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TO: Commissioners and
Interested Persons

DATE: February 26, 2009

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: Request to Waive Time Limit for City of Encinitas LCP Amendment No. 3-08 (Downtown Encinitas Specific Plan Revisions) for the Commission Meeting of March 11-13, 2009

On January 28, 2009, the City of Encinitas Local Coastal Program (LCP) Amendment #3-08 was filed in the San Diego District office. The amendment involves revisions to the Downtown Encinitas Specific Plan to encourage a pedestrian-oriented environment by restricting the types of ground floor uses to retail and pedestrian-oriented services only. The proposed amendment will affect the certified LCP Implementation Plan.

Pursuant to Section 30513 of the Coastal Act, the Commission must act on implementation plan amendments within 60 days of filing. Based on the above-cited time limits for implementation plan amendments, the proposed LCP amendment must be scheduled for review by the Commission at the March 11-13, 2009 meeting. However, Section 30517 of the Coastal Act and Section 13535(c) of the California Code of Regulations state that the Commission may extend for good cause any applicable time limits for a period not to exceed one year.

Commission staff is requesting the time extension due to insufficient staff time to adequately review the amendment and prepare a recommendation. In addition, the City has been consulted and has indicated the request for postponement is acceptable. Staff recommends the Commission extend the 60-day time limit for one year.

MOTION:

I move that the Commission extend the 60-day time limit to act on the City of Encinitas LCP Amendment No. 03-08 for 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.