department prepared a feasibility study that looked at compatibility issues, space, adequate utilities, and cost estimates at all publicly owned properties along Del Playa. The stakeholders determined the Walter Capps Park was the right location for these bathrooms. See *Walter Capps Park Improvements* below for status of bathroom and park development.

## **Walter Capps Park Improvements – Three Separate Grants**

*2007 Cycle, \$54,305 ~ Incomplete*

*2008 Cycle, \$130,800 ~ Incomplete*

*2009 Cycle, \$90,125 ~ Incomplete*

With three other CREF grants (see *Isla Vista Blufftop Acquisitions*), the County purchased five parcels along Del Playa Drive in Isla Vista. With the 2007, 2008 and 2009 grants, the Parks Department plans to develop a two-acre open space park on these parcels. The park would be developed with walkways, benches, turf play area, a native plant restoration area, a memorial to the late Walter Capps, and bathrooms (see *Isla Vista Coastal Bathrooms* above). The Department received approval for its plans at the Santa Barbara Planning Commission in July of 2009 and plans to go before the Coastal Commission for approval in fall of 2009. The Department is still seeking additional funds for the project's construction costs.

## **Planning & Research**

*(\$284,307)*

### **Goleta Valley Transfer of Development Rights – American Farmland Trust**

*1988 Cycle, \$10,500 ~ Completed*

The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County assessed the viability of a Transfer of Development Rights program for the Goleta Valley, in conjunction with the American Farmland Trust. The award financed appraisals, a survey, an educational outreach program to the agricultural landowners, and an analysis of the probable market value of development rights in the Goleta Valley. The Land Trust completed the project in 1990. However, no transfer of development rights has resulted.

### **More Mesa Management Plan**

*1991 Cycle, \$10,000 ~ Completed*

The More Mesa Management and Restoration Plan looks at managing the site as a Natural Preserve. The plan promotes resource preservation and passive recreational use. The Land Trust completed this plan in February of 1993.

## **Camino Corto Master Plan & Implementation**

*1994 Cycle, \$17,355 ~ Completed*

Using approximately \$5,000 of this grant, Planning & Development Department, Comprehensive Planning Division prepared a Master Plan for the 24-acre County-owned property in Isla Vista. The Board of Supervisors approved the Master Plan in July of 1996; the plan depicted areas on a map as open space, recreation, and public footpaths. Using the remaining approximate \$12,000, the Department and Isla Vista Recreation and Park District installed a neighborhood recreation area, vehicle barriers, and landscaping. The Department and district installed the park improvements at the end of 1996.

## **Conservation Efforts Along the Gaviota Coast – Seven Separate Grants**

*1994 Cycle, \$14,452 ~ Completed*

***Phase IV, Cooperative Permanent Coastal Preservation*** ~ The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County contacted 62 landowners along the Gaviota Coast and held a number of workshops to inform the landowners about conservation easements, transfer of development rights, governmental deductions, agricultural preserve status, and charitable trusts to help preserve the Gaviota Coast in its rural state. The Land Trust completed this report in April of 1999 and reported that five landowners were interested in pursuing conservation options. Since then, three landowners have entered into either a conservation easement or an outright land purchase with the Land Trust.

*1997 Cycle, \$20,000 ~ Completed*

*2000 Cycle, \$27,000 ~ Completed*

***Perspective on the Gaviota Coast Resources*** ~ The Planning & Development Department, Comprehensive Planning Division compiled an inventory and digital mapping of natural resources along the Gaviota Coast. The Division completed the report in July of 2003.

*1999 Cycle, \$10,000 ~ Completed*

*2002 Cycle, \$15,000 ~ Completed*

***Gaviota Coast Suitability/Feasibility Study*** ~ The National Park Service evaluated resource values and methods to preserve the Gaviota Coast. The study analyzed four alternatives available for long-term management, protection, and use of the area: (a) management by other public agencies or the private sector; (b) technical or financial assistance from established programs or special projects; (c) designation as something other than a National Seashore, and (d) cooperative management by the National Park Service and other entities. Originally a \$25,000 allocation from the 1999 cycle, the Board of Supervisors delayed execution of the grant agreement to the Gaviota Coast Conservancy so that interested parties could work out conflicts in a process known as the Common Ground. In May of 2002 (not during a CREF cycle), the Board reallocated \$15,000 of the original \$25,000 grant to fund a facilitator for the Common Ground process (see below). Then, during the 2002 CREF cycle, the Board of Supervisors awarded \$15,000 to the Gaviota Coast

Conservancy to replace the \$15,000 that was reallocated to the Common Ground facilitation. The National Park Service released the study in April of 2003, concluding that, while the Gaviota Coast offered unique resources of national significance, preservation of those resources should be addressed through state and local efforts.

*No Cycle, \$15,000 ~ Completed*  
*2003 Cycle, \$45,000 ~ Completed*

**Gaviota Coast Common Ground Facilitation** ~ The two awards paid for a professional facilitator to facilitate a total of 44 meetings during the Gaviota Coast Common Ground process (see above) in 2002 through 2004. In May of 2002 (not during a CREF cycle), the Board of Supervisors reallocated \$15,000 from a 1999 CREF award (see above) towards this project. The Board executed a contract with the Cachuma Resource Conservation District to administer the \$15,000 grant. The Third District administrated the 2003 award. The Common Ground members completed the project at the end of 2004.

### **Ellwood Mesa/Devereux Slough Regional Plan – Two Separate Grants**

*2000 Cycle, \$50,000 ~ Incomplete*  
*2002 Cycle, \$50,000 ~ Incomplete*

The Planning & Development Department, Comprehensive Planning Division, in conjunction with the University of California at Santa Barbara and the City of Goleta, prepared a regional master plan and an Open Space and Habitat Management Plan (OSHMP) for approximately 700 acres of blufftop property that encompass the Devereux Slough, Coal Oil Point Reserve, Ellwood Mesa, and Santa Barbara Shores areas. The Division published the draft Joint Proposal for the regional plan and brought it before the public in May of 2002. The Division prepared and released the joint OSHMP along with three separate environmental documents for each agency in March of 2004. The County, City of Goleta, and the University all finalized their prospective environmental documents and adopted the OSHMP. The Board of Supervisors approved and the Coastal Commission certified the County's OSHMP. The Division reports that it needs to complete the documents, such as updating the maps, and will be completed by the end of 2009.

