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## MEMORANDUM

**Prepared October 26, 2006 (for November 16, 2006 Hearing)**

**To:** Coastal Commissioners and Interested Persons  
**From:** Steve Monowitz, Central Coast District Manager  
Susan Craig, Coastal Planner  
**Subject:** **Extension of Time Limit for Commission Action on City of Santa Cruz Local Coastal Program Amendment Number 1-06 (Citywide Creeks and Wetlands Plan)**

The City of Santa Cruz has submitted the above-referenced Local Coastal Program (LCP) amendment request intended to modify LCP zoning policies and standards to provide increased specificity for required setbacks for development located along creeks or adjacent to wetlands in the City'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 1-06 was filed as complete on September 25, 2006. This proposed LCP amendment is IP only and thus the 60-day requirement applies; the 60th day is November 24, 2006. Therefore, the amendment would have to be scheduled for action at the Commission's November 2006 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 November 24, 2007.

In this case, the amendment presents complex planning issues, for which Commission staff has not yet had sufficient time with which to analyze, and a later meeting date would allow for adequate review and consultation with the City 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 City of Santa Cruz Local Coastal Program Major Amendment Number 1-06 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  
November 2006 Meeting in Huntington Beach  
Staff: Susan Craig      Approved by:  
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