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**REQUEST AUTHORITY FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO  
EXECUTE AGREEMENT FOR GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SERVICES**

**PARTY:**

California State Lands Commission  
100 Howe Avenue, Suite-100 South  
Sacramento, CA 95825-8202

**BACKGROUND**

The Commission has jurisdiction and management over the State's navigable and tidal waterways as well as certain lands granted to the State of California by the federal government under various Acts of Congress. Public and private entities may apply to the Commission for leases or permits on State lands for a variety of purposes. The Commission currently has over 4,000 such leases statewide. Current capabilities do not allow staff of the Commission or other agencies determine where these leases are in any spatially referenced format that can be displayed graphically. Such geo-referenced information would be of extensive use and value to Commission land managers, planners, other resource agencies at all levels of government and the public. Such information will allow staff to readily identify general locations of leases and structures that have been authorized by the Commission.

As part of mitigation of environmental impacts pursuant to lease PRC 7163.1 and 7162.1, the lessee, Exxon USA, provided funding for the development of a geographic information system to evaluate onshore and offshore coastal resources. Principal and accumulated interest now totals \$120,000. Staff believes the proposed activity is consistent with the purpose of these funds.

**PROPOSED ACTIVITY**

The Executive Officer requests authority to execute an Agreement for preparing geographical information files identifying the location of Commission leases along the California coast and bays. The contractor will be using the existing information in the Commission's databases as a basis for a "shape file" or layer that can be used in conjunction with extensive biological and geological geographic information layers already publically available from other government sources. Such a layer is a missing link that would greatly facilitate resource managers and land use planners.

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An agreement has been negotiated with the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission. With limited existing funding, they will work to create such a layer indicated in the attached Scope of Work.

Agreement shall be prepared and executed consistent with State policies and procedures as specified in the State Administrative Manual and State Contract Manual. Multi-year agreements are subject each year to certification of the availability of funds.

**EXHIBIT:**

- A. Scope of Work

**STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:**

- A. Public Resources Code Section 6106 (Delegation to execute written instruments)
- B. State Administrative Manual Section 1200
- C. State Contracting Manual (rev 10/05)

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION FIND:

1. FIND THAT THESE ACTIVITIES ARE EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF CEQA PURSUANT TO 14 CAL CODE REGS. 15060(c)(3) BECAUSE THESE ACTIVITIES ARE NOT PROJECTS AS DEFINED BY PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21065 AND 14 CAL CODE REGS. 15378.
2. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT STATE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000.