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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 Ongoing Federal Grant Work on Protecting Public Trust Lands and Resources in Light of Sea Level Rise**

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 \$30,000 to carry-out the federal Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) grant award Section 309 strategy entitled “*Managing Options to Protect Public Trust Lands and Resources*” Federal funds are available in the Commission’s FY 2017 CZM grant award to support the State Lands Commission’s participation in the next phase of this project. The term of the agreement would be 12 months, starting July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

MOTION:

“I move that the Commission authorize the Executive Director or designee to enter into an interagency agreement to distribute up to \$30,000 of the FY 2017 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:

The Coastal Commission’s 2016 – 2020 Section 309 Assessment and Strategy includes a five year effort whereby Commission staff will work with State Lands Commission (SLC) staff, and other agencies as appropriate, to better understand and address issues related to sea level rise, the ambulatory boundary of the public trust and implications for public trust lands and resources. This effort is referred to as Strategy 1 of the Commission’s 2016 -2020 Section 309 Strategy entitled “*Management Options to Protect Public Trust Lands and Resources.*”

Over the last two years, Coastal Commission and SLC staff members have worked together on this project. In September 2017, the Commission authorized an interagency agreement with the State Lands Commission to directly support SLC’s participation in the project. A major product

of this initial effort will be a joint-agency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be signed by each agency's Executive Director. Commission and SLC staff also worked together to develop a five-year work plan, a key definitions document, define roles and responsibilities, and created a "tidelands parcel viewer" to improve data sharing and information exchange on coastal development permits and state lands leases.

The new interagency agreement for which we are seeking authorization will allow the Commission to continue to provide support for SLC's staff time and direct involvement in the next phase of this project. Under this new interagency agreement, Coastal Commission and SLC staff will carry out the signed MOU and apply the coordination efforts to several pilot projects or select geographic locations of the state. The outcome of the pilot project effort will be a report that summarizes the analysis conducted for each pilot project location, a compilation of lessons learned and development of recommendations for next steps, including any updates to the MOU and/or changes to the work plan, if necessary.

Staff recommends a "yes" vote for the Commission to enter into an interagency agreement with the State Lands Commission to carry-out the federal Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) grant award Section 309 strategy entitled "*Managing Options to Protect Public Trust Lands and Resources.*"

The motion can be found on page 1 of this staff report.