



ACTION ITEM

Consideration and Possible Approval of an Amendment to a Contract with California Sea Grant

Summary: The Council will consider approving Resolution 2022-01 authorizing an amendment to an existing contract agreement (#21055) with the Regents of the University of California, San Diego, California Sea Grant. The purpose of the amendment is to incorporate the names of recently hired personnel into the agreement. The proposed amendment would not change the original budget or the contract term. The contract supports the work of the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) with post-doctoral scholars and provides technical expertise to the Delta Science Program for synthesis, reviews, and workshops.

REQUESTED ACTION

Council staff recommends that the Council approve resolution #2022-01 (**Attachment 1**), authorizing an amendment to an existing contract agreement (#21055) with the Regents of the University of California, San Diego, California Sea Grant to incorporate the names of recently hired personnel into the agreement. The proposed amendment would not change the original dollar amount of \$814,570 or the term of the contract (September 1, 2021, to June 30, 2024).

The Executive Officer has delegated authority up to \$500,000 to enter into contracts and interagency agreements on the Council's behalf. Because this agreement exceeds that amount, this contract amendment requires Council approval.

BACKGROUND

Amendment Need

After a successful recruitment and selection process, two exceptional post-doctoral scholars have been selected by a committee comprised of Delta ISB members, the Delta Lead Scientist Dr. Laurel Larsen, and California Sea Grant representatives. The agreement requires that key personnel designated initially as "TBD" (to be determined) be incorporated into the agreement once they have been identified. The purpose of this amendment is to incorporate two post-doctoral scholars and Lian Guo as the Research Coordinator.

Independent Science Board and the Post-doctoral Researchers

In accordance with the Delta Reform Act, the Delta ISB's recommendations must reflect high scientific and technical standards, and the widest possible representation of knowledge, disciplines, and trends of thought. The Delta ISB

provides independent information directly to the Council. The work of the Delta ISB requires the board members to; 1) understand the technical underpinnings of Delta programs and plans, 2) regularly evaluate the science agenda for the Delta, 3) review the balance and credibility of scientific analyses and syntheses, and 4) identify emerging issues and significant interconnections among Delta programs.

California Sea Grant will oversee the administration of the post-doctoral researcher appointments. These post-doctoral researchers will support the Delta ISB by performing reviews of relevant literature, data analysis, and interviews, and preparing technical presentations, science communication products (such as videos and briefing sheets, and manuscripts to be submitted for publication in peer-reviewed journals). The products from post-doctoral researchers will not substitute for the final reports and recommendations of the Delta ISB reviews, which are authored solely by Delta ISB members. California Sea Grant will also provide technical expertise to the Delta Science Program for synthesis, review, and advice, and by providing workshop panelists. Academic or technical experts provide timely scientific input on sensitive and critical issues related to the Bay-Delta. Typical tasks include reviewing or providing technical insights for documents, proposals, or programs, characterizing the status of knowledge about critical issues, participating in workshops as panelists on critical subjects, and writing manuscripts or white papers.

California Sea Grant College Program

The California Sea Grant college program, University of California San Diego, Scripps Institute of Oceanography, sponsors and administers scientific research, fellowships, and panels of scientific advisors that contribute to the growing body of knowledge about coastal and marine resources and helps solve contemporary marine-related problems. California Sea Grant is the largest of the 34 Sea Grant programs nationwide and draws on the talents of scientists and engineers at public and private universities and other research institutions throughout the state. It is administered by the University of California and is based at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, California. The California Sea Grant program is funded by the National Sea Grant College Program, part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, with matching funds from State and local resources.

The staff at the California Sea Grant program have significant expertise in science management and have conducted the Delta Science Fellows program since 2003 by managing the review, selection, and work of the previous classes of Fellows. The California Sea Grant Program also has facilitated independent proposal review services for the Council's competitive solicitation program for critical science

investigations and co-funds with the Council a position for an Extension Specialist for social sciences in the Delta.

FISCAL INFORMATION

The budget information is summarized below. *The proposed amendment would not make any changes to the budget.*

Budget Category	9/1/21-6/30/24
ISB Post-doctoral researchers (about 85% of the total) and California Sea Grant staff support	\$382,245
Subject matter experts for proposal reviews, synthesis, review and advice panelists, and workshop	\$184,347
Open Access publication fees	\$60,000
Indirect Costs	\$187,978
Total	\$814,570

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Resolution 2022-01

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