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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

SUBJECT:

Receive and File Report Back on Plan to Replace 148 Trees that Will Be Impacted by the Approved Solar Panel Project at the Government Center; Approval of Plan to Install 200 Trees and Three Gardens, at a cost of \$262,672; Authorization for the Auditor-Controller's Office to Process the Accounting Transactions Necessary to Revise Appropriations, Revenue, and Adjust Fund Balance (Recommendation #3 Requires 4/5ths Vote)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Receive and file General Services Agency's (GSA) report back to The Board of Supervisors on plan to replace 148 impacted trees at the Government Center that will be removed as a result of the approved solar panel project.
2. Approve plan to install 200 trees and three gardens, at a cost of \$262,672 to replace the trees that will be removed as part of the approved solar panel project at the Government Center.
3. Authorize the Auditor-Controller's Office to process the accounting transactions necessary to revise appropriations and revenue, and adjust fund balance as follows (requires 4/5ths vote):

INCREASE:	4500-4501 Services and Supplies	\$262,672
DECREASE:	General Fund-Fund Balance Assigned To Program Mitigation	\$262,672

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:

Mandatory: No
 Source of Funding: General Fund – Fund Balance Assigned To Program Mitigation
 Fund Matching Requirement: No
 Impact on Other Departments: No

Summary of Revenues and Costs	<u>FY 2022-23</u>	<u>FY 2023-24</u>
Revenue:	\$ 262,672	\$ 0
Costs:		
Direct	\$ 262,672	\$ 0
Indirect-Agency/Dept.	\$ 0	\$ 0
Indirect – CAP	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Costs	<u>\$ 262,272</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Net Gain/(Loss):	\$ 0	\$ 0

FY 2022-23 Budget Projection				
GSA-Capital Renewal – Division 4500				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Est. Savings/ (Deficit)
Appropriations	\$ 9,500,000	\$ 17,214,320	\$ 17,214,320	\$ 0
Revenue	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Net Cost	\$ (9,500,000)	\$ (17,214,320)	\$ (17,214,320)	\$ 0

BACKGROUND:

On July 12, 2022 the Board approved the installation and operation of a five-megawatt solar array at the Government Center. The Board asked GSA to develop a plan to replace impacted trees and provide an option for adding additional trees. This Solar Panel Project is scheduled to be completed in 2025. The installation of solar panels in the Government Center parking lots will impact 148 trees.

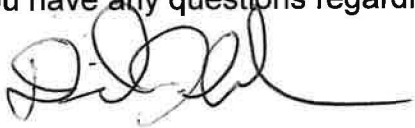
DISCUSSION:

After the July 12, 2022 meeting, GSA retained Pacific Land Design to develop a plan to replace the impacted trees. Trees have been selected for drought resilience and longevity. Exhibit 1 details the replacement of the 148 trees, plus an additional 52 trees, that will be impacted by the solar project. Exhibit 1 includes native and climate ready trees and the removal of turf. Additionally, we have been working with Growing Works Turning Point Foundation to include three gardens with drought tolerant gardens featuring shrubs, perennials, small trees, which are included in the plan. See Exhibit 2 for the map showing placement of the trees and gardens.

GSA is requesting, and the CEO recommends, that your Board approve funding of the \$262,672 tree replacement plan from the General Fund as detailed in exhibit 1. Approving this funding would allow GSA to begin the planting of trees and gardens prior to the completion of the Solar Project in 2025.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor Controller's Office, and County Counsel.

If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Dave Barley at (805) 654-3721.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Sasek', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David J. Sasek, P.E.
Director

Exhibit 1 –Tree Project Budget & Timeline

Exhibit 2 – Map of Proposed Tree and Garden Installations