

SAN FRANCISCO BAY CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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TO: Commissioners and Alternates
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**SUBJECT: Staff Report and Recommendation on Agreement for Funding
from the California Office of Spill Prevention and Response**
(For Commission consideration on March 4, 2010)

Staff Recommendation

The staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the California Department of Fish and Game's Office of Spill Prevention and Response which would provide the Commission with a maximum \$566,034.00 over the three-year period from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013 to continue to carry out its responsibilities under the Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act of 1990. The staff further recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to amend the agreement as necessary so long as the amendment does not substantially alter the scope of the agreement or the cost by more than ten percent.

Staff Report

Since 1992, OPSR has provided funding to the Commission to allow it to meet its obligations under the Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act of 1990 (Oil Spill Act). The funds are generated on a per barrel fee established by the Oil Spill Act. The Commission works closely with the California Department of Fish and Game's Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) and other agencies, industry and environmental organizations to reduce the risk of oil spills in the Bay and to better respond if a spill does occur.

The Commission's responsibilities include planning for safe navigation in San Francisco Bay to reduce the risk of accidents that could result in oil spills into the Bay. Commission staff also participates in improving response strategies to protect environmentally sensitive areas in the event of a spill. The Commission further cooperates with other agencies in responding to a spill to assure actions are consistent with the Commission's laws and policies.

The proposed agreement would support the Commission's continued participation in this important work to protect San Francisco Bay. The staff therefore recommends that the Commission approve entering into a three-year agreement with OSPR for up to \$566,034.00 and authorize the Executive Director to amend the agreement as necessary so long as the amendment does not substantially alter the scope of the agreement or the cost by more than ten percent.