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**TO:** Commissioners and Other Interested Parties

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**SUBJECT:** **Interagency Agreement with Sea Grant/University of California, San Diego** to provide the Coastal Commission's share of the cost for a one-year Sea Grant Fellowship. For public hearing and Commission action, Wednesday, Item 5c, February 12-13, 2014 Commission Hearing

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## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the California Coastal Commission (Commission) authorize the Executive Director or his designee to enter into an interagency agreement with Sea Grant/University of California, San Diego, to provide the Coastal Commission's share of the cost of a Sea Grant Fellowship for one-year with an option to extend for an additional six months if needed to complete the work. The Ocean Protection Council is paying 50 percent, Sea Grant is paying 25 percent and the Coastal Commission is paying 25 percent of the Fellowship award. Mary Matella, Ph.D. a graduate of University of California, Berkeley was selected as the Commission's Fellow.

The total amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$12,655 of which \$10,875 is the Commission's portion of the Fellow's stipend over a one-year period (February 10, 2014 – February 10, 2015) and up to \$1,780 is available for health insurance, transit subsidy and other expenses. The Sea Grant Fellow will receive a salary of \$40,000 per year. In addition, to personnel expenses, the Commission will provide in-kind contributions to cover supervision and mentoring and basic operating expenses, equipment, and some travel costs associated with the Fellowship.

## MOTION

*"I move that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into an interagency agreement with Sea Grant/University of California, San Diego, pursuant to the staff recommendation for a cost not to exceed \$12,655 with a term of February 10, 2014 – February 10, 2015, with an option to extend for an additional six months.*

Staff recommends a **YES** vote.

## **Sea Grant Fellowship Scope of Work**

The Sea Grant Fellow will have a unique opportunity to assist executive, management and policy level staff in the headquarters and district offices of the California Coastal Commission on a variety of coastal and ocean resource protection issues. Working closely with Coastal Commission's Chief Deputy Director, Deputy Director for Energy and Ocean Resources, technical staff and other senior staff, the Sea Grant Fellow will have the opportunity to work on critical natural resources and coastal and ocean management issues. The Fellow will have the opportunity to interface directly with senior government officials and leaders in resource management policy throughout California.

## **Potential Projects**

Specific project and program duties will be developed collaboratively with the Fellow and with Coastal Commission staff members currently working on these issues. Potential project opportunities at this time address a mix of policy and technical needs, as follows:

- A. Participation in working groups in partnership with the OPC, such as the:
  - Coastal and Ocean Climate Action Team Working Group
  - Sea Level Rise Planning
  - Renewable Energy Working Group
  - Marine Protected Area Issues
  - California Coastal and Marine Geospatial Working Group
  - Local Coastal Program Climate Change Adaptation Work
- B. Involvement in a broad range of coastal and ocean issues involved in the Coastal Commission's regulatory work and Local Coastal Program planning work throughout the coastal zone.

## **CONCLUSION**

Staff recommends that the Commission enter into an interagency agreement for a period of one-year with Sea Grant/University of California, San Diego, to provide the Coastal Commission's share of the cost of a Sea Grant Fellow.

The motion is on page 1 of this staff report.