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TO: California Coastal Commission and Interested Persons

FROM: Kate Huckelbridge, Executive Director  
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SUBJECT: **Interagency Agreements for Implementing California's Coastal Management Program's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Cooperative Agreement for Non-Competitive Capacity Building Award** for public hearing and Commission action at the 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: (1) an interagency agreement to administer pass-through funding of \$84,006 from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Cooperative Agreement for Non-Competitive Capacity Building Award (hereinafter IIJA Capacity Building Award) to the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) over the course of the three-year multiyear award; and (2) an interagency agreement to administer pass-through funding of \$63,600 from the IIJA Capacity Building Award to the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) over the course of the three-year multiyear award, for the purpose of implementing the IIJA Capacity Building Award. The term of this multi-year federal award is three years, beginning on December 1, 2022 and ending November 30, 2025.

**MOTION I:**

***"I move that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into an interagency agreement to pass through a total of \$84,006 of federal funds to the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission for the purpose of implementing the IIJA Capacity Building Award over the course of the three-year award."***

Staff recommends a **YES** vote.

**MOTION II:**

***“I move that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into an interagency agreement to pass through \$63,600 of federal funds to the State Coastal Conservancy for the purpose of implementing the IIJA Capacity Building Award, over the course of the three-year award.”***

Staff recommends a **YES** vote.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:**

The federally approved California Coastal Management Program (CCMP) comprises three distinct state agencies: Coastal Commission, BCDC, and SCC. The CZMA requires that one single state agency be the primary recipient of all federal CZMA funds awarded to the CCMP. The Coastal Act designates the Commission to serve this purpose. As such, any federal CZMA funds for other state agencies must be received by the Commission, included in the Commission’s budget, and passed through to the other CCMP agencies by means of an interagency agreement. This arrangement has been in place since 1978 when the U.S. Department of Commerce approved the CCMP.

On November 6, 2021, Congress passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The historic legislation provides funding for a wide variety of infrastructure projects, from water to internet to transportation. The legislation also provides a significant investment in coastal protection and restoration and improved coastal and ocean management. Specifically, the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) Office for Coastal Management will administer \$832 million of IIJA funds over the next five years. This includes \$207 million over five years (~\$40 million per year) of competitive and non-competitive funds to the nation’s Coastal Zone Management Program. For the non-competitive funds, each coastal zone management program may apply for up to \$150,000 annually, for a maximum of \$450,000 over a 3-year cooperative agreement. Non-competitive funds may be used for a variety of purposes, including training for staff or key partners to build program capacity. In 2022, the CCMP applied for and received the first round of non-competitive funds, totaling \$450,000 and awarded as a 3-year cooperative agreement.

The award will build the CCMP’s staff capacity to learn and coordinate together on key issues impacting all three agencies through a shared training program. Topics chosen for training and staff capacity building aim to help the CCMP’s staff plan for, process permits for, and implement projects proposed through the IIJA, among others, in coastal California and the San Francisco Bay. The goals of the grant award are for staff from the three agencies to work together to identify priority training needs for their staff and develop and implement a plan for the training, including planning and executing one or more contracts with consultants and trainers to implement the training plan. Possible training topics include best practices for consulting and working with California Native American Tribes, environmental justice and equity-related topics such as best practices for working with and meaningfully engaging community-based organizations, and other topics such as permit streamlining for living shoreline projects, habitat restoration projects, and restoration

monitoring techniques. The primary objective of Year 1 of the multi-year award is to understand the priority overlapping training and capacity building needs of CCMP staff and turn that understanding into a training plan that will be implemented to support those needs. The staff training plan developed in Year 1 will be conducted over Years 2 and 3 to support staff in their development of new skills and knowledge needed to facilitate implementation of infrastructure projects carried out pursuant to the IIJA. The award budget includes staff participation and travel from all three agencies, providing the CCMP with needed training and information while simultaneously increasing valuable interagency collaboration.

The CCMP will receive a total of \$450,000 in non-competitive capacity building grant funds over the course of the three-year award. The funds will be distributed as follows: BCDC will receive \$84,006, SCC will receive \$63,600, and the Coastal Commission will retain the remaining \$302,394. Of those retained funds, the Coastal Commission will administer approximately \$169,494 over the course of the three-year award to contract(s) to assist in award implementation (see table below). The Executive Directors have agreed on this distribution.

**Distribution of the Multi-Year IIJA Capacity Building Grant  
Funding by Agency and Year**

<b>Grant Year</b>	<b>CCC</b>	<b>BCDC</b>	<b>SCC</b>	<b>Contract</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$150,000
<b>Year 2</b>	\$51,450	\$27,003	\$16,800	\$54,747	\$150,000
<b>Year 3</b>	\$51,450	\$27,003	\$16,800	\$54,747	\$150,000
<b>Total</b>	\$132,900	\$84,006	\$63,600	\$169,494	<b>\$450,000</b>