### **Santa Ynez River Enhancement Plan**

(This project is located in both the Third and Fourth Districts. See same title under Fourth District Grants, Planning & Research.)

## **Educational** **(\$58,712)**

### **Conservation Efforts Along the Gaviota Coast, Phase V**

*1995 Cycle, \$25,000 ~ Completed*

Strategies for conserving the Gaviota Coast included education and awareness programs. The Gaviota Coast Conservancy held a public workshop in 1997, a field trip for agencies and elected officials in June of 1998, and a field trip for federal government staff in February of 1999. The Conservancy created an educational brochure and prepared a Gaviota Coast Resources Report. The Conservancy completed the project in December of 1999.

### **Mission Santa Ines and Its Harbors Project**

*1995 Cycle, \$8,723 ~ Defaulted*

Originally a \$11,723 award, the Old Mission Santa Ines Preservation & Restoration Foundation proposed to research the Mission harbors' history, produce a historical booklet, and construct interpretive displays. The project aimed to inform people about the Mission's historical harbors and ports at Refugio and Gaviota state beaches. The Foundation defaulted<sup>22</sup> numerous times on its contractual agreement by not submitting progress reports, a final report, and deliverables (i.e., a copy of a historical booklet and a sign at Gaviota State Beach). The Foundation ultimately refunded \$3,000 of the grant, which the Board of Supervisors allocated in the 2001 CREF cycle. The Foundation is not eligible for any future CREF grants as a result of the default, pursuant to CREF Guidelines.

### **Snowy Plover & Coastal Access Pilot Program**

*2001 Cycle, \$24,989 ~ Completed*

A pilot program aimed at preserving public access at local beaches, while protecting the nesting and wintering snowy plovers, occurred at three beaches – Ocean, Surf, and Jalama. A technical committee comprised of various stakeholders devised a Grant Implementation Strategy, which identified what various grant monies should be spent on. With this grant, the Planning & Development Department, Comprehensive Planning Division trained docents, completed the *Ocean Beach County Park Alternative Beach Access Feasibility Study*, and installed interpretation signs by March of 2005. The Department refunded \$11.

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<sup>22</sup> Default of a CREF project occurs if the grantee commits a major violation in the terms and conditions of the CREF contract between the grantee and the County. Only one has occurred in all the years of issuing CREF grants. Per the Board's adopted CREF Guidelines, grantees that default on CREF grants are no longer eligible for future CREF grants.

## **FOURTH DISTRICT GRANTS**

**\$2,461,744**

### **Coastal Acquisitions**

**(\$763,853)**

#### **Point Sal Beach Acquisition<sup>23</sup>**

*1988 Cycle, \$125,000 ~ Completed*

The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County purchased two parcels of coastal open space adjacent to Point Sal State Park, the 2.3-acre Phillips parcel and the 54-acre Borel Bank parcel. In May of 1991, the Land Trust transferred title of these two parcels to the County of Santa Barbara.

#### **Mission Vieja Site Acquisition**

*1990 Cycle, \$50,000 ~ Completed*

An earthquake and mudslide in 1812 destroyed the Mission Vieja de la Purisima, which was one of the original 21 California missions. As a result, the mudslide buried the mission site, "freezing it in time." The City of Lompoc purchased six privately owned parcels that contained the mission site in November of 1990; excavation and archaeological investigation occurred in spring of 1991.

#### **Burton Mesa Acquisition – Three Separate Grants**

*1996 Cycle, \$281,162 ~ Completed*

In April of 1996, the County Administrator's Office, on behalf of the State Lands Commission, purchased the Kavian property, 960 acres of Burton Mesa chaparral, adjacent to the Purisima Mission for \$3.6 million. The purchase provides for protection of the Burton Mesa chaparral habitat onsite.

*1996 Cycle, \$72,691 ~ Completed*

*1997 Cycle, \$210,000 ~ Completed*

For a total of \$320,000, the County acquired a 34-acre parcel, containing 27 acres of Burton Mesa chaparral in September of 1997. These 27 acres of Burton Mesa link the State's 20-acre Burton Mesa Nature Preserve to the 5,000-acre Burton Mesa preserve, providing continuity of preserved habitat. The Planning & Development, Comprehensive Planning Division returned \$2,309 of the original \$75,000 1996 grant.

#### **Santa Ynez River Open Space Park Acquisition**

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<sup>23</sup> Also see two grants associated with Point Sal, under Fifth District's Acquisitions.

**1998 Cycle, \$25,000 ~ Completed**

Approximately 76 acres in and along the Santa Ynez River now belongs to the City of Lompoc. The City purchased the land from CalTrans and closed escrow in February of 2001. In 2006, the City adopted a management plan for the land to be used as open space and parkland.

**Coastal-Related Capital Improvements**  
**(\$1,311,656)**

**Leroy Park Recreational Center – Three Separate Grants**

*1988 Cycle, \$75,000 ~ Completed*

*1990 Cycle, \$75,000 ~ Completed*

*1991 Cycle, \$75,000 ~ Completed*

These three grants allowed for various improvements at Leroy Park in Guadalupe. Specifically, the Community Center at the park expanded by 9,500 square feet, allowing for an enclosed basketball court, a kitchen with a dining area, a stage, bathrooms, office space, showers and dressing rooms. The Club Comite Civico Mexicano de Guadalupe completed the improvements in November of 1992.

**Ocean Park Improvements – Three Separate Grants<sup>24</sup>**

*1988 Cycle, \$400,000 ~ Completed*

*1990 Cycle, \$100,000 ~ Completed*

Using the 1988 grant, the Parks Department made recreational improvements to Ocean Beach County Park. By November of 1991, the park had new picnic areas, landscaping, irrigation, walkways, a nature kiosk, interpretive signage, and a beach access ramp. With the 1990 grant, the Parks Department reconstructed the existing access road into the park to avoid flooding from the Santa Ynez River. This occurred in 1992.

*1999 Cycle, \$19,000 ~ Incomplete*

**Host Site** ~ Ocean Park will soon have a new host site located near the restrooms, playground area, and picnic tables. Upon receiving approval from the Snowy Plover Working Group, the Parks Department completed the host site design and received approval from the Parks Commission in fall of 2004 and approval from North County Board of Architectural Review in 2008. The Department plans to prepare a coastal development permit and submit it to the Coastal Commission in the fall of 2009, with hopes of completing the project by the end of 2009.

