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TO: California Coastal Commissioners

FROM: Charles Lester, Executive Director  
Susan Hansch, Chief Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Recommended approval of an agreement with Sea Grant/University of California, San Diego to provide the Coastal Commission's share of the cost of a one-year Sea Grant Fellowship

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## Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director or designee to enter into an agreement with Sea Grant/University of California, San Diego, to provide the Coastal Commission's share of the cost of a Sea Grant Fellow for one-year. The Ocean Protection Council is paying 50 percent, Sea Grant is paying 25 percent and the Coastal Commission is paying 25 percent of the fellowship award. Jeannine Manna, a recent graduate of the Master of Environmental Science and Management at the Bren School at the University of California, Santa Barbara was selected as the Commission's Fellow.

The total amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$12,155 which \$10,375 is the Commission's portion of the Fellow's stipend over a one-year period (February 1, 2012 – January 31, 2013) and \$1,780 is for health insurance and transit subsidy. In addition, to personnel expenses, the Commission will provide in-kind contributions to cover supervision and mentoring and basic operating expenses, equipment, and some travel costs associated with the Fellowship.

## MOTION

*I move that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Sea Grant/University of California, San Diego, pursuant to the staff recommendation for a cost not to exceed \$12,155 with a term of February 1, 2012 – January 31, 2013.*

Staff recommends a **YES** vote.

## **Sea Grant Fellowship Scope of Work**

The Sea Grant Fellow will have a unique opportunity to assist executive, management and policy level staff in the headquarters and district offices of the California Coastal Commission on a variety of coastal and ocean resource protection issues. Working closely with Coastal Commission's Chief Deputy Director, Deputy Director for Energy and Ocean Resources, technical staff and other senior staff, the Sea Grant Fellow will have the opportunity to work on critical natural resources and coastal and ocean management issues. The Fellow will have the opportunity to interface directly with senior government officials and leaders in resource management policy throughout California.

## **Potential Projects**

Specific project and program duties will be developed collaboratively with the Fellow and with Coastal Commission staff members currently working on these issues. Potential project opportunities at this time address a mix of policy and technical needs, as follows:

- A. Participation in working groups in partnership with the OPC, such as the
  - Coastal and Ocean Climate Action Team Working Group
  - Renewable Energy Working Group
  - Marine Protected Area Issues
  - California Coastal and Marine Geospatial Working Group
  - Marine Debris Steering Committee
- B. Involvement in a broad range of coastal and ocean issues involved in the Coastal Commission's regulatory work and Local Coastal Program planning work throughout the coastal zone.