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TO: Commissioners and other Interested Parties

FROM: Peter Douglas, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: Contract with Algalita Marine Research Foundation
(For the meeting of January 14, 2004 in Los Angeles)

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the Algalita Marine Research Foundation to accept \$13,141 for assistance with a project to monitor plastic resin pellet discharges in the LA and San Gabriel Rivers, promote best management practices, hold a conference, and develop public education materials. The project will begin February 2004, and run for two years. The AMRF received funding from the State Water Board for this project.

Motion: I move that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the Algalita Marine Research Foundation to accept \$13,141 for assistance with a marine debris monitoring, outreach, education and planning project.

Staff Analysis: The California Coastal Commission partnered with the Algalita Marine Research Foundation (AMRF) on its application for funding from a Proposition 13 grant for a marine debris monitoring, outreach, education and planning project. The State Water Board approved the grant, with the grant funding going through AMRF as the lead agency on the grant. As a project partner, the Coastal Commission will provide office space, certain operating expenses such as computer, telephone, and fax; and oversight for an AMRF employee. The purpose of this contract is to provide reimbursement to the Coastal Commission for the office space and operating expenses it provides for this project. Oversight by Coastal Commission staff will be provided as an in-kind contribution to the project.