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**CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR, OR
DESIGNEE, TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT MAKING THE AUTHORITY A PARTY TO
CONTRACT NO. 4600002881 BETWEEN RESOURCES AGENCY AND GCAP
SERVICES, INC. FOR MANAGEMENT OF
ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROGRAM GRANTS
Agenda Item 10**

Meeting Date: 8-14-03

Summary: This resolution would allow the Authority to become a party to an existing contract whereby GCAP Services, Inc., provides contract management and tracking services to Resources Agency for ecosystem restoration projects.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 03-08-26.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Authority adopt the attached resolution authorizing it to become a party to this existing contract for management of ecosystem restoration projects.

Background

In Proposition 204, \$390,000,000 was appropriated to the Resources Agency (into the Bay-Delta Ecosystem Restoration Account) to implement ecosystem restoration activities consistent with the Ecosystem Restoration Program. The Bay-Delta Program staff historically has assisted the Agency with the planning and management of these funds pursuant to a letter agreement. Authority staff continue to provide this support. The Agency has also retained contract management services through GCAP Services, Inc., to manage up to \$210,000,000 worth of the ecosystem restoration grants funded through the Ecosystem Restoration Account. Staff has worked closely with GCAP Services, Inc., to ensure that the grants have been developed, executed, and managed in a manner consistent with all applicable legal requirements and with the Bay-Delta Program goals and objectives.

During the transition of the Bay-Delta Program out of the Department of Water Resources, it was determined that unencumbered funds remaining in the Resources Agency's Ecosystem Restoration Account should be transferred to the Authority. Approximately \$5 million of the Prop. 204 Ecosystem Restoration Account funds were appropriated into the Authority's budget in the 2002/2003 budget year. Another \$48.5 million is expected to be appropriated into the Authority's budget in the 2003/2004 budget year.

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In order for the Authority staff to continue to work with GCAP, Services, Inc., on grants totaling up to \$210,000,000 in projects, it is necessary for the Authority to become a party to the existing contract between Resources Agency and GCAP Services, Inc. No increase in the total amount of management capacity will occur, and therefore the total amount of the contract will not increase. By authorizing the Authority to become a party to this contract, the Authority will be allowing the existing contract vehicle to continue and for the benefits of that contract to be realized, despite institutional and budget changes for the Prop. 204 Ecosystem Restoration Account funds.

Fiscal Information

Funding Source:	Prop. 204 Ecosystem Restoration Account
Term of Contract:	January 1, 2003 through June 30, 2006
Total Amount:	Up to \$5,880,000.00 under existing contract to manage \$210,000,000 grants

List of Attachments

None

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CALIFORNIA BAY-DELTA AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 03-08-26

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT MAKING THE AUTHORITY A PARTY TO CONTRACT NO. 4600002881 BETWEEN RESOURCES AGENCY AND GCAP SERVICES, INC. FOR MANAGEMENT OF ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROGRAM GRANTS

WHEREAS, the Resources Agency entered into Agreement No. 4600002881 with the GCAP Services, Inc., with a term of January 1, 2003 through June 30, 2006; and

WHEREAS, contract No. 4600002881 provides contract management services to the Resources Agency and to staff of the California Bay-Delta Authority for purposes of having GCAP Services, Inc.: (1) enter into grant agreements on behalf of Resources Agency for Proposition 204-funded ecosystem restoration projects; (2) manage the grant agreements; and (3) work closely with Ecosystem Restoration Program staff to ensure the projects proceed in accordance with all applicable requirements; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 204 funds for ecosystem restoration activities have been appropriated into the Authority's budget in the 2002/2003 fiscal year, and are also expected to be appropriated into the Authority's budget in the 2003/2004 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, by becoming a party to contract No. 4600002881, the Authority will have access to the contract management capacity that GCAP can provide, without altering the scope or total dollars originally dedicated under the contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Bay-Delta Authority agrees to become a party to contract No. 4600002881 with the Resources Agency and GCAP Services, Inc., and agrees to accept all rights and obligations of the State of California under this contract effective September 1, 2003, subject to appropriation of adequate funds.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Assistant to the California Bay-Delta Authority does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Bay-Delta Authority held on August 14, 2003.

Dated:

Heidi Rooks
Assistant to the California Bay-Delta Authority