



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: September 30, 2014

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Administration, Airport Department

SUBJECT: Appropriation Of Grant Funds For Wildlife Hazard Assessment And Hazard Management Plan Update

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council increase appropriations and estimated revenue by \$138,307 in the Airport's Grants Fund for a Wildlife Hazard Assessment and Wildlife Hazard Management Plan Update, to be funded from Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant No. 03-06-0235-48 in the amount of \$125,389 coupled with the City's 9.34% match of \$12,918 to be funded from Airport Capital Fund.

DISCUSSION:

On July 15, 2014, Council accepted and authorized the Airport Director to execute the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program grant offer in an amount not to exceed \$2,700,000. FAA notified staff that the total amount of the grant award would be \$2,728,605 due to an increase in the original staff estimate of the cost of the Wildlife Hazard Assessment (WHA) and Wildlife Hazard Management Plan (WHMP) Update and the actual cost of work following an RFQ process.

This grant provides funding for a year-long review of wildlife behavior and attractants both on the Airport and within a 5-mile radius. The result of the Assessment will inform the update of the Plan which may include revisions to the existing procedures or propose new projects or programs to minimize wildlife strike risk.

Initial staff estimates of the cost of the project were \$100,000. Upon completion of an RFQ process and fee negotiations with the selected consultant, the cost of work will be \$133,507. As part of an FAA requirement, the Airport hired an independent consulting firm to review the scope of work and provide a reasonable cost estimate to perform the work. The independent fee estimate was within 4% of the negotiated fee.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Funds for the City's 9.34% match were budgeted in the Airport's Capital Fund for Fiscal Year 2015.

SUBMITTED BY: Hazel Johns, Airport Director

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office