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TO: Coastal Commission and Interested Persons

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SUBJECT: **Authorization to approve and sign procurement documents without further Commission approval – September 13-14, 2017 Coastal Commission Meeting**

RECOMMENDATION

Upon consultation with the Department of General Services/Office of Legal Services (DGS/OLS), staff recommends that the California Coastal Commission (Commission) authorize the Executive Director, John Ainsworth, or designee, to approve and sign procurement documents for routine operational needs without further review by the Commission, when all State requirements for procurement have been fulfilled.

MOTION

“I move that the Commission authorize the Executive Director, John Ainsworth, or designee, to approve and sign procurement documents for routine operational needs, when in accordance with the Department of General Services’ requirements.”

Staff recommends a **YES** vote.

BACKGROUND

The Department of General Services’ (DGS) State Administrative Manual requires a resolution, order or motion by the Commission authorizing the Executive Director to approve and sign any procurement document totaling over \$5,000. The majority of the procurement documents such as contracts and interagency agreements that staff currently brings to the Commission for authorization are routine. This delegation for the Executive Director, John Ainsworth, or designee, to approve and sign procurement documents when all Department of General Services requirements are met would expedite the procurement process and eliminate the need for the Commission to review and approve routine contracts and other routine procurement documents in the future.

In August 1995 and March 1996, the Commission approved a similar resolution for procurement under the dollar limits and procurement regulations that were in effect at the time. Currently, DGS/OLS recommends that we obtain a resolution for routine procurement over \$5,000, as most other State Boards and Commissions have similar resolutions with no dollar limit. DGS/OLS also recommends that a new authorization resolution should be obtained each time there is a change in the Executive Director. This authorization will be effective for the current Executive Director, John Ainsworth.

DGS sets the Commission's Purchasing Authority limit each year in different procurement categories, and any procurement over these limits must be completed in coordination with DGS/Procurement Division (DGS/PD) and/or DGS/OLS.

This authority would not exempt the staff from meeting all other requirements of the state procurement procedures, including competitive bidding requirements and small business/disabled veteran business enterprise participation programs. Commission procurement staff attends DGS training classes and also attends quarterly State Contracting Advisory Network meetings to remain apprised of any new or changed procurement rules.

Examples of recent procurement which would fall under this authorization are as follows:

- IT service agreement for audio, video, and internet webstreaming services
- Non-IT service agreement for courier services
- Interagency agreement with CalHR for personnel data processing services
- IT goods procurement for monitors and other computer equipment
- Reimbursement contracts

Certain types of procurement are excluded from this authorization and will still be presented to the Commission for authorization. The types of procurement which would be excluded from this authorization are as follows:

- Local Assistance Grant Awards such as the Whale Tail, Protect Our Coast and Ocean, and Local Coastal Program grant awards
- Interagency agreements to pass through Federal funds such as the current agreements with the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission and the Coastal Conservancy
- Non-routine contracts

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