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TO: Commissioners and Interested Persons

W16aFROM: John Ainsworth, Deputy Director
Gary Timm, Los Angeles County Area Supervisor
Charles Posner, Coastal Program AnalystRE: **Request to extend the time limit for Commission action on City of Long Beach LCP Amendment Request No. LOB-MAJ-1-09 (for Commission Action at its April 8, 2009 meeting in Oxnard).**

On January 12, 2009, the Commission's South Coast District office in Long Beach received a request from the City of Long Beach to amend its certified Local Coastal Program (LCP) in order to revise the Resources Management Plan portion of the LCP as it relates to Colorado Lagoon, and to revise the City's zoning code definition of "Passive Park". Proposed LCP Amendment Request No. 1-09, submitted with City Council Resolution No. RES-08-0129, and contained in City Council Ordinance No. ORD-08-0029, would affect both the Implementing Ordinances (LIP) and Land Use Plan (LUP) portions of the certified LCP.

On February 18, 2009, after receiving from the City additional information that was deemed necessary to complete the LCP amendment submittal, the Executive Director determined that LCP Amendment Request No. 1-09 is in proper order and legally adequate to comply with the submittal requirements of Section 30510 of the Coastal Act and Section 13553 of the California Code of Regulations (Title 14).

Pursuant to Section 30512 of the Coastal Act, an LCP amendment that includes changes to both the LIP and LUP portions of a certified LCP must be scheduled for a public hearing and the Commission must take action within ninety days of receipt of a complete submittal. The ninetieth day after the City's filing of the complete submittal is May 19, 2009. In order to be heard within this time frame, the LCP amendment would have to be scheduled for the Commission's May 2009 meeting in Northern California. Coastal Act Section 30517 and Section 13535(c) of the Coastal Commission Regulations state that the Commission may extend for good cause the ninety-day time limit for a period not to exceed one year. Because of workload and scheduling constraints, staff is recommending that the Commission extend the time limit for the review of the LCP amendment request. The time extension would allow for a thorough review of the City's proposal at a future Commission meeting in Southern California, possibly at the same meeting where the related coastal development permit application for the proposed restoration project at Colorado Lagoon will be considered.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission extend the deadline for Commission action for one year.

MOTION: "I move that the Commission extend the time limit to act on City of Long Beach Local Coastal Program Amendment No. LOB-MAJ-1-09 for a period of one year."

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