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SUBJECT: Staff Report and Recommendation on a Contract with the University of California at San Diego for a Sea Grant Fellowship
(For Commission consideration on February 6, 2014)

Recommendation

The staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), under which the Commission will provide up to \$35,022.00 to the UCSD to support a Sea Grant Fellow working with Commission staff on continued efforts to develop a San Francisco Bay Regional Sediment Management Plan to address sediment supply, demand, transport and process issues in San Francisco Bay. The staff further recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into similar contracts for Sea Grant fellows in the future, subject to availability of funds; and to amend the contract if that proves necessary so long as the amendment does not involve substantial changes in either the scope or amount of the contract.

Staff Report

In September 2013, the Commission staff submitted a proposal for a one-year Sea Grant Fellowship in the Sediment Management Program to the Sea Grant Program hosted by UCSD. In November 2013, along with 17 other state and federal agencies, the Commission's proposal was accepted and staff successfully completed the selection process to host a Sea Grant Fellow (Fellow). This is the third year the Commission has been awarded a Sea Grant Fellow and the contributions of the previous fellows, Ms. Jenny Jacox and Ms. Anniken Lydon, have been exceptional. The Fellow will work in the Sediment Management Program at BCDC and will focus primarily on development of the San Francisco Bay Regional Sediment Management Plan. In addition, the fellow will participate in staff meetings, sediment quality determinations, permit processing and other duties. The Commission's contribution to the Fellowship includes professional experience, staff mentoring of the Fellow as she transitions from academia to a policy based career and a financial commitment of \$35,022.00 (two-thirds of the monetary compensation, the remainder paid by UCSD Sea Grant program). The funding for the Fellowship is from a combination of three grants awarded to the Sediment Management Unit over the past four years for various components of a San Francisco Bay Regional Sediment



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Management Plan. The Fellow would contribute to development of the Commission's Regional Sediment Management Plan, specifically agency and public outreach; identification of areas of critical shoreline erosion, analysis of sediment demands, and drafting sections of the Plan. The fellowship will also help temporarily address a critical staffing shortage in this unit.

The California Sea Grant State Fellowship Program provides a unique educational opportunity for graduate students who are interested in marine resources and the policy decisions affecting those resources in California. Modeled after the highly successful Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship Program, the State Fellows Program provides an opportunity to acquire "on the job" experience in the planning and implementation of marine and coastal resource policies and programs in the state of California. The program matches highly motivated and qualified graduate students and recent graduates with "hosts" in State or Federal agencies in California for a 12-month paid fellowship (\$3,166 per month in 2014-2015).

The staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the University of California, San Diego for up to \$35,022.00 to support the Sea Grant Fellowship, the ability to enter into similar contracts in the future, and to make any minor amendments to the contract, consistent with the Commission's policies.