Originally, this project also included improving a ramp leading to the beach. However, the ramp portion of the project had been on hold because Vandenberg Air Force Base closed Ocean Beach due to the Snowy Plover habitat. Therefore, the Parks Department relinquished \$50,000 [of the original \$69,000 grant] that was designated for the ramp. The project is four years behind schedule.

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<sup>24</sup> Also see one grant associated with Ocean Park, under Third District's Coastal-Related Capital Improvements.

## **Cabrillo High School Aquarium Expansion – Three Separate Grants**

*1994 Cycle, \$100,000 ~ Completed*

*1998 Cycle, \$77,943 ~ Completed*

*2000 Cycle, \$123,335 ~ Completed*

The Lompoc Unified School District's Cabrillo High School hosts an improved aquarium. By April of 2000, the school had constructed new walls and a roof for the aquarium. By January of 2003, the school had installed numerous marine exhibits, murals, and a small theater.

## **Surf Beach Pedestrian Crossing**

*1997 Cycle, \$120,000 ~ Completed*

Surf Beach is a new stop for trains heading north and south. The General Services Department installed an at-grade pedestrian crossing over the railroad tracks, including auditory and visual warning devices. In addition, the Department installed pre-fabricated restrooms and a parking lot by March of 2000.

## **Burton Mesa Chaparral Garden**

*2000 Cycle, \$2,271 ~ Completed*

The Chaparral Garden (also known as the botanical garden), located at Alan Hancock College, displays Maritime chaparral species, a native-plant community that grows on relic sand dunes. This small grant funded the following improvements to the garden: graveled paths, a vehicle barrier, and additional signage to identify plant species. The Lompoc Valley Botanic and Horticulture Society completed the project at the end of 2000.

## **Lompoc Aquatic Center**

*2002 Cycle, \$67,126 ~ Completed*

The City of Lompoc secured approximately \$13 million and built an aquatic center, including a competition pool, a therapy pool, and a recreational pool. The City completed the project by July of 2007.

## **Guadalupe Dunes Vehicle Barrier for Snowy Plover Habitat**

*2002 Cycle, \$13,450 ~ Completed*

This CREF grant helped the Parks Department install a half-mile long vehicle barrier on the south side of the access road, beginning at the Rancho Guadalupe Dunes Park's parking lot. Since March of 2003, the barrier stops vehicles from driving off road into Western Snowy Plover and California least tern habitat.

## **Dunes Center Exhibit Hall – Two Separate Grants**

*2003 Cycle ~ Unable to Commence: \$168,000 Grant Refunded*

*2005 Cycle ~ Unable to Commence: \$22,000 Grant Refunded*

The Dunes Center hopes to one day construct a 7,300-square-foot visitor center at the Center's existing location in Guadalupe. The building would house a main exhibit hall, a gift shop, restrooms, the Alfred & Anna Multari Environmental Education Center, the Special Collections Gallery, and a 45-seat multimedia theater. The Dunes Center staff could not secure the additional monies for the \$3 million project in the time needed so the CREF awards were reallocated to other projects in the 2007 cycle.

## **The Natural Ways Exhibit at La Purisima**

*2006 Cycle, \$63,531 ~ Completed*

The visitor center at La Purisima State Park now hosts a new exhibit, *The Natural Way and Traditional Skills Exhibit*. This exhibit provides an interactive opportunity for visitors to learn about the coastal resources (e.g., tar, chert, Burton Mesa Chaparral) that were used by the Purisimeno Chumash Indians. The non-profit association that operates the visitor center, *Prelado de los Tesoros de la Purisima*, completed its exhibit in February of 2009.

## **Planning & Research (\$202,427)**

### **Burton Mesa Management Plan – Three Separate Grants**

*1988 Cycle ~ Unable to Commence: \$19 Expended and \$49,981 Refunded*

This grant was awarded towards preparing a plan to manage a 5,125-acre property of Burton Mesa chaparral. However, in 1991, the Board of Supervisors reallocated the majority of this award, \$49,981, towards purchasing the Santa Barbara Shores site.

*1992 Cycle, \$76,320 ~ Completed*

*1994 Cycle, \$40,000 ~ Completed*

The 1992 award provided the funds for the Comprehensive Planning Division to develop a long-term management plan for the 5,125-acre property of Burton Mesa chaparral. The Burton Mesa chaparral is an environmentally sensitive, coastal resource. The 1994 award supplemented the 1992 award, providing more funding to: (a) prepare an Environmental Impact Report on the Burton Mesa Management Plan, (b) revise and adopt the final Management Plan by the County and State, and (c) create a regional mitigation banking program that would offset the impacts of loss of chaparral on land within the urban area designated for development. The Board of Supervisors endorsed a Draft Master Plan in May of 1994. The Division completed an Administrative Draft EIR and Revised Management Plan and submitted it to the State Lands Commission in June of 1998. In 1999, the State Lands Commission leased the Burton Mesa Chaparral property to the State Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and transferred the Administrative Draft EIR and

Revised Management Plan to DFG for adoption. In February of 2003, the Division heard back from DFG; DFG reported that it will not adopt the Management Plan prepared by the Division but will write a new Land Management Plan. The Division's role was then limited to responsible agency review of DFG's draft plan and the environmental analysis. The Division commented on DFG's draft Management Plan and environmental analysis in September of 2005. DFG finalized the plan in August of 2007.

## **Santa Ynez River Enhancement Plan**

*1995 Cycle ~ Unable to Complete: \$36,088 Expended and \$63,912 Refunded*

The Land Trust hoped to prepare a comprehensive resource enhancement plan for the Santa Ynez River that could: (a) restore degraded habitat; (b) avoid future land use and resource conflicts by documenting the river's resources; (c) describe various conditions of the river (hydrologic, geomorphic, water quality); (d) identify problems facing the river; (e) formulate alternative solutions to the problems; and (f) obtain agreement on the plan's recommendations by all stake-holders. The project's boundaries reached within both the Third and Fourth Districts. In February of 1996, the Land Trust terminated the project due to irreconcilable differences between the stakeholders. The Land Trust returned \$63,912 of the original \$100,000 grant to CREF, which the County reallocated during the 1997 cycle.

