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## MEMORANDUM

Prepared June 25, 2008 (for July 10, 2008 Hearing)

**To:** Coastal Commissioners and Interested Persons  
**From:** Dan Carl, District Manager  
Katie Morange, Coastal Planner  
**Subject:** **Extension of Time Limit for Coastal Commission Action on Monterey County Local Coastal Program Major Amendment Number 1-08 Part 2 (Sign/Billboard Ordinance)**

Central Coast District staff has received the above-referenced Local Coastal Program (LCP) amendment request from Monterey County. The proposed amendment would modify the LCP's Implementation Plan (IP) regulations governing signs in the Coastal Zone. These regulations establish standards for signs and billboards in the County's Coastal Zone, including size and height limits, allowed locations, and allowed number of signs, and also identify exempt and prohibited signs. The proposed amendment would modify these standards, including clarifying size limits in design control zoning districts, prohibiting new billboards, adding definitions, and modifying permit requirements.

Coastal Act Section 30510 requires proposed LCP amendments to contain materials sufficient for a thorough and complete review. Once that requirement is satisfied and an amendment request is deemed submitted (or "filed"), the Coastal Act requires the Commission to act on IP amendments within 60 days, and on LUP amendments and combined LUP/IP amendments within 90 days (Coastal Act Sections 30512, 30513, and 30514).

Monterey County Local Coastal Program Amendment Number 1-08 Part 2 was filed as complete on June 2, 2008. The proposed LCP amendment is IP only and thus the 60-day requirement applies; the 60<sup>th</sup> day is August 1, 2008. Therefore, the proposed amendment would have to be scheduled for action at the Commission's July 2008 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. Commission staff has preliminarily reviewed the proposed amendment and is actively engaged with County staff regarding preliminary issues identified by County and Commission staff to date, including potential revisions to the County's submittal and/or potential modifications to the text proposed. These discussions are ongoing, and there is insufficient time before the July hearing to complete this effort. A later meeting date would allow for this coordination effort to be completed, including complete analysis of the amendment and any revisions/modifications to it. A one-year extension would result in a new deadline for Commission action on the proposed amendment of August 1, 2009. 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 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 the proposed amendment by one year.

**Motion.** I move that the Commission extend the 60-day time limit to act on Monterey County Local Coastal Program Amendment Number 1-08 Part 2 to August 1, 2009.

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