

## CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

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**ITEM: WED 4a****MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Coastal Commissioners and Interested Parties

**FROM:** Susan M. Hansch, Deputy Director  
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**RE:** **Wednesday Agenda Item 4a, November 13, 1996**  
**Request to extend the 90-day time limit for processing Santa Barbara County LCP Amendment 2-96-C (Measure A)**

On August 5, 1996, Coastal Commission staff received Local Coastal Program Amendment request 2-96, which consisted of three separate components:

(A) Modifications to the Summerland Community Plan component of the County's LCP Land Use Plan to accommodate the redevelopment of the Jostens site;

(B) Modifications to the County's LCP Land Use Plan and Coastal Zoning Ordinance (CZO) to accommodate the development of offshore oil and gas reservoirs from two onshore sites along the Gaviota coast; and

(C) Modification of the County's LCP Land Use Plan to incorporate the voter-approved initiative, Measure A96. "Measure A" requires an affirmative vote by citizens of Santa Barbara County to confirm any approval by the County Board of Supervisors of an energy project outside the two designated, consolidated oil and gas planning areas at Gaviota and Las Flores Canyon.

The amendment request was filed on August 15, 1996. Parts A and B of the request have already been considered separately by the Commission.

Coastal Act sections 30512 and 30514(b) require that the Commission act on a Land Use Plan amendment within 90 days after filing. Section 30517 of the Coastal Act allows the Commission to extend, for good cause, the 90-day time limit for a period not to exceed one year. Staff is requesting an extension of time not to exceed one year to adequately analyze proposed amendment 2-96-C.

Staff tentatively plans to schedule the proposed amendment for Commission hearing in January or February, 1997, when the Commission will meet in Southern California (Los Angeles and San Diego, respectively). Staff has received requests from both the County and other interested parties that this matter be heard locally. County representatives have indicated that an early 1997 hearing would be acceptable.

**Summary of Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Commission extend the 90-day time limit for a period not to exceed one year.

**MOTION:**

I move that the Commission extend the 90-day time limit to act on the County of Santa Barbara Local Coastal Program Amendment No. 2-96-C (Measure A) for a period not to exceed one year.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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