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TO: CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSIONERS

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SUBJECT: RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS FOR
IMPLEMENTING THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT
PROGRAM
(for consideration during the Executive Director's Report at the
Commission's August 12-15, 1997 Meeting)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION The staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into the following agreements for the purpose of transferring federal funds to other agencies responsible for implementing the federally approved California Coastal Management Program(CCMP):

- (1) An Interagency Agreement to pass through \$285,000 to the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), one of the state agencies responsible for implementing the federally approved CCMP;
- (2) An Interagency Agreement to pass through \$45,000 to the California State Coastal Conservancy (the Conservancy), one of the state agencies responsible for implementing the federally approved CCMP.

These funds will be used by these agencies for the specific purposes and during the period authorized in the federal grant.

STAFF ANALYSIS The federal Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) requires that only one state agency be the primary recipient of federal CZMA funds. The California Coastal Act designates the Coastal Commission to serve this purpose. Therefore, any federal CZMA funds for BCDC and the Coastal Conservancy must be received by the Commission, included in the Commission's budget, and passed through to the other agencies by means of interagency agreements. The arrangement has been used since 1977, when the U.S.Department of Commerce approved the California Coastal Management Program.

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Of the \$2,110,000 in CZMA Section 306 funds the State will receive in Fiscal Year 1997/98, the Governor's Budget provides that BCDC will receive \$210,000. The Coastal Commission will retain the remaining \$1,900,000.

Of the \$420,000 in CZMA Section 309 Management Program Enhancement grant funds awarded to the State in Fiscal Year 97/98, BCDC will receive \$75,000 to further develop the North Bay Management Program, and the Conservancy will receive \$45,000 to carry out a project to complete a digital atlas of coastal accessway information system for Malibu and the Santa Monica Mountains of Los Angeles County. The Coastal Commission will retain the remaining \$300,000.

The federal pass-through funds for these agreements are included in the Commission's FY 1997/98 budget for the implementation of the California Coastal Management Program. Both BCDC and the Conservancy will provide any state match required, so there is no cost to the Commission.