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MEMORANDUM

February 17, 1999

TO: Coastal Commissioners and Interested Parties

FROM: Charles Lester, District Manager
Rick Hyman, Coastal Planner

RE: ***Request to extend the 60 day time limit for processing Monterey County LCP Major Amendment #1-99***

On December 31, 1998, Central Coast District staff received this Local Coastal Program (LCP) amendment request from the County. It proposes to revise the Implementation portion of its certified LCP to allow for wireless communication facilities under certain criteria in all coastal zoning districts, except "Resource Conservation."

Coastal Act section 30510 provides that a proposed local coastal program (and by inference, amendments thereto) may be submitted if the submittal contains materials sufficient for a thorough and complete review. Once that requirement is satisfied, Coastal Act sections 30513 and 30514(b) require that the Commission act on an Implementation Plan amendment within 60 days. The amendment was filed on January 15, 1999. Therefore the amendment would have to be scheduled for hearing at the March 9 -12, 1999 Commission meeting.

Section 30517 of the Coastal Act allows the Commission to extend, for good cause, the 60 day time limit for a period not to exceed one year. Staff workload has prevented a complete analysis of this proposal in time for the March 1999. Staff is researching legal issues involved with this amendment as well as coordinating with other district offices that are analyzing similar submittals. Staff expects this matter to be on the April 1999 agenda. There is no urgency in acting on this request as the County has been processing coastal permits for wireless communication devices without having to rely on it. Therefore, staff requests an extension of time to not exceed one year.

Summary of the Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission extend the 60 day time limit for a period not to exceed one year.

MOTION:

I move that the Commission extend the 60 day time limit to act on the Monterey County Local Coastal Program Amendment No. 1-99 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.