Date: August 22, 2002

TO: Commissioners and Interested Parties

FROM: Chuck Damm, Senior Deputy Director
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RE: City of Santa Barbara Local Coastal Program Amendment No. MAJ-1-02

On June 21, 2002, the City of Santa Barbara submitted an amendment to the Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance components of its certified Local Coastal Program for the development of airfield safety projects and to adopt an Aviation Facilities Plan for the Santa Barbara Airport, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County. On July 9, 2002, the Executive Director determined that the City's Amendment submittal was in proper order and legally adequate to comply with the submittal requirements of Coastal Act Section 30510 (b).

Pursuant to Section 30513 of the Coastal Act, an amendment to the land use plan of a certified LCP must be scheduled for a public hearing and the Commission must take action within 90 days of a complete submittal. The 90th day after filing the complete submittal is October 7, 2002. In order to be heard within this time frame, the amendment would have to be scheduled for the Commission's September 10-13, 2002 meeting.

Coastal Act Section 30517 and California Code of Regulations Section 13535 (c) state that the Commission may extend for good cause the 90 day time limit for a period not to exceed one year. Commission staff is requesting an extension to the 90 day time limit to further consult with the City and allow for more thorough review of the amendment. Therefore, staff recommends that the Commission extend the 90 day time limit to act on the City of Santa Barbara LCP Amendment No. MAJ-1-02 for a period not to exceed one year. The City staff has been contacted and does not object to the extension request.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission vote to extend the deadline for Commission action for up to one year.

MOTION: I move that the Commission extend the 90 day time limit to act on the City of Santa Barbara Local Coastal Program Amendment No. MAJ-1-02 for a period not to exceed one year.

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