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Prepared January 29, 2004 (for February 20, 2004 Hearing)

To: Coastal Commissioners and Interested Persons
From: Diane Landry, Central Coast District Manager
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Subject: Extension of Time Limit for Commission Action on Santa Cruz County Local Coastal Program Amendment Number 3-03 Part 2 (Wireless Communications Facilities)

Santa Cruz County has submitted the above-referenced Local Coastal Program (LCP) amendment request intended to modify LCP zoning policies and standards to provide increased specificity on the siting, design, and construction of wireless communications facilities in the County's coastal zone.

Coastal Act Section 30510 allows a proposed LCP amendment to be submitted if the submittal contains materials sufficient for a thorough and complete review. Once that requirement is satisfied and the amendment filed, the Coastal Act requires that the Commission act on an Implementation Plan (IP) amendment within 60 days, and a Land Use Plan (LUP) amendment within 90 days. If Commission action is not taken within the applicable time frame, then the amendment is deemed approved and certified by the Commission. (Sections 30510, 30512, 30513, and 30514)

LCP amendment 3-03 Part 2 was filed as complete on December 30, 2003. This proposed LCP amendment is IP only and thus the 60-day requirement applies; the 60th day is February 28, 2004 (after the Commission's February 2004 meeting and before its March 2004 meeting). Therefore, the amendment would have to be scheduled for action at the Commission's February 2004 meeting if it were to be decided within 60 days of filing. However, Coastal Act Section 30517 allows the Commission to extend, for good cause, the 60-day time limit for a period not to exceed one year. A one-year extension would result in a new deadline for Commission action of February 28, 2005.

In this case, the amendment presents complex planning issues, for which Commission staff has not yet had sufficient time to analyze, and a later meeting date would allow for adequate review and consultation with the County regarding any possible amendment modifications. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission extend the deadline for Commission action by one year.

Summary of the Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission extend the deadline for Commission action on this LCP amendment by one year.

Motion. I move that the Commission extend the 60-day time limit to act on Santa Cruz County Local Coastal Program Major Amendment Number 3-03 Part 2 by a period of one year.

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

**California Coastal Commission****February Meeting in La Jolla**Staff: D. Carl Approved by: **DSL**

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