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TO: Commissioners and Interested Persons

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SUBJECT: Request to extend the ninety (90)-day time limit for Commission action on City of Dana Point LCP Amendment Request No. 4-06 (for Commission Action at the April 10-13, 2007 meeting in Santa Barbara).

On December 27, 2006, the City of Dana Point submitted a request to amend its certified Local Coastal Program (LCP), affecting the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Implementation Plan (IP). The submittal was deemed incomplete for additional information and the requested information was subsequently received on February 21, 2007. The proposed Dana Point Town Center Plan, which consists of a Land Use Plan (LUP) and Implementation Plan (IP) would replace, in their entirety, the Dana Point Specific Plan Local Coastal Program for the Town Center Area. Proposed LCP Amendment Request No. 4-06 was submitted for Commission certification by City Council Resolution No. 06-11-08-05.

On February 21, 2007, the date of resubmittal, the Executive Director determined that LCP Amendment Request No 4-06 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. 4-06 is deemed complete pursuant to the requirements of Section 30510 of the Coastal Act.

Pursuant to Sections 30512.1 and 30514 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 (90)-days of a complete submittal. The ninetieth day after the City's filing of the complete submittal is May 22, 2007. In order to be heard within this time frame, the LCP amendment would need to be scheduled for the Commission's May 9-11, 2007 meeting in Los Angeles.

However, this deadline may be extended for good cause. Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 30517 allows the Commission to extend any time limitation established by Chapter 6 of Division 20 of the PRC, wherein lies Sections 30513 and 30514, for up to a year. Staff is recommending that the Commission extend the ninety-day (90) 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. City staff has been notified of this time extension request and has not objected to this request.

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Therefore:

Summary of Staff Recommendation. Staff recommends that the Commission extend the ninety (90)-day time limit for a period of one year, i.e. to May 22, 2008.

MOTION:

"I move that the Commission extend the ninety (90)-day time limit to act on the City of Dana Point Local Coastal Program Amendment DPT-4-06 for a period of one year."

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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