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TO: CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: **Interagency Agreement for Implementing California's Coastal Management Program** for public hearing and Commission action at the Coastal Commission Meeting of August 8, 2000.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into an interagency agreement to pass through \$332,500 of federal funds to the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) for the purpose of implementing the federally approved California Coastal Management Program (CCMP).

STAFF ANALYSIS:

Pursuant to the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), the Secretary of Commerce is authorized to make grant funds available to any coastal state with a federally approved Coastal Management program. The CZMA requires that only one state agency be the primary recipient of federal CZMA funds. The Coastal Act designates the Coastal Commission to serve this purpose. Therefore, any federal CZMA funds for BCDC and the State Coastal Conservancy must be received by the Commission, included in the Commission's budget, and passed through to the other agencies by means of an interagency agreement. The arrangement to pass through funds has been used since 1977, when the U. S. Department of Commerce approved California's Coastal Management Program.

In Fiscal Year 2000/2001, the State of California has been granted a total of \$2,765,000 in CZMA funds: BCDC will receive \$332,500, and the Coastal Commission will retain the remaining \$2,477,500 (see *Table A* below). The grant funds will be awarded pursuant to three sections of the CZMA.

TABLE A: Breakdown of FY 1999/2000 Coastal Zone Management Grant Funds by Agency & Section

CZMA Sections	CA Coastal Commission	BCDC	State Coastal Conservancy	CZMA grant section TOTALS
Section 306 Coastal Management Program (*state match required)	\$1,912,500*	\$212,500*	0	\$2,125,000*
Section 309 Enhancement Grants	\$400,000	\$120,000	0	\$520,000
Section 6217 Protecting Coastal Waters (*state match required)	\$120,000*	0	0	\$120,000*
	\$2,432,500	\$332,500	0	total grant \$2,765,000

Section 306 – \$2,765,000 (CCC \$1,912,500 and BCDC \$212,500)

Section 306 funds provide program implementation funding for California's Coastal Program. The state is required to match any Section 306 funds that are granted to it by the federal government. The state match for BCDC is included in their 2000/2001 budget; and, therefore, the Coastal Commission will not incur any additional expense.

Section 309 – \$520,000 (CCC \$400,000 and BCDC \$120,000)

In 1990, the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) was reauthorized and amended to add a new "Coastal Zone Enhancements Grants" program under CZMA Section 309. In 1991 and in 1997, the Coastal Commission, in conjunction with the State Coastal Conservancy, identified California's three highest priorities "coastal zone enhancement objectives." The three highlighted objectives identified were wetlands, cumulative and secondary impacts and coastal hazards. The Coastal Commission and State Coastal Conservancy prepared a multi-year Section 309 Strategy for improving the California Coastal Management Program in the three priority areas. Similar to the Coastal Commission, BCDC prepared a separate 309 enhancement and strategy in 1991 and 1997. During Fiscal Year 2000/2001, both the *BCDC*, and the *Coastal Commission* each received \$50,000 to update and submit agency coastal enhancement program strategies as required by the CZMA.

The purpose of the Section 309 grant funding is to provide California with the opportunity to enhance its coastal management program according to the priority objectives identified in 1997 in the 309 Enhancement and Strategy updates. The *Coastal Commission* is using the remaining Section 309 funds (\$347,000) to undertake the implementation phase of the San Luis Obispo Regional Cumulative Assessment Study (ReCAP) and to fund part of the Nonpoint Source Pollution work program (\$53,000).

BCDC's remaining share of the 2000/2001 Section 309 funds (\$120,000), is being used to begin developing a Coastal Management Permit Tracking System. This project is expected to take approximately 18 months.

Section 6217 – \$120,000 (CCC)

Section 6217 funds (\$120,000) provide funds for protecting coastal waters. This money will be retained by the Coastal Commission to further the work of the Nonpoint Source Pollution Program.

State Coastal Conservancy

The State Coastal Conservancy did not request any funds from this grant. However, given the Conservancy's role in developing and implementing programs to protect, restore, and enhance resources in the coastal zone and the San Francisco Bay, future federal funding will likely be important to them, as well as the California Coastal Management Program.