DATE: January 26, 2000

TO: Commissioners and Interested Persons

FROM: Peter Douglas, Executive Director
       Charles Lester, District Manager
       Rick Hyman, Coastal Program Analyst

SUBJECT: **County of Monterey Local Coastal Program Major Amendment #1-98**

Extension for Concurrence with the Executive Director’s determination that the action by the County of Monterey, accepting certification of Major Amendment #1-98 with modifications to the County’s Local Coastal Program, is legally adequate.

**TIME EXTENSION FOR COMMISSION REVIEW AT THE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2000, AT 9:00 AM, AT THE QUALITY RESORT – MISSION VALLEY, SAN DIEGO**

**Background**

Local Coastal Program Major Amendment #1-98, regarding wireless communication facilities was certified by the Commission on May 13, 1999 with modifications. There is a six month time limit for accepting the modifications. The County was granted a requested three month time extension on November 3, 1999. Attached is a letter from the County indicating that they still need more time to finish their action. 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. The County has requested another three-month extension because of work load constraints. Since the County is committed to considering 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.

**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 13, 2000 expiration date of this certification with modifications of Monterey County LCP Amendment # 1-98 (on the grounds that good cause exists for a limited time extension, for the reasons discussed above).

attachment
January 20, 2000

Tami Grove, Deputy Director
California Coastal Commission,
Central Coast District Office
725 Front St., suite 300
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Subject: Monterey County Local Coastal Program Amendment # 1-98

Dear Tami,

This is a time extension request for adoption by the County of LCP Amendment # 1-98. The amendment deals with the permitting of wireless communication facilities within the coastal zone. On May 13, 1999 the Coastal Commission denied our original amendment application, but subsequently approved the amendment if suggested modifications were enacted. The County was informed in a letter dated May 21, 1999 that the County had six months to adopt the modifications otherwise the amendment would stand denied. The six-month period came to a close in mid November 1999. We received a 3-month extension from your office, until February 13, 2000.

The County has been unable to proceed and adopt the modifications for a variety of reasons including heavy work load of staff from other pending projects, changes and additions to staff to handle the work load, time necessary to place this item on the Board agenda, etc. Therefore, we respectfully request a 3-month time extension on this matter. We are currently modifying the ordinance as requested and a Board Report and Resolution are in the process of being prepared. Due to agenda deadlines, we may or may not make the February 13, 2000 deadline. To ensure that we do not miss the deadline, we are asking for this extension.

Sincerely,

by William L. Phillips, Director Planning & Building Inspection Dept.

cc: Charles Lester, District Manager
    Rick Hyman, Coastal Program Analyst
    Jeff Main, Supervising Planner, Coastal Planning
    Clerk of the Board of Supervisors