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To: Commissioners and Interested Persons

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Subject: Request to extend the time limit to acknowledge and accept the modifications suggested by the Coastal Commission on the University of California at Santa Cruz Marine Science Campus Coastal Long Range Development Plan

At the December 13, 2007 Coastal Commission meeting in San Francisco, the Commission denied, and then approved if modified by the Commission's suggested modifications, the University of California at Santa Cruz (UCSC) Coastal Long Range Development Plan (CLRDP) for a new Marine Science Campus at Terrace Point in the City of Santa Cruz. Pursuant to the Commission's regulations, the University has six months from the date of Commission action to accept the Commission's suggested modifications, in this case by June 13, 2008 (California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 13537). If the University has not accepted the suggested modifications by that time, then the Commission's approval with suggested modifications expires at that time, and only the Commission's denial stands.

The University has been actively working at revising the CLRDP document consistent with the Commission's direction so that it can be presented to the UC Regents for adoption and brought back to the Commission for final certification. The University has closely coordinated with staff in these efforts, including up to and including the recent Commission revised findings hearing in April in Santa Barbara (where the Commission adopted revised findings and suggested modifications on April 11, 2007). Despite these diligent efforts, it appears that there may be inadequate time before June 13, 2008 for the University to complete its efforts and bring the matter before the Regents for final adoption. Accordingly, and as provided for by CCR Section 13535(c), the University has requested a one-year extension of time to accept the modifications suggested by the Commission.

A one-year extension would result in a new deadline for the University to accept the Commission's suggested modifications on the proposed amendment of June 13, 2009. Although staff believes that this matter will be resolved well before the new deadline, it is appropriate in this case to extend the deadline for a full year as provided by the Coastal Act and the Commission's regulations to provide maximum flexibility in scheduling. Therefore, staff recommends a one-year extension of time.

Summary of the Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission extend the expiration date of its approval with suggested modifications, and thus extend the six-month time limit that applies to the University's acceptance of the Commission's suggested modifications, for a period of one year (to June 13, 2009). Staff recommends a **YES** vote on the following motion. An affirmative vote of a majority of the Commissioners present is needed to pass the motion.

Motion. I move that the Commission extend the six-month time limit for the University of California to accept the Commission's suggested modifications that apply to the UCSC CLRDP to June 13, 2009.