

COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL

TO	San Luis Obispo County Parks and Recreation Commission		
FROM	Shaun Cooper, Parks Planner		
SUBJECT	Recommendation to apply for a California Department of Boating and Waterways (Cal Boating) Boat Launching Facilities Grant for paving improvements at Santa Margarita Lake		
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Summary: The Commission is requested to recommend, to the Board of Supervisors, that staff apply for a Cal Boating Grant for paving improvements at Santa Margarita Lake. The application submittal would be dependant on the project's ability to meet all of the eligibility requirements for the grant.

Recommendations: Staff is recommending that the Commission recommend, to the Board of Supervisors, that staff apply for a Cal Boating grant to fund paving improvements at Santa Margarita Lake.

Discussion: At the February 25, 2010 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting staff presented an overview of potential grant opportunities and project priorities for discussion by the commission. The application deadline for the Cal Boating Boat Launching Facilities Grant program is April 1, 2010.

Each year the Cal Boating provides grants to public entities throughout the state for construction of launch ramps, boarding floats, shoreside or floating restrooms, shore protection, vehicle/trailer parking, and other boating related items. The facilities constructed with Cal Boating grants must be in environmentally acceptable areas, meet or exceed Cal Boating's design criteria, be economically feasible, and remain open to all boaters at reasonable prices. In return for this funding, grant recipients are responsible for operating and maintaining the project for a minimum of 20 years at no additional cost to the state.

Santa Margarita Lake is in need of improvements to the exiting boat launching facilities. Staff met on site with the Supervising Ranger to discuss the needed repairs and desired improvements to serve boaters. Potential qualifying improvements include the following: re-pave the access road from the park entrance to the Marina boat launch ramp; re-pave the Marina parking lot; re-pave the access road from the park entrance to the White Oak boat launch ramp; and re-pave the White Oak parking lot.

The Commissions recommendation that a Cal Boating Boat Launching Facilities grant project for Santa Margarita Lake be pursued would be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Attachments: N/A

Other Agency Involvement: N/A

Financial Considerations: Grant funding is for design and development of boat launching facilities. Operation and Maintenance funding for replacement facilities would be reduced. Operation and Maintenance funding for any new facilities would need to be identified prior to the County committing to the development of the new facilities.