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MEMORANDUM

Prepared August 15, 2007 (for September 6, 2007 Hearing)

To: Coastal Commissioners and Interested Persons
From: Steve Monowitz, Central Coast District Manager
Katie Morange, Coastal Planner

Subject: Extension of Time Limit for Coastal Commission Action on Monterey County Local Coastal Program Major Amendment Number 1-06 (Petersen Parcel Rezone)

Central Coast District staff has received the above-referenced Local Coastal Program (LCP) Amendment request from Monterey County to amend the LCP's Implementation Plan (IP).

Coastal Act Section 30510 provides that a proposed LCP (or LCP amendment) submittal must contain materials sufficient for a thorough and complete review. Once that requirement is satisfied, the Coastal Act requires that the Commission act on an Implementation Plan (IP) amendment within 60 days, and a Land Use Plan (LUP) amendment (or where an amendment request contains both LUP and IP amendment) within 90 days (Sections 30512, 30511(a), 30513, and 30514(b)).

Central Coast District staff received the LCP amendment package from the County on December 21, 2006. The amendment request was subsequently filed on July 12, 2007. The 60th day falls on September 10, 2007. Coastal Act Section 30517 allows the Commission to extend, for good cause, the applicable time limit for a period not to exceed one year. In this case, Monterey County has requested a time extension in order to have the amendment heard at the next local Commission hearing. A one-year extension would result in a new deadline for Commission action on the proposed amendment of September 10, 2008. Although staff believes that this matter will be brought to hearing before the new deadline, it has generally been the Commission's practice to extend such deadlines for a full year as provided by the Coastal Act to allow for flexibility in hearing scheduling (including to accommodate any requested or otherwise necessary postponements, continuances, etc.) and in terms of allotting scarce staff resources. Therefore, staff requests an extension of time not to exceed one year.

Summary of the Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission extend the 60-day time limit (as applicable) for a period not to exceed one year.

Motion. I move that the Commission extend the 60-day time limit to act on Monterey County Local Coastal Program Amendment Number 1-06 to September 10, 2008.

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

September 2007 Meeting in Eureka

Staff: Katie Morange Approved by: