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TO: Commissioners and Interested Persons

W24aFROM: John Ainsworth, Deputy Director
Gary Timm, Coastal Program Manager
Charles Posner, Coastal Program AnalystRE: **Request to extend the time limit for Commission action on City of Long Beach LCP Amendment Request No. LOB-MAJ-1-10 (for Commission Action at its September 15, 2010 meeting in Eureka).**

On June 21, 2010, the Commission's South Coast District office in Long Beach received a request from the City of Long Beach to amend its certified Local Coastal Program (LCP). The LCP amendment request was submitted to the Commission's South Coast District office with City Council Resolution No. RES-10-0035 and City Council Ordinance No. ORD-10-0013. The LCP amendment would divide Subarea 1 of the Downtown Shoreline Planned Development District (PD-6) into Subareas 1 and 1a, expand the list of allowable land uses (to include office, residential, retail and hotel uses) and adopt development standards for Subarea 1a (including a 500-foot height limit), and incorporate the Golden Shore Master Plan into the certified LCP. The LCP amendment request affects both the Implementing Ordinances (LIP) and Land Use Plan (LUP) portions of the certified LCP.

On August 9, 2010, after receiving from the City additional information that was deemed necessary to complete the LCP amendment submittal, the Executive Director determined that LCP Amendment Request No. 1-10 is in proper order and legally adequate to comply with the submittal requirements of Section 30510 of the Coastal Act and Section 13553 of the California Code of Regulations (Title 14).

Pursuant to Section 30512 of the Coastal Act, an LCP amendment that includes changes to both the LIP and LUP portions of a certified LCP must be scheduled for a public hearing and the Commission must take action within ninety days of receipt of a complete submittal. The ninetieth day after the City's filing of the complete submittal is November 7, 2010. Coastal Act Section 30517 and Section 13535(c) of the Coastal Commission Regulations state that the Commission may extend for good cause the ninety-day time limit for a period not to exceed one year. Because of workload and scheduling constraints, staff is recommending that the Commission extend the time limit for the review of the LCP amendment request. The time extension would allow for a thorough review of the City's proposal at a future Commission meeting in Southern California.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission extend the deadline for Commission action for one year.

MOTION: "I move that the Commission extend the time limit to act on City of Long Beach Local Coastal Program Amendment No. LOB-MAJ-1-10 for a period of one year."

Staff recommends a **YES** vote. An affirmative vote of a majority of the Commission present is needed to pass the motion.