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September 21, 1998

TO: Commissioners and Interested Persons

FROM: Peter Douglas, Executive Director *LD*

RE: CITY OF SANTA BARBARA LCP AMENDMENT 2-97  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DETERMINATION THAT THE  
CITY'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IS LEGALLY ADEQUATE.  
(For Commission review at its meeting of October 13-16, 1998)

On March 12, 1998 the Commission approved LCP Amendment 2-97 submitted by the City of Santa Barbara with suggested modifications. This amendment would incorporate the Airport Industrial Area Specific Plan into the City's certified Local Coastal Program.

On September 1, 1998, the City of Santa Barbara acknowledged receipt of the Commission's resolution and suggested terms and modifications for LCP Amendment 2-97 and transmitted the acknowledgement to the Commission on September 10, 1998. In its acknowledgement, the City agreed to and accepted the Commission's action, including all of the suggested terms and modifications, and agreed to issue Coastal Development Permits in conformance with the Commission's resolution.

Pursuant to Sections 13551(b) and 13544 of the Commission's Administrative Regulations, the Executive Director must determine if the action of the City of Santa Barbara is legally sufficient and report that determination to the Commission. The certification shall be come effective unless a majority of the Commissioners object to the determination.

I have reviewed the City's acknowledgement adopted September 1, 1998 regarding LCP Amendment 2-97 and find that it fulfills the conditions of the Commission's action to certify Amendment 2-97, and that the City's action and notification procedures for appealable development legally satisfy the Commission's certification resolution adopted March 12, 1998. I therefore recommend that the Commission concur in this determination.

MHC/

RESOLUTION NO. 98-114

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OF SANTA BARBARA ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT  
OF THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION OF CERTIFICATION FOR LOCAL  
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IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES AMENDMENT 2-97  
RELATED TO THE 1997 AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL  
AREA SPECIFIC PLAN

WHEREAS, on October 7, 1997 the City Council held a noticed public hearing concerning the adoption of the 1997 Airport Industrial Area Specific Plan and considered recommendations from the public, the Airport Commission, the Planning Commission, and information contained in the Staff report; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing, the City Council adopted Resolution 97-132 adopting the 1997 Airport Industrial Area Specific Plan and related Local Coastal Program Amendment contingent upon certification by the California Coastal Commission; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 1998, the Coastal Commission approved Amendment 2-97 to the City of Santa Barbara Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan with suggested modifications; and

WHEREAS, on July 30, 1998, the Planning Commission reviewed the Coastal Commission's suggested modifications and recommended that the Council accept the modifications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA:

Acknowledges receipt of the California Coastal Commission's Resolution of Certification of the Amendment to the Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan and Implementation Measures with suggested modifications related to the 1997 Airport Industrial Area Specific Plan.

Adopted: September 1, 1998

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Adopted: September 1, 1998

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EXHIBIT 1

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL AREA SPECIFIC PLAN  
AND LOCAL COASTAL PLAN AND PROGRAM

1. Airport Industrial Area Specific Plan Biological Resources Policy B2 is revised to read as follows:

B2: In the Coastal Zone, a buffer strip a minimum of 100 feet in width shall be maintained in a natural condition on the periphery of all wetland communities and creeks, based on the "Environmentally Sensitive Habitats of the Airport and Goleta Slough Map, dated January 1998," except as may be necessary to provide minor improvements for flooding and drainage control, and improvements that would enhance protection of the wetlands or creeks while protecting adjacent flood prone activities. Within the Coastal Zone, existing facilities within the creek or wetland setback necessary for Airport operations may be retained and maintained in a normal fashion.

Outside the Coastal Zone, new development shall not occur within 100' of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers jurisdictional wetlands without a demonstration that encroachment is necessary for the project, that wetlands within the Coastal Zone will not be adversely affected and that wetland functions and values shall not be impaired without mitigation. Existing facilities in the buffer outside the Coastal Zone may be retained and maintained in a normal fashion. Only compatible land uses shall be allowed within the setback.

In any wetland or creek buffer, native vegetation shall be planted and maintained wherever feasible (MM 3.16-2 and 3.16-3).

