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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 August 8, 2007

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into an interagency agreement to administer the pass through of \$321,700 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 for Fiscal Year 2007/2008.

MOTION:

"I move that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into an interagency agreement to pass through \$321,700 of federal funds to BCDC for the purpose of implementing the California Coastal Management Program for Fiscal Year 2007/2008."

Staff recommends a **YES** vote.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

Pursuant to the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act (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 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 2007/2008 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 <i>(*state match required)</i>	\$1,770,300*	\$196,700*	(no funds requested)	\$1,967,000*
Section 309 Enhancement Grants	\$411,000	\$125,000		\$536,000
	\$2,181,300	\$321,700	0	total grant \$2,503,000

In Fiscal Year 2007/2008, the State of California has been granted a total of \$2,503,000 in CZMA funds: BCDC will receive \$321,700, and the Coastal Commission will retain the remaining \$2,181,300 (see *Table A*, page 1). The grant funds will be awarded pursuant to two sections of the CZMA, Sections 306 and 309. (Unlike last year, no funding for the Nonpoint Source Pollution Program Implementation, pursuant to Section 310 of the CZMA, was available.)

Section 306 - \$1,967,000 (CCC \$1,770,300 and BCDC \$196,700)

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 2007/2008 budget; and, therefore, the Coastal Commission will not incur any additional expense.

Section 309 - \$536,000 (CCC \$411,000 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 2006, the Coastal Commission updated the 2001 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. BCDC prepared a separate updated 309 enhancement and strategy in 2006.

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 2006 in the 309 Enhancement and Strategy updates. The Coastal Commission is using the Section 309 funds (\$411,000) to refine methods and continue data collection on the four priorities mentioned above; to develop a companion volume to the Guide for Updating LCPs for local governments, which will focus on updates to coastal permitting and administrative procedures; and to continue work on the first and second phases of a statewide Coastal Zone Geographic Information System (GIS) and the refinement and development of other coastal datasets. The Section 309 funding will also be used for creation and acquisition of GIS data layers necessary for the establishment of Integrated Mapping System (IMS) applications for each district office; for redesigning and retrofitting the Permit Tracking System; and for IMS maintenance and training staff who are responsible for tracking performance measures.

BCDC will use 2007/2008 Section 309 funds (\$125,000) to complete the third and final phase of its Climate Change Planning Project. Phase III will include facilitation of a regional forum, presentation of preliminary policy recommendations, and completion of the updates to the Bay Plan findings and policies that were started in Phases I and II. Phase I, completed in June 2006, included information and data collection and analysis. Phase II, which is ongoing, included GIS mapping and supplemental research to complement Phase I.

State Coastal Conservancy

The State Coastal Conservancy did not request any funds from this grant. 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.