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February 13, 2012

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM : Jonathan E. Fielding. M.D., M.P.H. Cynthia A. Harding
Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT A GRANT AGREEMENT FROM THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on January 15, 2013 to apply for and accept grants and grant amendments from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), at amounts determined by the SWRCB, for Ocean Water Quality Monitoring and Public Notification services for the period of July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2018, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO).

Under this authority, I will accept SWRCB Agreement Number 12-041-250 for the performance period of July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013 in the amount of $104,628, consisting of $80,628 in State funds and $24,000 in federal funds. These funds will allow the Department of Public Health to continue providing ocean water quality monitoring and public notification services, including but not limited to: testing and assessing the waters adjacent to all public beaches within DPH's jurisdiction; investigating complaints of violations of any Public Health Standards; posting and closing beaches as needed for public safety; establishing and/or maintaining a telephone hotline and web-based forms of communication to inform the public of all public beaches currently closed, posted, or otherwise restricted; and submitting all location, collection agency, monitoring, and notification data for all monitored sites to the SWRCB.

The SWRCB Agreement includes a provision requiring the County to indemnify the State for all claims and losses and to waive all claims and recourse against the State related to this Agreement. This is a standard requirement from the State and cannot be waived or modified. I have been advised by CEO Risk Management and County Counsel of the risks associated with this provision. However, I believe these risks to be acceptable in light of the need for the services and the resulting benefit to public health.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the grant agreement as to form and this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors