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REQUEST AUTHORITY FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD FOR NONPOINT SOURCE WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENTS OF STATE LANDS AND TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS AND AWARD AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS EMPLOYING GRANT FUNDS

APPLICANT:

California State Lands Commission
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PROPOSAL:

The Executive Officer requests delegation of authority to accept a grant of funds in the amount of $400,000 from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and to solicit proposals, and enter into agreements for services, including an agreement with the State Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks), to conduct (in collaboration with State Parks) nonpoint source (NPS) water quality assessments of lands under the management or oversight jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission and State Parks.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Together, the State Lands Commission and State Parks manage and operate, or oversee the operation of, more than two million acres of the State's land base. These State lands support a range of uses and purposes, including wildlands preservation, grazing, timber harvesting, urban parks, marinas and ports, hydromodification (channelization) activities, and wetlands.

The State Lands Commission and State Parks actively participate in California's Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program. The program's vision is to reduce and prevent NPS pollution so that State waters support a diversity of biological, educational, recreational, and other beneficial uses. A key program goal is to assess State lands to determine if, and to what degree, these lands contribute to NPS water quality impairments. Typical problems may include runoff from facilities, from current management practices, from previously disturbed landscapes, and from sources outside State lands. Once the significance of

these activities in terms of NPS pollution problems has been determined, land managers can make informed decisions about their potential treatment.

To that end, the SWRCB has proposed a grant of $400,000 to coordinate the NPS assessment and planning efforts of the State Lands Commission and State Parks. Staffs of both agencies would use this grant to: (1) develop and compile shared Geographic Information Systems (GIS) databases; (2) determine the location of each agency's lands in relation to threatened and impaired water bodies and Critical Coastal Areas; (3) identify priority lands or watersheds for onsite assessments; (4) conduct targeted field assessments on these priority State lands; and (5) develop a plan, based on information obtained from the assessments, to target implementation of management measures and best management practices for use in water quality improvement projects on State lands. The information gained from this grant will enable the State Lands Commission and State Parks to lay the groundwork for preventing and controlling NPS pollution on State lands in subsequent years through new available funding sources.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

A. Public Resources Code § 6106 (Delegation to execute written instruments)
B. State Contracts Manual (rev. 09/01)
C. Public Contract Code § 6106
D. Public Contract Code § 10335 et seq. (Contracts for Services)
E. Public Contract Code § 10355 et seq. (Consulting Services)
F. Government Code §11256 Interagency Agreements
G. Government Code § 4526
H. California Administrative Code Title 2 Article 13 Section 2980.0 – 2990.0

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT THESE ACTIVITIES ARE EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15061 BECAUSE THESE ACTIVITIES ARE CONSIDERED TO BE FEASIBILITY AND PLANNING STUDIES AS DEFINED BY TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULALTIONS, SECTION 15262.

2. FIND THAT THE SELECTION OF CONSULTANT UNDER THIS PROCESS DOES NOT AFFECT SMALL BUSINESSES AS DEFINED IN GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11342, SUB. (H), BECAUSE THEY WILL BE ACCORDED EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS AND PERFORMANCE DATA.

3. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR HIS DESIGNEE ACCEPT A GRANT OF FUNDS, SOLICIT PROPOSALS, AWARD AND EXECUTE NECESSARY CONTRACTS AND INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE GRANT.