MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioners and Interested Persons

FROM: Staff

DATE: September 20, 2001

SUBJECT: Request to Waive Time Limit for Encinitas LCP Amendment No. 2-2001 for the Commission Meeting of October 9-12, 2001

On August 10, 2001, the City of Encinitas Local Coastal Program Amendment (LCPA) No. 2-2001 was filed in the San Diego District office. The LCP amendment is to amend the certified LCP Implementation Plan to establish the southern El Camino Real museum special purpose overlay zone.

Pursuant to Section 30512 of the Coastal Act, an implementation plan amendment must be acted on by the Commission within 60 days of complete submittal. To be heard within the allotted time period, the amendment request would have to be agendized for the scheduled October 2001 hearing. However, Section 30517 of the Coastal Act and Section 13535 of the Code of Regulations state that the Commission may for good cause extend a time limit for a period not to exceed one year, after consultation with the local government and by a majority vote of the Commissioners present. Commission staff is requesting the time extension due to insufficient staff time to adequately review the amendment and prepare a recommendation. The City has indicated the item could be postponed until the November Commission hearing in Los Angeles, provided the Commission grants the waiver of the applicable time limits.

Summary of Staff Recommendation. Staff recommends the Commission extend the 60-day time limit for a period not to exceed one year. However, it is anticipated that the amendment request will be scheduled for the November 2001 Commission hearing in Los Angeles.

MOTION:
I move that the Commission extend the 60-day time limit to Encinitas LCP Amendment No. 2-2001 for a period not to exceed one year.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends a YES vote. An affirmative vote of the majority of the Commissioners present is needed to pass the motion.

(TIGERSHARK\groups\San Diego\Reports\LCPs\Encinitas\ENC 2-01 LCPA Time Ext. 10.01.doc)