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**F12a****MEMORANDUM**

TO: Commissioners & Interested Persons **DATE:** July 22, 2009

FROM: Sherilyn Sarb, Deputy Director, South Coast District, Orange County Area
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SUBJECT: **Request to extend the 90-day time limit for action City of Laguna Beach Land Use Plan Amendment LGB-MAJ-2-09 (Biological Resources Policies and Maps), for Commission Meeting of Friday, August 14, 2009**

On May 22, 2009, Land Use Plan Amendment (LUPA) LGB-MAJ-2-09 was deemed to be complete and in proper order for filing pursuant to Section 30510(b) of the Coastal Act. The proposed amendment consists of: Modifications to the Open Space/Conservation Element to incorporate biological and watercourse information for South Laguna and Laguna Canyon annexation areas, modify policies in Topic 8 (Vegetation and Wildlife Resources) and Topic 9 (Watersheds and Watercourses), and add Topic 15 (Constraint Mapping).

Pursuant to Sections 30512 and 30514 of the Coastal Act, an amendment to a certified land use plan must be acted on by the Commission within 90 days after the submittal request has been deemed to be in proper order for filing. The 90th day for this LCP amendment is August 20, 2009. In order to be heard within this allotted time period, the amendment request would have to be scheduled for hearing by the August 2009 Commission meeting. Section 30517 of the Coastal Act allows the Commission to extend, for good cause, the 90-day time limit for up to one year. Commission staff is requesting this extension to allow additional time to evaluate the submittal and consult with the City of Laguna Beach and outside parties that have expressed interest in the proposed land use plan changes. The full one-year extension is requested because extensions are only considered once and it is prudent to allow for the maximum amount of time in case of unexpected delays.

Therefore:

Summary of Staff Recommendation. Staff recommends the Commission extend the 90-day time limit for a period of one year, i.e. to August 20, 2010.

MOTION:

"I move that the Commission extend the 90-day time limit to act on the City of Laguna Beach Land Use Plan Amendment LGB-MAJ-2-09 for a period of 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.