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**Item F12a**

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TO: Commissioners and Interested Persons

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FROM: Deborah Lee, Deputy Director
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RE: **Request to extend the ninety-day time limit for Commission action on City of Long Beach LCP Amendment Request No. LOB-MAJ-2-02 (for Commission Action at its February 4, 2003 meeting in San Diego).**

On November 21, 2002, the City of Long Beach submitted a request to amend its certified Local Coastal Program (LCP) in order to: 1) adopt a revised Open Space and Recreation Element of the General Plan, which is part of the certified LCP; and 2) adopt related changes to the certified Land Use Plan (LUP) and the implementing ordinances (LIP) portions of the certified Long Beach LCP. Proposed LCP Amendment Request No. 2-02, submitted for Commission certification by City Council Resolution No.C-28098, includes changes to the City's policies and implementing ordinances that specifically relate to the protection, management and development of open space for recreational uses and wildlife habitats.

On December 9, 2002, the Executive Director determined that LCP Amendment Request No. 2-02 was in proper order and legally adequate to comply with the submittal requirements of the Coastal Act and the California Code of Regulations. Therefore, LCP Amendment Request No. 2-02 is deemed complete pursuant to the requirements of Section 30510 of the Coastal Act.

Pursuant to Section 30512 of the Coastal Act, an LCP amendment that includes changes to the LUP portion of a certified LCP must be scheduled for a public hearing and the Commission must take action within ninety days of a complete submittal. The ninetieth day after the City's filing of the complete submittal is February 19, 2003. In order to be heard within this time frame, the LCP amendment would have to be scheduled for the Commission's February 4-7, 2003 meeting.

Coastal Act Section 30517 and Section 13535(c) of the Coastal Commission Regulations state that the Commission may extend for good cause the ninety-day time limit for a period not to exceed one year. Because of the expansive scope and complexity of the proposed LCP amendment, staff is recommending that the Commission extend the ninety-day time limit for the review of the LCP amendment request. The time extension would allow for a thorough review of the City's proposed changes and would also increase the potential for a local public hearing for the LCP amendment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

MOTION: *I move that the Commission extend the ninety-day time limit to act on the City of Long Beach Local Coastal Program Amendment No. LOB-MAJ-2-02 for a period not to exceed one year.*

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