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TO: Commissioners and Interested Persons

FROM: John Ainsworth, Senior Deputy Director
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RE: Request to extend the time limit for Commission action on City of Long Beach LCP Amendment Request No. 3-13 (LCP-5-LOB-13-0229-3 Sign Code). For Commission Action at its January 9, 2015 meeting in Santa Monica.

On December 26, 2013, 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-13-0064 and City Council Ordinance No. ORD-13-0014. The LCP amendment would adopt a revised and updated Sign Code (Chapter 2.44 of the Long Beach Municipal Code). The LCP amendment request affects only the LIP portion of the certified LCP (Zoning Regulations – Title 21 of the Long Beach Municipal Code) and does not propose any rezoning or land use changes.

In a letter dated January 10, 2014, the City was asked to provide addition information regarding the proposed sign code revisions. Commission staff received a written response from the City on November 17, 2014. After reviewing the transmitted documents, the Executive Director has determined that LCP Amendment Request No. 3-13 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). Therefore LCP Amendment Request No. 3-13 is deemed officially received as of November 17, 2014.

Pursuant to Section 30513 of the Coastal Act, an LCP amendment that includes changes to the LIP portion of a certified LCP must be scheduled for a public hearing and the Commission must take action within sixty days of receipt of a complete submittal. The sixtieth day after the City's filing of the complete submittal is January 16, 2015. Coastal Act Section 30517 and Section 13535(c) of the Coastal Commission Regulations state that the Commission may extend for good cause the sixty-day time limit for a period not to exceed one year. Staff is recommending that the Commission extend the time limit. 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 vote YES to 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. 3-13 for a period of one year.”

An affirmative vote of a majority of the Commission present is needed to pass the motion.