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TO: Commissioners and Interested Parties

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RE: **Extension of Time for San Luis Obispo County to Act on the Suggested Modifications to LCP Amendment 1-01, Part C (Grading and Drainage Ordinance Update), adopted by the Commission on March 5, 2003.** For Public Hearing and Commission action at its meeting of August 6, 2003 to be held at the Hyatt Regency (21500 Pacific Coast Highway) in Huntington Beach.

San Luis Obispo County LCP Amendment 1-01 Part C involves a comprehensive update to the grading and drainage ordinances contained in the certified Implementation Plan. On March 5, 2003, the California Commission denied the amendment as submitted, and adopted suggested modifications to the amendment that would carry out the coastal resource protection provisions of the certified Land Use Plan. The Commission's certification with modifications expires on September 5, 2003 pursuant to Section 13537 of the California Code of Regulations. Coastal Act Section 30517 allows the Commission to extend this time limit, for a period not to exceed one year, for "good cause".

As discussed at the March 5, 2003 hearing, a significant issue raised by the amendment is the type of development activities that are exempt from grading permit requirements, and the process under which such exemptions can be established. At that hearing, Commission and County staff agreed to work with the interested parties to resolve this through the pursuit of a Categorical Exclusion. To accommodate this process, it was recognized that an extension to 6-month time frame for the County to act on the suggested modifications would likely be needed.

Providing the additional time necessary to pursue the Categorical Exclusion will facilitate resolution of important coastal issues raised by this LCP Amendment and the Periodic Review of LCP Implementation adopted by the Commission in July 2001. Staff therefore recommends that the Commission adopt the following resolution:

Approval of One-Year Extension

The Commission hereby grants, under Coastal Act Section 30517, a one-year extension of the September 5, 2003 expiration date of its certification with modifications of San Luis Obispo County LCP Amendment 1-01 Part C, on the grounds that good cause exists for such an extension.