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TO: Commissioners and Interested Persons

FROM: Peter Douglas, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: **County of Santa Cruz Local Coastal Program Major Amendment #1-98**
Extension for Concurrence with the Executive Director's determination that the action by the County of Santa Cruz, accepting certification of Major Amendment #1-98 (Part A) with modifications to the County's Local Coastal Program, is legally adequate.

Background

Local Coastal Program Major Amendment # 1-98, regarding density credits (Part A) and local appeal periods (part B), was certified by the Commission on July 9, 1998 with modifications to both components of the amendment. On October 14, 1998 the Commission concurred that the modifications for Part B were adequate. The modifications for Part A have now been submitted within the required 6 month time limit. However, staff has found one problem with this submittal, that County staff has agreed to have the Board of Supervisors address. This Board action might not occur within the 6 month time limit, but if not will occur soon afterward. Under Coastal Act section 30517, the Commission may extend the time limits for local acceptance of the modifications by up to one year, if they determine that there is good cause to do so. Since the County is committed to making the requisite changes, it is more expeditious to grant an extension, rather than to have to rehear this item as a new amendment, if the time limit is not met. The changes are not controversial.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the following resolution:

Granting of 3 -Month Extension

The Commission hereby grants under Coastal Act Section 30517, a three month extension of the February 9, 1999 expiration date of this certification with modifications of Santa Cruz County LCP Amendment # 1-98 (Part A), on the grounds that good cause exists for a limited time extension, for the reasons discussed above.