

San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

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TO: Commissioners and Alternates

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SUBJECT: Commission Consideration of a Contract with the Office of Spill Prevention and Response
(For Commission consideration on May 21, 2015)

Staff Recommendation

The staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR), which would provide the Commission up to \$350,000 over the two-year period from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017 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: (1) amend the agreement as necessary, including revising the amount or duration of the agreement, so long as the amendment does not involve substantial changes to the scope or amount of the agreement; and (2) enter into similar agreements with OSPR in the future.

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 through a per-barrel fee established by the Oil Spill Act. The Commission works closely with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife'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, and participating in improving response strategies to facilitate spill clean up and protect environmentally sensitive areas in the event of a spill. The Commission further cooperates with other agencies in responding to a spill to ensure actions are consistent with the Commission's laws and policies.

The proposed agreement would support the Commission's continued participation in this work to protect San Francisco Bay. The staff therefore recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into a two-year agreement with OSPR for up to \$350,000 and to amend the agreement as necessary so long as the amendment does not substantially alter the scope or amount of the agreement, and to authorize the Executive Director to enter into similar agreements with OSPR in the future.