## **Point Sal Road Reopening, Alternative Analysis Report**

*2005 Cycle, \$50,000 ~ Incomplete*

Since the 1990's, Point Sal Road, which is the only public access to the 130-acre Point Sal State Beach and 320 acres of County-owned property, has been closed off because portions of this road were heavily damaged by a number of severe storms. The Public Works Department prepared a draft report that investigates alternatives for reopening Point Sal Road to facilitate public access to the beach and its rich coastal resources. The CREF grant has been expended. In February of 2008, the Board of Supervisors transferred this project to the Parks Department, and the Parks Department plans to complete the draft report. The project is two years behind schedule. The Parks Department reports that it has installed a new gate at the end of Brown Road to allow hikers into the area. Also, it has improved trails and installed fencing and signage in the area.

## **Educational (\$82,866)**

### **Cabrillo High School Aquarium – Two Separate Grants**

*1995 Cycle, \$11,724 ~ Completed*

**Outreach Program** ~ The Lompoc Unified School District's Cabrillo High School recruited additional adult docents, secured docent training material, developed sea creature costumes, and created an aquarium homepage to outreach for the new aquarium (see *Cabrillo High School Aquarium* under Fourth District Grants, Capital Improvements). The outreach program was completed in November of 2000.

*2001 Cycle, \$71,142 ~ Completed*

**Technology/Media Exhibit** ~ The Lompoc Unified School District's Cabrillo High School purchased and installed various technological and media equipment in its new aquarium. The project consists of two editing workstations, a control station, a server cluster, and one touch screen kiosk. Since December of 2002, students have edited video and multimedia graphics about the aquarium exhibits.

### **Salmon & Trout Educational Program**

(This project benefits both the Fourth and Fifth Districts. See same title under Fifth District Grants, Educational.)

### **Equipment** **(\$100,942)**

### **Guadalupe Dunes Sand Clearing Tractor**

*2004 Cycle, \$89,000 ~ Completed*

Visitors to Guadalupe Dunes County Park are no longer turned away because excessive sand has accumulated over the road. In August of 2004, the Parks Department purchased a large tractor for the sole purpose of clearing sand from the park's parking lot and entrance road. The Parks Department reports that the tractor is a huge improvement, never having to close access to the beach due to excessive sand accumulation.

### **Pioneer Space Center's Coastal Display**

*2004 Cycle, \$11,942 ~ Completed*

The grant paid for purchasing various media equipment, including a computer and screen, DVD/CD/Video player, and mobile display cabinets. The equipment is used by Cabrillo High School Aquarium staff and students to display their media projects beyond the boundaries of the high school. The Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce Community Development Foundation completed the exhibit at the end of 2004.

## **FIFTH DISTRICT GRANTS**

**\$1,437,292**

### **Coastal Acquisitions**

**(\$63,415)**

#### **Pioneer Park**

*1996 Cycle, \$25,000 ~ Completed*

This grant funds 12.5 years of lease payments for the Pioneer Park property in Santa Maria. The Board determined that the resulting preservation of coast live oaks at Pioneer Park sufficiently met CREF criteria. This grant terminated in December of 2008, when the City of Santa Maria completed the last lease payment.

#### **Point Sal Appraisals and Acquisition – Two Separate Grants<sup>25</sup>**

*1995 Cycle, \$5,000 ~ Completed*

In January of 1995, this grant funded the updating of appraisals for four parcels of open space adjacent to Point Sal State Park. These appraisals assisted the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County in negotiations for the acquisition of these parcels to complete the expanded Point Sal Preserve. Subsequently, the Land Trust reported closing the negotiations unsuccessfully due to the landowners' lack of interest in selling at fair market value.

*1999 Cycle, \$33,415 ~ Completed*

Planning & Development Department, Comprehensive Planning worked on the purchase of a 321-acre parcel at Point Sal. The County completed the purchase in January of 1999. The parcel is rich in many native coastal plant species, and the Point Sal area is a haul out for sea lions and harbor seals. However, public access remains restricted because portions of this road were heavily damaged by a number of severe storms. The County Public Works Department is investigating alternatives for reopening Point Sal Road to facilitate public access (see *Point Sal Road Reopening, Alternative Analysis Report*, under Fourth District, Capital-Improvement Projects).

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<sup>25</sup> Also see one grant associated with Point Sal, under Fourth District's Acquisitions.

## Coastal-Related Capital Improvements (\$894,750)

### Waller Park Water Conservation

*1988 Cycle, \$125,000 ~ Completed*

Connecting a new waterline into an existing water well provides a new source of water to irrigate Waller Park. The Parks Department completed the project in January of 1990.

### Allan Hancock Theater Expansion

*1990 Cycle, \$175,000 ~ Completed*

The College Arts Center at the Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts Theaterfest in Santa Maria expanded to include new performance space, lobby space, ticket offices, restrooms, and parking spaces. The Allan Hancock Joint Community College District completed the project in November of 1992.

### Guadalupe Dunes Educational Center – Two Separate Grants<sup>26</sup>

*1994 Cycle ~ Unable to Commence: \$50,000 Grant Refunded*

The Board of Supervisors awarded a \$50,000 grant to construct a Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Educational Center in the City of Guadalupe. Due to difficulties in obtaining a permanent location for the educational center, the Dunes Center leased a building in Guadalupe instead. Therefore, the Center relinquished the \$50,000 grant, and the Board reallocated the money during the 1997 CREF cycle.

*2000 Cycle ~ Unable to Commence: \$166,836 Grant Refunded*

Originally, the Board of Supervisors awarded a \$166,836 CREF grant towards the Dunes Center proposed \$350,000 exhibit hall. However, the Dunes Center re-designed the building, increasing the cost to \$2.3 million. Since the Center needed to seek additional funds and could not commence the project within the allotted two years, it returned the CREF grant in the 2003 cycle. (See *Dunes Center Exhibit Hall*, under the Fourth District's Coastal-Related Capital Improvements, pursuant to redistricting in 2000.)

### Guadalupe Dunes County Park – Three Separate Grants<sup>27</sup>

*1996 Cycle, \$5,000 ~ Completed*

**Guadalupe Dunes Trailer** ~ One volunteer for the Guadalupe Dunes County Park resides on weekend days in a trailer, purchased with this small CREF grant. This trailer is equipped with exhibits and serves as an information station. In addition, the volunteer monitors the parking lot by alerting the volunteer at the kiosk if the parking lot is full. The Nature Conservancy (who has since transferred responsibility to the Dunes Center) purchased the trailer in March of 1998.

