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TO:	Commissioners and Interested Persons	DATE: September 21, 2010
FROM:	Staff	
SUBJECT:	Request to Waive Time Limit for City of San Diego LCP Amendment No. 2-10 (Pt. Loma Townhomes Resubmittal) for the Commission Meeting of	

On July 19, 2010, the City of San Diego Local Coastal Program (LCP) Amendment #2-10 was filed in the San Diego District office. The amendment involves an amendment to the certified Peninsula Community Plan/Land Use Plan (LUP) to redesignate a 1.65 acre site bounded by Carleton, Scott and Dickens Street and Port tidelands from Industrial (fishing/marine-related) to Commercial use. The proposed amendment only involves a revision to the certified LCP land use plan.

Pursuant to Section 30512 of the Coastal Act, the Commission must act on land use plan amendments within 90 days of complete submittal or filing. Based on the specified time limits, the proposed LCP amendment must be scheduled for review by the Commission at the October 13 -15, 2010 meeting. However, Section 30517 of the Coastal Act and Section 13535(c) of the California Code of Regulations state that the Commission may extend for good cause any applicable time limits for a period not to exceed one year.

Commission staff is requesting the time extension due to insufficient staff time to adequately review the amendment and prepare a recommendation. In addition, this is a resubmittal of a plan amendment that was brought to the Commission last year and raised concerns about the requested land use change given Coastal Act priorities for marinerelated and visitor-serving uses. The proposed LCP amendment is a project-driven one and the project proponent is still working on revisions to the related development proposal at the local level to try and address the previously identified concerns.

Staff recommends the Commission extend the 90-day time limit for one year. However, it is anticipated that the amendment request will be scheduled for the November 2010 hearing.

MOTION:

I move that the Commission extend the 90-day time limit to act on the City of San Diego LCP Amendment No. 2-10 for one year.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

October 13 – 15. 2010

Staff recommends a <u>YES</u> vote. An affirmative vote of the majority of the Commissioners present is needed to pass the motion.