2. Airport Industrial Area Specific Plan Economic Development Policy ED1 is revised to read as follows:

ED1: Of the 240,000 net square feet allowed in the Specific Plan area, 80,000 square feet is reserved for projects which the City Council determines meet the criteria for Economic Development projects as outlined in Zoning Ordinance Section 28.87.300 and the goals of the Economic Development Plan and Implementation Program and the Economic Community Project. Within the Coastal Zone

portion of the City Airport property, the provisions of Measure E shall not be used for the purpose of making findings regarding the consistency of any project with the certified Local Coastal Program.

3. Airport and Goleta Slough Component of the Local Coastal Plan Environmentally Sensitive Habitats Policy C4 is revised to read as follows:

C-4: A buffer strip a minimum of 100 feet in width shall be maintained in a natural condition along the periphery of the wetland communities, based upon wetlands delineated in the map entitled "Airport and Goleta Slough Coastal Plan Wetland Habitats, dated January 1998," and which include open water, coastal salt marsh, salt flats, seasonal wetland meadow, riparian woodland, shrub-scrub thicket and wetland transition habitats. Existing facilities necessary for Airport operations shall be retained and maintained in a normal fashion.

4. Retain the existing Major Public and Institution Land Use Plan designation on the seven acre parcel located at the intersection of Hollister Avenue and Los Carneros Road.
5. Revised the Rare and Endangered Species Section of the Airport and Goleta Slough Component of the Local Coastal Plan to read as follows:

Rare and Endangered Species: Serious destruction of California's coastal wetlands has reduced the coastal zone's potential for sustaining healthy and varied avian communities. The loss or degradation of coastal habitats is the primary cause of reduction of bird species leading to their potential or realized endangerment. The importance of identifying, protecting and preserving endangered species is self-evident as each species (or subspecies) is an irreplaceable resource contributing to the variety of life forms in ways not fully understood.

The following endangered or rare bird species have been recorded at the Goleta Slough.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Federal Designation</u>	<u>State Designation</u>
California Least tern ( <i>Sterna albifrons browni</i> )	Endangered	Endangered
American Peregrine falcon ( <i>Falco peregrinus anatum</i> )	Endangered	Endangered
California brown pelican ( <i>Pelicanus occidentalis californicus</i> )	Endangered	Endangered
Belding's savannah sparrow ( <i>Passerculus sandwichensis beldingi</i> )	None	Endangered

In addition, the California black rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis coturniculus*), designated "rare" under State law, and the Light-footed clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris levipes*), designated as "endangered on both State and Federal law, may have existed there formerly, but no recent records are known.

Fish: The following species of fish have been identified in the Slough's channels:

Topsmelt	<i>Atherinops affinis</i>
Tidewater goby	<i>Eucyclogobius newberryi</i>
Pacific staghorn sculpin	<i>Leptocottus armatus</i>
Stickleback	<i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i>
Mosquitofish	<i>Gambusia affinis</i>
Fathead minnow	<i>Pimephales promelas</i>
California killifish	<i>Fundulus parvipinnis</i>
Longjaw mudsucker	<i>Gillichthys mirabilis</i>

Historically the Slough supported a recreational fishery for flounder. Steelhead have been reported in Atascadero Creek, and it is claimed that salmon runs throughout the

Slough and its feeder creeks were common in the 1940's. Potential for restoring fishery habitat by increasing tidal flows is viewed as "good" by a representative of the National Marine Fisheries. While there may be historic records of tidewater goby, a recently listed endangered species, in the Slough, there are no recent records of its presence.

Mammals: There is little published material on the Slough's mammal population. The following lists those animals which have been observed or mentioned in reports dealing with the Slough's ecosystem:

Brush rabbit	<i>Sylvilagus bachmani</i>
Black-tailed jackrabbit	<i>Lepus californicus</i>
Long-tailed weasel	<i>Mustela frenata</i>
Raccoon	<i>Procyon lotor</i>
Spotted skunk	<i>Spilogale graciles</i>
Stripped skunk	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>
Virginia opossum	<i>Didelphis marsupialis</i>
Gray fox	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>

Invertebrates: The water, mudflats, and marsh of the Slough support a variety of invertebrates. Included are mollusks, insects and other arthropods (i.e., organisms of the shrimp and crab families), and annelids. The Slough has been indicated as an irreplaceable habitat for many species of macroinvertebrates.