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<sup>26</sup> Also see one grant associated with the Guadalupe Dunes Center under Fourth District's Coastal-Related Capital Improvements.

<sup>27</sup> Also see one grant associated with the Guadalupe Dunes Park under Fourth District's Coastal-Related Capital Improvements.

**1998 Cycle, \$104,065 ~ Incomplete**

**1999 Cycle, \$22,935 ~ Incomplete**

**Implementation Plan** ~ These two CREF grants helped the Parks Department prepare a draft habitat conservation plan for Guadalupe Dunes County Park and helped construct a parking lot in March of 2005 and install interpretative signs. The 1999 CREF grant was originally a \$31,616 grant, and the Department relinquished \$8,681 of this grant since the Department had secured enough monies from other sources. The Fish and Wildlife Service (F&WS) decided to take the lead on the habitat conservation plan and prepared its own plan. F&WS draft plan is on hold while F&WS and the Parks Department secure monies for mitigation and monitoring for the plan. The project is six years behind schedule.

### **Santa Maria Valley YMCA Pool**

**1997 Cycle ~ Unable to Commence: \$50,000 Grant Refunded**

The Board of Supervisors originally awarded a \$50,000 grant to construct an indoor pool at the Santa Maria Valley YMCA. The Santa Maria Valley YMCA had other fund-raising priorities during the two years it had to secure the additional monies for this project. Therefore, the YMCA released the CREF award.

### **Santa Maria/Guadalupe Dunes Bikeway, Construction of Phase IV**

**1997 Cycle ~ Unable to Commence: \$143,200 Grant Refunded**

The Board of Supervisors granted a \$143,200 award to construct Phase IV of the Santa Maria bikeway between State Route 1 and the Guadalupe Dunes. The plan called for: (a) widening two miles of Main Street for Class II bike lanes, between the western edge of Main Street to the Guadalupe Dunes kiosk; and (b) installing signage to denote a Class III bikeway along an approximate 2 mile stretch between the kiosk and the Guadalupe Dunes parking lot. The Public Works Department reported that the budget increased by \$200,000 because West Main Street is in worse shape than originally anticipated. The Public Works Department unsuccessfully sought an additional \$200,000 within the required two years and relinquished the CREF funds for distribution in the 2000 cycle.

### **Guadalupe Community Park Baseball Fields**

**1998 Cycle, \$25,000 ~ Completed**

This grant helped the City of Guadalupe pay for backstops and bleachers associated with proposed ball fields at Guadalupe Community Park, in November of 2000. The park is located inland approximately three miles from Guadalupe Dunes County Park.

## **Santa Maria Natural History Museum – Two Separate Grants**

*2004 Cycle, \$30,000 ~ Completed*

***Sand & Sea Learning Area*** ~ The Natural History Museum, located in downtown Santa Maria, turned an unused outside area into an outdoor learning area. The new space is equipped with picnic tables, a sand area with bones, shells, and marine fossils, a fossil-rubbing bench, outdoor speakers, motion-activated lighting (to deter vandalism), and life-size cut-outs of whales, sharks, and dolphins. The Museum completed the project in November of 2005.

*2006 Cycle, \$50,000 ~ Completed*

***From the Beginnings Under the Sea Exhibit*** ~ This CREF grant paid for three new exhibits at the Santa Maria Natural History Museum. One exhibit includes a 5-minute video, depicting an animation of the plate tectonics under the sea during the Jurassic Period and moving to the present time. The second exhibit is an interactive kiosk that shows plate tectonic movement over time. And the third exhibit includes an interactive display, depicting tidal zones, its inhabitants, and their adaptation and exposure to various elements (e.g., air, sun, seawater, and waves). The Museum completed all exhibits in December of 2008.

## **Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum – Five Separate Grants**

*2004 Cycle, \$115,000 ~ Completed*

*2006 Cycle, \$47,750 ~ Completed*

***Marine Exhibit*** ~ The two grants paid for a number of new exhibits at the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum. A pier, a coastline habitat, and a salt water aquarium exhibit catches your eye as you enter the new Museum building. Walk on the pier and use the viewfinders and telescopes that will zoom onto the coastline habitat. Under the pier, visitors will be able to have an underwater experience without getting wet. A dock side fish station will inform you as to whether you can keep a fish that you caught, and a mural illustrates various coastal birds. The Museum completed the project at the end of 2007.

*2007 Cycle, \$45,000 ~ Completed*

***Tide & Seek Exhibit*** ~ With this grant, the Museum installed a tide pool habitat exhibit. The exhibit consists of a 20-foot mural with the various tide zones. Next to the mural are five stations, one for each tidal zone (splash, high tide, mid-tide, low tide, and ocean). The zone levels step down as if the tide is going out. Each zone has fabricated and interactive habitats, plants, and animals that are characteristic of that zone. The Museum complete this exhibit in December of 2008.

*2008 Cycle, \$75,000 ~ Completed*

*2009 Cycle, \$75,000 ~ Incomplete*

***Belly of the Whale Exhibit*** ~ With this grant, the Museum installed a whale exhibit at the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum. The baleen whale structure is big enough for children to walk inside. The exhibit is part play structure (e.g., sliding down the soft tongue) and part learning center (i.e., signs and flyers focusing on the size of these sea creatures, their navigational abilities, and their food and

digestion). The Museum completed this Phase I of the project in December of 2008. The Museum plans to commence Phase II of the Belly of the Whale exhibit by March of 2010.

## **Planning & Research** **(\$92,301)**

### **Peregrine Falcon Reintroduction**

*1992 Cycle, \$5,000 ~ Completed*

This small CREF grant funded the release of two peregrine falcons in the Santa Lucia District, Santa Barbara County. Historically, peregrine falcon are coastal predators that nest and hunt along coastal bluffs. Subsequent observations for the next several months by trained observers verified that the chicks survived and fledged out of the nest. The U.S. Department of Agriculture completed the project in May of 1992.

