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SUBJECT: **Interagency Agreement with San Francisco State University** for public hearing and Commission action, Wednesday, Item 27b, June 12, 2013
Commission Hearing

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the California Coastal Commission (Commission) authorize the Executive Director or his designee to enter into an interagency agreement with San Francisco State University for an amount not to exceed \$117,100 from the FY 2012 309 Project of Special Merit Grant to provide biological and economic expertise for a period of 18 months beginning June 2013. The agreement will contain an option to extend the term for an additional six-month time period.

MOTION

“I move that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into an interagency agreement with the San Francisco State University for an amount not to exceed \$117,100 to provide biological and economic expertise for 18 months, with the option of extending the agreement for an addition six-month time period, in accordance with the Department of General Services instructions.”

Staff recommends a **YES** vote.

BACKGROUND

This interagency agreement will build upon ongoing efforts by the Coastal Commission to mitigate proportionally and appropriately for adverse impacts of shoreline armoring to beach recreation, access, and ecology. Commission staff will work with San Francisco State University beach ecologists and economic valuation academics to document and evaluate beach resources

and develop methods to estimate the value of ecological, public access, and recreation beach resources that can be used to assess ecological, access, and recreation losses that may result from shoreline armoring. The valuation methods will then be applied to one or more real world case studies to evaluate their effectiveness for various beach conditions.

CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

The cost for biological and economic consulting services included in this interagency agreement is based on the consultant's rates and the percent of work each consultant will contribute to the defined tasks. The consultants would provide the following services:

1. Develop a method to estimate the value of ecological beach resources that can be used to assess ecological losses that may result from shoreline armoring.
2. Develop a method to estimate the value of recreation and public access beach resources that can be used to assess recreation and access losses that may result from shoreline armoring.
3. Apply the recreation and public access valuation method (and the ecological valuation method depending on its state of development) to one or more real world case studies to evaluate its effectiveness for various beach conditions.
4. Conduct in-person and phone meetings with Coastal Commission staff throughout the course of the project term and produce a set of deliverables and a final report that document the extent of research, the tools developed, and a user manual explaining the methods in detail.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the Commission enter into an interagency agreement for a period 18 months, with an option to extend for an additional six months, with San Francisco State University for biological and economic consulting services.

The motion is on page 1 of this staff report.