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To: California Coastal Commissioners

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Subject: Agreement with State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for Commission to continue and enhance activities related to the implementation of California's Nonpoint Source (NPS) Pollution Control Program.

1.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the SWRCB, under which the Commission would receive \$200,000 over a 12-month period to continue and enhance the Commission's role in the implementation of California's NPS Pollution Control Program.¹ Specific staff responsibilities are described under "Scope of Work" below. Staff work pursuant to this agreement is consistent with the Commission's overall strategy for enhancing the coastal program's management of polluted runoff (NPS pollution) in the coastal zone.

2.0 MOTION AND RESOLUTION

Commission approval of the Agreement requires the following motion:

I hereby move that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board to receive \$200,000 to undertake activities as recommended by staff related to the implementation of California's Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program.

The staff recommends a "yes" vote on the foregoing motion.

3.0 SCOPE OF WORK

In recent years, the SWRCB and Coastal Commission staffs have worked together to upgrade California's NPS Pollution Control Program ("Program") for the protection of water quality and to comply with requirements of the 1990 Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (CZARA) and the Clean Water Act (CWA). Under CZARA, coastal states must enhance

¹ At the June 1999 Commission meeting, the Commission staff updated Coastal Commissioners on staff's activities to enhance the State coastal program's management of polluted runoff.

cooperation between their land use and water management agencies, identify management measures to prevent and control polluted runoff, and ensure that enforceable mechanisms exist where voluntary (i.e., self-determined) efforts are insufficient to restore and protect State waters. The SWRCB and Commission expect to implement the upgraded Program through SWRCB and Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) programs and the Commission's *Plan for Controlling Polluted Runoff* (Coastal CPR Plan), in conjunction with the programs and activities of other local, State, and federal agencies and the public. In Fall 1999, the SWRCB and Commission will jointly submit to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) a Program Plan that consists of:

1. *California's Management Measures for Polluted Runoff* (CAMMPR), which identifies management measures appropriate for implementation in California, as well as State authorities to implement the management measures;
2. a 15-Year Program Strategy (the overall, general strategy to implement management measures Statewide over a 15-year period); and
3. a Five-Year Implementation Plan (more specific plans, with objectives and milestones, that outline the State's initial strategies and targets for implementing management measures).

Under the proposed standard agreement with the SWRCB, the Coastal Commission would receive \$200,000 over a 12-month period for Commission staff to address polluted runoff in local government Local Coastal Programs (LCPs), to track implementation of management measures, and to enhance coordination with other State agencies that have authorities related to the control and prevention of polluted runoff. Specific tasks include those listed below:

- Work with staffs of local governments, including those local governments that are receiving Local Assistance Grants, to develop polluted-runoff "elements" that can be incorporated into individual LCPs;
- Track implementation of CAMMPR management measures implemented by the Commission through coastal development permits, federal consistency reviews, LCP certifications and amendments, and/or other activities;
- Identify, in coordination with SWRCB and RWQCB staffs, feasible strategies of cooperation with other State agencies [such as formal interagency mechanisms (e.g., Memoranda of Understanding, Memoranda of Agreement, or Management Agency Agreements) and agency five-year implementation plans] to support Program implementation; and
- Continue the development of informational materials to keep the public and agencies updated on Program implementation.