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DATE: 25 July 1997

TO: Coastal Commissioners and Interested Parties

FROM: Steven F. Scholl, Deputy Director
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SUBJECT: **COUNTY OF DEL NORTE LCP AMENDMENT NO. 1-97
(Mining & Quarries)** Time Extension (For public hearing and
Commission action at the August 14, 1997 meeting in Los Angeles)

Amendment Description

On March 31, 1997 the Commission received an amendment transmitted by the County of Del Norte. On June 27, 1997 the Executive Director determined that the County's LCP amendment was in proper order and legally adequate to comply with the requirements of Section 30510(b) of the California Coastal Act.

As submitted, Del Norte County LCP Amendment No. 1-97 would:

amend the County's coastal implementation program to update and revise a County-wide Surface Mining and Quarries Ordinance.

Pursuant to Sections 30513 and 30514 of the California Coastal Act, LCP Amendment No. 1-97 (major) must be scheduled for public hearing and the Commission must take action within 60 days after receipt of a complete transmittal. The 60th day after receipt of a complete transmittal is August 26, 1997. Therefore, the LCP Amendment would need to be scheduled for Commission review at or prior to the Commission's August 12-15, 1997 hearing.

Commission staff had sought to accommodate the County's request for an August hearing in Los Angeles. However, work on other Del Norte County LCP, permit and appeal matters has demanded much of the available staff time over the past several months. In addition, granting an extension of time would allow for the hearing to be heard during the September Commission meeting in Eureka, the one meeting of the year held in the northernmost portion of the coastal zone most accessible for public participation by local government, affected property owners, and other interested parties.

Coastal Act Section 30517 states that the Commission may extend for good cause the 60-day time limit for a period not to exceed one year.

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Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission vote to extend the deadline for Commission action for up to a year.

MOTION:

I move that the Commission extend the 60-day time limit to act on the County of Del Norte Local Coastal Program Amendment No. 1-97 (Mining & Quarries) for a period not to exceed one year.

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

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