### **Santa Maria/Guadalupe Dunes Bikeway Studies – Two Separate Grants**

*1992 Cycle, \$30,000 ~ Completed*

The City of Santa Maria studied the feasibility of constructing a 17-mile bikeway from the City of Santa Maria to the Guadalupe Dunes. Portions of the bikeway are proposed to run along the Santa Maria River levee. The study investigated design guidelines and development standards for a multi-purpose trail facility atop the levee. Design standards looked at technical problems associated with construction, levee access for cyclists, joggers, maintenance workers and emergency vehicles, and user safety atop the levee. The City of Santa Maria completed the study in June of 1993. The City funded and installed most of the bikeway that is located within the City's boundaries. The County of Santa Barbara and the City of Guadalupe have been seeking funds to complete the bikeway.

*1996 Cycle ~ Unable to Complete: \$374 Expended and \$3,380 Refunded*

The Board of Supervisors had awarded a \$3,380 grant to the Planning & Development Department, Comprehensive Planning Division to include the Santa Maria/Guadalupe Dunes Bikeway Plan into the Bikeway Map of the Santa Barbara County Circulation Element. The General Plan amendment would have facilitated construction of the bikeway in the unincorporated area of Santa Maria Valley by attracting State and Federal funds for implementation of the bikeway plan. The Division reported that the County Flood Control District had problems regarding liability with a bikeway along the levee. After much negotiation to resolve the levee conflict, the Division relinquished the remaining \$3,006 of the grant back to CREF, which the Board reallocated in the 1999 cycle.

## **Guadalupe Dunes County Park – Two Separate Grants**

*1994 Cycle, \$33,222 ~ Completed*

***Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Management Plan Update*** ~ The 1991 *Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Management Plan* needed updating to identify long-term management of the dune area, including inventorying resources, protecting natural resources, and developing programs and facilities to help balance resource protection with increasing public use. The Nature Conservancy, then manager of the Guadalupe Dunes County Park, prepared a user analysis, bilingual brochures on the California Least Tern, and bilingual signage onsite, completing all work in February of 1996.

*1996 Cycle, \$23,705 ~ Completed*

***Phase II, Master Plan for Road Repair*** ~ Road access to the Guadalupe Dunes County Park is often closed to the public due to sand drifts across the road; in addition, the capacity of the parking lot reduces at times to less than fifty percent due to these sand drifts. The Department of Public Works prepared a conceptual master plan to remedy this situation. Originally a \$24,770 award, the Department finalized the master plan in January of 1998 with a savings of \$1,065. The Board reallocated the savings to the Department's *Guadalupe Dunes Implementation Plan* in the 1998 cycle. Aside from continuously clearing the sand from the road, the options identified in the plan were too expensive to implement. (In the 2004 cycle, the Board awarded a CREF grant to purchase a tractor for sand clearing, see Fourth District Grants, under Equipment, *Guadalupe Dunes Sand Clearing Tractor*.)

## **Educational (\$386,826)**

### **Guadalupe Dunes County Park – Kiosk Staffing**

*1993 Cycle ~ Unable to Commence: \$30,000 Grant Refunded*

The Board of Supervisors originally granted a \$30,000 one-time award to cover immediate costs of operating the kiosk for a one-year period. Although CREF is not used to fund ongoing operations and maintenance, the Board of Supervisors made an exception in this case based on special circumstances. These special circumstances arose when the Conservancy contemplated an annual loss of \$40,000 in revenue via a mitigation fee paid by the Shell Husky oil and gas site (pending its abandonment), and a decision by the Board of Supervisor not to assess user fees. The Nature Conservancy never used the CREF money because the abandonment of the oil and gas site was delayed and the mitigation fee continued to be paid. Consequently, the Board of Supervisors reallocated the \$30,000 towards updating the park's management plan in the 1994 CREF cycle.

### **Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum's SEA IT! – Four Separate Grants**

*1994 Cycle, \$24,550 ~ Completed*

***SEA IT!*** ~ The SEA IT! Project was a marine science exhibit geared for children. The three components of the project included the Tide Pool Touch Tank, the Kelp Forest Tunnel, and the Sea It! Research Vessel with a number of marine displays. The Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum completed the project in July of

1996. After seven years of use, the exhibits were not moved over to the new location of the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum. However, the touch tank (without the mechanicals) went to the Dunes Center, and the kelp from the kelp forest tunnel was reused in the new Marine exhibit (see under Fifth District Grants, Coastal-Related Capital-Improvements, *Marine Exhibit*).

**1997 Cycle, \$13,444 ~ Completed**

**SEA IT! Phase II** ~ The SEA IT! Project improved as the museum developed a marine science curriculum, conducted workshops for teachers and children, and created three Sea It! costumes -- a sea star, a hermit crab, and a sea anemone. The Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum completed the project in April of 1999.

**2002 Cycle, \$20,000 ~ Completed**

**2005 Cycle, \$79,000 ~ Completed**

**Ocean Supermarket** ~ The Ocean Supermarket exhibit teaches adults and children about the marine food chain and the variety of everyday food that comes from the ocean. The user of the exhibit scans a food item and information about the item's association with the ocean will appear on a monitor. While the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum was designing the exhibit with the 2002 grant, it decided to move and expand the Discovery Museum. The Museum's design consultant for the new location subsequently informed the Museum of improvements that would enhance the Ocean Supermarket exhibit, increasing the exhibit costs from \$28,000 to \$105,778. In the 2005 CREF cycle, the Board of Supervisors awarded the Museum an additional \$79,000 towards the revised Ocean Supermarket exhibit. The Museum completed the exhibit in July of 2005.

## **Guadalupe Dunes Educational Center – Four Separate Grants**

**1995 Cycle, \$120,000 ~ Completed**

**Exhibits** ~ Hands-on interactive exhibits create an exciting visit to the Dunes Center in Guadalupe. Exhibits included a video display depicting the Guadalupe Dunes and its natural resources, a computer display that describes the wind's effect on the formation and shaping of sand dunes, a web page, a wildflower exhibit, and an interactive (question & answer type) computer display with a slide show. The Dunes Center completed the project on time in July of 1999.

**1999 Cycle, \$22,500 ~ Completed**

**Ecosystem Educational Unit** ~ The Ecosystem Educational project assists elementary schools in Santa Maria with meeting their environmental education goals. (In addition, the Dunes Center reached out to schools in the Goleta area.) The project included: teaching material on coastal ecosystems; teacher training workshops; and ten daypacks with teaching aids to loan when school groups tour the Dunes Preserve. The Dunes Center completed the project in June of 2002.

