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SUBJECT: Request to extend the 60-day time limit for Commission action on City of Long Beach LCP Amendment Request No. 2-99A (for Public Hearing and Commission Action at the August 10-13, 1999 meeting in Los Angeles).

On June 11, 1999, the South Coast District staff received Local Coastal Program (LCP) Amendment Request No. 2-99A from the City of Long Beach. The proposed amendment to the implementing ordinances (LIP) portion of the certified LCP would revise the parking standards for Area D (Belmont Shore) of the City's coastal zone and would clarify the definitions of the zoning ordinance terms "demolish" and "ready-to-eat restaurant".

The submittal was deemed complete pursuant to the requirements of Section 30510(b) of the Coastal Act on June 25, 1999. Pursuant to Section 30513 of the Coastal Act, an LCP amendment affecting the implementing ordinances (LIP) portions of the LCP must be acted on by the Commission within sixty days of complete submittal. In order to be heard within the allotted time period, LCP Amendment Request No. 2-99A must be scheduled for Commission hearing at the current August 10-13, 1999 meeting. However, due to the large volume of Long Beach LCP amendments, appeals, and permit applications scheduled for Commission action at the August 1999 hearing in Los Angeles, staff has scheduled this LCP amendment request for hearing before the Commission at the October 12-15, 1999 meeting in Oceanside (the next Southern California meeting). The City has agreed to the scheduling of this LCP amendment for the October 1999 hearing.

Section 30517 of the Coastal Act allows the Commission to extend, for good cause, the sixty-day time limit for a period not to exceed one year. Commission staff and the City are requesting a time extension in order to allow the public hearing and action on the LCP amendment request to be scheduled at the October 12-15, 1999 Commission meeting in Oceanside. The additional time is necessary to allow the City and Commission staff to dedicate the appropriate amount of time and attention to this LCP amendment request.

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