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**TO:** Commissioners and Other Interested Parties

**FROM:** Peter Douglas, Executive Director  
Steve Scholl, Deputy Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Memorandum of Agreement with the Tides Center  
(For the meeting of March 11, 2000 in Santa Barbara)

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Tides Center to work jointly with the Coastal Commission to implement education and outreach projects, including the American Trader funded education and outreach projects in Orange County.

**Motion:** *I move that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Tides Center to work jointly with the Coastal Commission to implement education and outreach projects, including the American Trader funded education and outreach projects in Orange County.*

**Staff Analysis:** The Tides Center would serve as a nonprofit partner with the Coastal Commission in implementing public education projects funded by outside grants and contributions. The first project for the partnership would be the education and outreach projects that are to be funded from an American Trader oil spill settlement. These projects include a restoration education project in the Upper Newport Bay, an Orange County beach access map, tidepool interpretive signage, and beach wheelchairs. The staff briefed the Commission on these projects in a memo dated June 8, 2000.

The Tides Center would employ project staff, who would work jointly with Commission staff to implement these projects, and would serve as the fiscal agent for the American Trader funds (\$231,000). The partnership would also extend to future education and outreach projects, for example if the Coastal Commission, in partnership with the Tides Center, raises additional funds to expand the restoration education project to other locations.

The Coastal Commission would also continue its relationship with the California State Parks Foundation, which currently serves as the fiscal agent for the Adopt-A-Beach and the Coastal Cleanup Day Programs.