**1999 Cycle, \$22,000 ~ Completed**

**Video of Dunes** ~ The Dunes Center can now show a 20-minute video of the Guadalupe Dunes area. The video comprises aerial and ground footage of the dunes, animation showing the wind directions and how the dunes are formed, and audio track of dune sounds and background music. The Dunes Center completed the video in May of 2000.

**2001 Cycle, \$21,500 ~ Completed**

**Land and Sea Mammals Interactive Computer Program** ~ The Dunes Center envisions a series of computer programs that educate the public about the Guadalupe Dunes. The center has produced two software programs in both English and Spanish, entitled “Amphibians, Reptiles, and Arthropods” and “Birds of the Dunes,” which presents this scientific material in an entertaining and creative way. This grant funded production of a computer program that focuses on the life history of the land and sea mammals of the dunes complex. The Dunes Center completed the project in June of 2002.

## **Salmon & Trout Educational Program**

**1998 Cycle, \$3,000 ~ Completed**

The Salmon & Trout Educational Program educates students about the life cycle of the salmon and steelhead trout and the importance of these species’ habitats. The Central Coast Salmon Enhancement organization supplies schools along the Central Coast with incubator aquariums, curriculum binders, and live trout eggs to assist in its education. The students watched and learned about the fish in the aquariums and released the fish in June of 2000, which completed the project on time.

## **Santa Maria Valley Beautiful Earth Week**

**1998 Cycle, \$10,000 ~ Completed**

The Santa Maria Valley Beautiful organized a week of environmental events, celebrating Arbor and Earth Days, in Santa Maria. Santa Maria Valley Beautiful collected \$26,800 of in-kind services from various organizations and businesses in the Santa Maria area. The week of events took place in April of 1998.

## **Van for Environmental Education on Wheels – Two Separate Grants**

**1999 Cycle ~ Unable to Commence: \$11,880 Grant Refunded**

**2001 Cycle, \$16,500 ~ Completed**

The Board of Supervisors had awarded an \$11,880 grant in the 1999 cycle for the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Maria Valley to purchase a van to implement the Club’s *Environmental Education on Wheels* program. The Board of Supervisors gave the Boys & Girls Club until December 1, 1999 to secure additional funds. The Boys & Girls Club was unable to secure the additional funds by that date, and the Board released the funds to the Dunes Center’s *Ecosystem Environmental Unit* project.

With the 2001 award, the Club purchased a 15-passenger van for the club’s environmental program. The Club developed coastal awareness among its youth through programs and field trips to coastal areas. The Boys & Girls Club purchased the van in August of 2001 and reported on a year’s worth of coastal field trips. The Club reported in June of 2004 that the van continued to be used for coastal field trips.

## **Marine Science Curriculum, Pilot Program**

*2000 Cycle, \$8,332 ~ Completed*

The Santa Maria Bonita School District implemented a pilot program to teach marine science to all fifth-graders at Robert Bruce Accelerated School. The district followed Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History's *Los Marineros* marine educational curriculum and the Dunes Center's *Ecosystem Educational Unit* curriculum. During the 2000/01 school year, the program offered hands-on instruction and six field trips. Originally a \$9,070 grant, the district refunded \$738 of the original grant.

## **Exploring the Seashore Exhibit**

*2001 Cycle, \$26,000 ~ Completed*

The Natural History Museum of Santa Maria has an exhibit that depicts a local seashore habitat. The exhibit's design includes a painting of dunes, grasses, a tidepool, flowers, and birds. Along a banister in front of the mural are interactive panels with two focal subjects: What do I Eat? (predator/prey) and What do I do? (niche function in the web of life). The exhibit is equipped with a compact disc player and speakers, playing sounds of the ocean and birds. The Santa Maria Natural History Museum completed the project in September of 2003.

**GRANTS BENEFITING THREE OR MORE DISTRICTS**  
**\$536,598**

**Coastal Acquisitions**  
**(\$0)**

**Coastal-Related Capital Improvements**  
**(\$303,380)**

**California Central Coast Birding Trail**

*1998 Cycle ~ Unable to Commence: \$2,000 Grant Refunded*

The Board of Supervisors awarded a grant to purchase and install 28 interpretative signs to be located at coastal areas that local birds inhabit within the County. The California Central Coast Birding Trail's brochure identifies these 28 sites. The Santa Barbara Audubon Society reported that CalTrans could not develop criteria for sign installation (e.g., height and setback of signs, and type of material for the posts) within the two-year period Audubon had to commence the project. The County reallocated the \$2,000 grant in the 2001 CREF cycle.

**Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network – Four Separate Grants**

*2000 Cycle, \$1,580 ~ Completed*

***Upgrades to Seabird Rehabilitation Facility*** ~ The Wildlife Care Network's facility (currently located in a private home) provides medical care and treatment for birds that have become oiled or suffer other injuries. This small grant allowed for the following improvements: an aboveground pool, a baby scale to weigh birds, an ultraviolet light to kill off algae in the pond, a freezer to store fish used to feed the seabirds, and an aviary to house recuperating Night herons. The Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network agreed to transfer all items purchased with CREF monies to a permanent seabird rehabilitation facility when the Wildlife Care Network developed one. The Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network completed the project in July of 2000.

*2005 Cycle, \$31,800 ~ Incomplete*

*2006 Cycle, \$120,000 ~ Incomplete*

*2007 Cycle, \$150,000 ~ Incomplete*

***Seabird Care Compound*** ~ The Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network purchased a 1.5-acre parcel in the Goleta foothills and has begun construction of a wildlife care center. All three grants will go towards Phase I, which entails purchasing and installing bird aviaries, large bird cages, above-ground pools, seabird washing tank and drain, plants, and perimeter fences, and constructing and installing a sewer system, concrete foundations and a parking area. The Wildlife Care Network is fundraising for an additional

\$250,000 for Phase II, which will be a building onsite that will house an examination area, indoor bird washing area, food preparation area, laundry area, and indoor caging area.

