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TO: Commissioners and Interested Persons

FROM: Deborah Lee, Deputy Director
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SUBJECT: Request to extend the 60-day time limit for Commission action on City of Manhattan Beach LCP Amendment Request No. 2-00 (for Commission Action at the September 12-15, 2000 meeting in Eureka).

On July 18 and August 4, 2000, the City of Manhattan Beach Community Development Department submitted and completed a request to amend the City of Manhattan Beach certified Local Coastal Program (LCP). Proposed LCP Amendment No. 2-00, submitted in Parts A and B, would affect only the Implementing Ordinances (LIP) portion of the certified LCP. Part A of LCP Amendment Request No. 2-00, submitted with City Council Resolution No. 5560 and City Council Ordinance No. 2013, would amend the zoning ordinance provisions that allow the City to grant exceptions to the sign code. Commission staff has determined that the proposed amendment to the City's sign code is a major LCP amendment because of the potential negative effects of signs and sign code exceptions on visual resources. Part B of LCP Amendment Request No. 2-00, submitted with City Council Resolution No. 5569 and City Council Ordinance No. 2014, would revise the residential condominium standards contained in the City's zoning ordinance.

On August 4, 2000, Commission staff determined that the submittal of LCP Amendment Request No. 2-00 is consistent with the requirements of the Coastal Act and the California Code of Regulations. Therefore, LCP Amendment Request No. 2-00 is deemed complete pursuant to the requirements of Section 30510(b) of the Coastal Act. Pursuant to Section 30513 of the Coastal Act, an LCP amendment affecting the implementing ordinances (LIP) portion 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. 2-00 must be scheduled for Commission hearing at the current September 12-15, 2000 meeting.

The City, however, has requested that this item be scheduled for a Commission hearing in Southern California, preferably at the November 14-17, 2000 Commission meeting in Los Angeles. In order to comply with the City's request for a Southern California hearing, Commission staff is requesting an extension of the sixty-day time limit for a period not to exceed one year. 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. A Commission-granted time extension will allow the City's LCP amendment request to be scheduled for the Commission's November 14-17, 2000 meeting in Los Angeles.

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