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**TO:** California Coastal Commission and Interested Persons

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**SUBJECT:** **Interagency Agreement with State Lands Commission to Support State Lands Commission Participation in a FY 2016 Federal Grant Task on Protecting Public Trust Lands and Resources in Light of Sea Level Rise – August 9-11, 2017 Coastal Commission Meeting**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the California Coastal Commission (Commission) authorize the Executive Director or designee to enter into an interagency agreement with State Lands Commission in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to carry-out the FY 2016 federal Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) grant award Section 309 task entitled “*Managing Options to Protect Public Trust Resources – Year 1.*” Federal funds are available in the Coastal Commission’s FY 2016 CZM grant award to support the State Lands Commission’s participation in this project. The term of the agreement would be 18 months, with an option to extend another six months for up to two years.

**MOTION:**

***“I move that the Commission authorize the Executive Director or designee to enter into an interagency agreement to distribute \$50,000 of the FY 2016 CZMA federal grant funds to the State Lands Commission for the purpose of working with the Coastal Commission staff to carry out the Section 309 project on protecting public trust lands and resources in light of sea level rise.”***

Staff recommends a **YES** vote.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:**

Under the Coastal Commission’s FY 2016 CZMA award Section 309 grant task, *Managing Options to Protect Public Trust Resources – Year 1*, the Coastal Commission and the State Lands Commission (SLC) staff will work together on a project to address issues related to sea level rise, the ambulatory boundary of the public trust and implications for public trust resources. The purpose of the Interagency Agreement for which we are seeking authorization is to ensure SLC’s

staff time and direct involvement in this project by providing a portion of the FY 2016 federal grant funding for this task to support their work. The budget for this FY 2016 309 task allocates funds to support SLC participation, which was approved by NOAA.

Under this project, Commission and SLC staff will develop framework for communication and interagency coordination on issues related to the public trust and sea level rise to enable each agency to better fulfill their statutory mandates. This framework may result in joint-agency Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Commission and SLC staff will also work together to develop policy guidance documents that may require future Coastal Commission and State Lands Commission approvals, as well as staff-level initiatives for use in improving staff-level coordination and communication on relevant work. These initiatives will be used to carry out the MOU/MOA and may include pilot projects or selection of geographic locations where staff can focus on and apply these coordination efforts.