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W5b**MEMORANDUM****Prepared July 21, 2005 (for August 10, 2005 Hearing)****RECORD PACKET COPY****To:** Coastal Commissioners and Interested Persons**From:** Charles Lester, Central Coast District Deputy Director
Dan Carl, Coastal Planner**Subject: Extension of Time Limit for Commission Action on Santa Cruz County Local Coastal Program Major Amendment Number 2-04 Part 3 (Procedural Update)**

Santa Cruz County has submitted the above-referenced Local Coastal Program (LCP) amendment request intended to modify the LCP's permit and permit approval procedural policies. The proposed amendment includes updated hearing and noticing requirements, as well as other procedural changes, that would apply to Santa Cruz County's processing of coastal development permits.

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 (Coastal Act Sections 30510, 30512, 30513, and 30514).

LCP amendment 2-04 Part 3 was filed as complete on June 14, 2005. This proposed LCP amendment is IP only and thus the 60-day requirement applies; the 60th day is August 13, 2005. Therefore, the amendment would have to be scheduled for action at the Commission's August 2005 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 August 13, 2006.

In this case, the amendment presents important procedural issues and Commission staff has not yet had sufficient time to analyze the changes proposed to ensure that the amended coastal permit processing scheme will protect coastal resources consistent with the Act and the LCP. A later meeting date would allow for adequate review, as well as 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 2-04 Part 3 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****August 2005 Meeting in Costa Mesa**Staff: D. Carl Approved by: *C. J. R. 7/21/05*