



## City Council Agenda Item

**City Council Meeting Date:** October 21, 2025

**TO:** Dean Albro, City Manager

**FROM:** Steven Valle, Electric Regulatory Compliance Coordinator  
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**SUBJECT:** Adoption of Resolution No. 6784(25) Approving, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute, the Contract with the County of Santa Barbara for the City of Lompoc to Receive Coastal Resources Mitigation Fund Grant Funding for the Stormwater System Full Trash Capture Project

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### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 6784(25) (Attachment 1), authorizing the City Manager to accept grant funding in the amount of \$42,263 from the County of Santa Barbara's (County) Coastal Resources Mitigation Fund (CRMF) for the Stormwater System Full Trash Capture Project (Project); approve the Contract (Attachment 2) between the County and the City for receipt and administration of the grant; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Contract and any required agreements, certifications, and reports related to the grant.

### **Background:**

The County administers the CRMF, which was established to offset the adverse, residual impacts on sensitive coastal resources resulting from offshore oil and gas development. The fund is supported by developers and allocated through a competitive grant process overseen by the County Board of Supervisors (BOS).

In the 2022–2023 funding cycle, the County BOS awarded the City a grant to support the Project. The Project is designed to evaluate the City's existing storm drain inlets and identify, recommend, and plan for the installation of full trash capture devices. Those devices prevent litter and debris from entering storm drains and flowing into sensitive downstream waterways such as the East-West Channel, San Miguelito Creek, and the Santa Ynez River, which ultimately discharge to the coastal zone.

The CRMF grant supports the City's compliance with State Water Resources Control Board requirements and helps enhance environmental quality, coastal tourism, and recreational resources by reducing trash-related impacts.

**Discussion:**

The Project has been carried out and completed in three phases:

1. Storm Drain Inlet System Assessment: Inventory of storm drain inlet types, identification of feasible trash capture technologies, and preparation of an assessment report with recommended options.
2. Survey and Physical Evaluation: Field evaluation of all storm drain inlets, data collection, traffic control where necessary, and development of maintenance and cost requirements.
3. Full Trash Capture Implementation Plan: Development of a comprehensive implementation plan, including phased installation recommendations, cost estimates, and maintenance planning.

The Project was led by ECM Consultants, working closely with City engineers and Utility staff. Deliverables included interim reports after Phases 1 and 2, which have culminated in a final Stormwater System Full Trash Capture Implementation Plan. That plan provides the City with a blueprint to proceed with the phased installation of trash capture devices as funding becomes available in future years.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The total Project cost was initially estimated at \$130,000; however, the final cost came to \$121,733.95. That amount covered project management, engineering support, and deliverables for all three phases of the plan. The CRMF grant award of \$42,263 will help offset a portion of those expenses.

Additional funding will be identified and pursued separately for future phases involving the physical installation of trash capture devices.

**Conclusion:**

The Project provides the City with an essential planning tool to protect sensitive coastal and riparian resources, comply with unfunded State mandates, and enhance community environmental quality. Acceptance of this grant will reduce costs to the City and support long-term stormwater management goals.

Respectfully submitted,

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Steven Valle, Electric Regulatory Compliance Coordinator

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY MANAGER:**

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Mike Luther, Utility Director

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:**

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Dean Albro, City Manager

Attachments: 1) Resolution No. 6784(25)  
2) CRMF Contract