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TO: CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

FROM: SUSAN M. HANSCH, Chief Deputy Director
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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 September 11, 2002, Item 9c.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into an interagency agreement to pass through \$425,000 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.

MOTION:

"I move that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into an interagency agreement to pass through \$425,000 of federal funds to BCDC for the purpose of implementing the California Coastal Management Program."

Staff recommends a **YES** vote**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.

TABLE A: Breakdown of FY 2002/2003 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)	\$1,800,000*	\$200,000*	(no funds requested)	\$2,000,000*
Section 309 Enhancement Grants	\$415,000	\$125,000		\$540,000
Nonpoint Source Program (Section 310) Protecting Coastal Waters (*state match required)	\$470,000*	\$100,000*		\$570,000*
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	\$2,685,000	\$425,000	0	total grant \$3,110,000

In Fiscal Year 2002/2003, the State of California has been granted a total of \$3,110,000 in CZMA funds: BCDC will receive \$425,000, and the Coastal Commission will retain the remaining \$2,685,000 (see Table A, page 1). The grant funds will be awarded pursuant to three sections of the CZMA.

Section 306 -- \$2,000,000 (CCC \$1,800,000 and BCDC \$200,000)

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 2002/2003 budget; and, therefore, the Coastal Commission will not incur any additional expense.

Section 309 -- \$520,000 (CCC \$415,000 and BCDC \$125,000)

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 2000, the Coastal Commission updated the 1991 and 1997 Assessment and Strategy and identified California's four highest priorities "coastal zone enhancement objectives." The four highlighted objectives identified were special area management planning, wetlands, cumulative and secondary impacts and coastal hazards. The Coastal Commission prepared a multi-year Section 309 Strategy for improving the California Coastal Management Program in the four priority areas. Similar to the Coastal Commission, BCDC prepared a separate updated 309 enhancement and strategy in 2000.

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 2000 in the 309 Enhancement and Strategy updates. The *Coastal Commission* is using the Section 309 funds (\$415,000) to complete the Monterey County Regional Cumulative Assessment Study (ReCAP) that was started under the previous NOAA grant (FY 2001-2002) and to begin the first phase of a new ReCAP (region to be determined). This work will be done in a one year period starting in late fall of 2002.

BCDC's remaining share of the 2002/2003 Section 309 funds (\$125,000), is being used to begin designing and developing an information and analysis system that has web-based network access. This project is expected to take approximately 15 months.

Nonpoint Source Pollution Program Implementation Section 310 -- (CCC \$470,000 and BCDC \$100,000)

Section 310 funds (\$570,000) are being used to implement the state's federally approved nonpoint source program. The Coastal Commission will retain \$470,000 of this money to further the work of the Nonpoint Source Pollution Program. BCDC will use their portion of the funds (\$100,000) to develop a 5-year nonpoint source plan and work with a coastal fellow.

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.