## **Santa Barbara Beaches Hazards Removal Program**

*2004 Cycle ~ Unable to Commence: \$6,800 Grant Refunded*

Currently, as many as 20 tidal zone and upland beach areas between the Gaviota Coast and Rincon Beach have debris and hazards, which are remnant structures from oil exploration in the early 1900s that have not been abandoned properly. The State Lands Commission states that these structures pose a serious threat of injury to beachgoers. The Commission had planned on using this small CREF grant towards removing hazards at Fernald Point and at the east end of Summerland near Padaro Lane. The Commission relinquished the \$6,800 award since it could not secure other necessary funds to implement the project. The Board of Supervisors reallocated the money in the 2005 cycle. The Commission has removed debris from beaches in front of the Biltmore and in front of Santa Claus Lane. The property owners paid for the debris removal from these beaches. The Commission continues to seek funding to remove debris from the remaining beach areas.

## **Planning & Research** *(\$117,843)*

### **Open Space and Recreation Element**

*1991 Cycle, \$50,000 ~ Incomplete*

Updates and adoption of a new Open Space and Recreational Element of the Comprehensive Plan were the original goals for this project. The Comprehensive Planning Division of the Planning & Development Department managed this project for the Parks Department and reported completion of: (a) a database including all publicly-owned land, as well as open space or conservation easements that are still privately-owned but dedicated to the County or a non-profit organization, and (b) a colored display map depicting this information. The CREF grant has been expended. The project is considered incomplete since the plan was not completed or approved.

### **Coastal Access Implementation Plan**

*1992 Cycle, \$30,000 ~ Completed*

A Coastal Access Implementation Plan provides administrative and informational guidance in carrying out the public access provisions of the state Coastal Act and the County's Local Coastal Program. The Board of Supervisors, in November of 1995, acknowledged that the database in the Coastal Access Implementation Plan is the best collection of information available regarding existing recorded offers to dedicate public access. The Planning & Development Department completed a revised draft Coastal Access Implementation Plan in November of 1994.

## **Offers to Dedicate Coastal Access**

*1996 Cycle, \$37,843 ~ Completed*

The California Coastal Commission and the County of Santa Barbara often condition their approval of coastal developments to provide for appropriate types of public coastal access. Prior to receiving a development permit, an applicant may need to record an offer to dedicate lateral and/or vertical coastal access. The offer requires acceptance by a public agency within a prescribed period of time (typically 21 years following recordation), after which time the offer expires. This grant was used to acquire a number of these access easements for public use throughout the County's coastal zone, primarily on the South Coast. The Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution that accepted 66 offers in October of 1998 and another six offers in February of 2000. The Department returned \$8,157 of the original \$46,000 grant, which was reallocated in the 2001 cycle.

## **Educational (\$79,930)**

### **Earth Day – Two Separate Grants**

*1990 Cycle, \$10,000 ~ Completed*

*1995 Cycle, \$10,000 ~ Completed*

The 1990 grant helped Santa Barbara residents celebrate the 20th anniversary of Earth Day at Santa Barbara City College on March 20, 1990. The Community Environmental Council coordinated the event, which attracted more than 25,000 people and provided a forum for over 120 local environmental organizations and public agencies. Five years later on April 23, 1995, the 1995 grant helped the Santa Barbara Earth Day Festival's 25th Anniversary, which had a theme centered on coastal protection.

### **Snowy Plover Video**

*1998 Cycle, \$8,930 ~ Completed*

A video on the Western Snowy Plover informs the public about the biology, natural history, and threats to the plover populations. La Purisima Audubon Society completed the video in April of 1999. Distribution of the video included all county schools, libraries, museums, and educational centers (e.g., Sea Center, Guadalupe Dunes Nature Center).

### **South Coast Water Quality – Educational Component**

*1998 Cycle, \$26,000 ~ Completed*

The need to educate the public about the potential impacts of polluted waters in our local creeks and oceans grew as the County began to warn the public against swimming in our local ocean waters when the water tested high for pollution. The Community Environmental Council increased public awareness through educational radio announcements and educational brochures that contain tips for preventing pollution. All work was completed by May of 1999.

## **Waves on Wheels Van**

*2001 Cycle, \$25,000 ~ Completed*

Providing the public with a mobile science marine laboratory was the goal of this project while the Sea Center closed for reconstruction and expansion. The Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History purchased and retrofitted a van in February of 2003 and brought collections of preserved specimens and marine education materials to schools throughout the county.

## **Equipment (\$35,445)**

## **Marine Mammals Rescue Project – Two Separate Grants**

*2004 Cycle, \$24,408 ~ Completed*

*2005 Cycle, \$10,000 ~ Completed*

Equipment and trained personnel are needed to better handle a catastrophic event in which many marine mammals are stranded on beaches over a short period of time (e.g., because of an oil spill or domoic acid outbreak). With the 2004 grant, the Marine Mammal Center purchased (a) 30 hoop nets (used to catch the marine mammals) to give to government agencies that would help out in rescuing marine mammals; (b) 50 portable kennel cages (used to transport the marine mammals in from the beach to the Center); (c) portable enclosures (used at the Center); and (d) a trailer to store the cages for easy transport and deployment. With in-kind services, the applicant trained qualified government agencies countywide. The Marine Mammal Center completed all aspects of the 2004 grant by January of 2006.

With the 2005 grant, the Center purchased (a) oiled wildlife gear and oil cleanup material (such as protective clothing, absorbent materials, cleaning materials, storage containers for soiled waste, and cleanup tubs); and (b) a trailer to store and rapidly deploy the foregoing equipment and materials. The Center completed the purchases by July of 2007.

## **Seabird Net Enclosure**

*2004 Cycle, \$1,037 ~ Completed*

Currently, the seabird rehabilitation pond for the Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network is in the backyard of a house. With help from this grant, the Wildlife Care Network has installed a net enclosure over the seabird pond, thereby eliminating access for visiting birds. The Wildlife Care Network has purchased land in the foothills of Goleta to consolidate all of its rehabilitation work; it plans to use the net enclosure at its new facility once it is built.

Originally, the Board of Supervisors awarded the Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network a grant to purchase four poled nets (to capture injured or oiled seabirds) and a small 8' x 6' storage shed (to store equipment used specifically to care for seabirds). In June of 2005, the Board approved a request from the Wildlife Care Network to use the grant to install an enclosure over the existing seabird pond instead of the

original project. The Wildlife Care Network explained that the net enclosure was a higher priority because the neighbors of the seabird pond have been frustrated with the odors caused by “visiting” birds to the pond. The Wildlife Care Network installed the net in June of 2005.

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