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TO: Commissioners and
Interested Persons

DATE: January 18, 2012

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: Request to Waive Time Limit for City of Encinitas LCP Amendment No. 2-11 (Cardiff-by-the-Sea Specific Plan) for the Commission Meeting of February 8-10, 2012

On December 19, 2011, the City of Encinitas Local Coastal Program (LCP) Amendment #2-11 was filed in the San Diego District office. The amendment involves the adoption of the Cardiff-by-the-Sea Specific Plan which proposes community character goals and planning principles for the community's business district, largely bounded by Mozart Avenue to the north; San Elijo Avenue on the west; Orinda Drive to the south and the alleyway between Newcastle and Manchester Avenues to the east. The Specific Plan Planning Areas are all situated east of Highway 101 and the railroad corridor. The proposed amendment will affect the certified LCP by revising the City's certified 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, the proposed LCP amendment must be scheduled for review by the Commission at the February 8-10, 2012 hearing. 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.

This item was previously withdrawn and has been resubmitted by the City. Commission staff is requesting the time extension due to insufficient staff time to adequately review the amendment and then coordinate with the City, as well as the number of LCP amendments already submitted and pending review. Staff recommends the Commission extend the 60-day time limit for one year but staff has committed to prioritizing review of this matter.

MOTION:

I move that the Commission extend the 60-day time limit to act on the City of Encinitas LCP Amendment No. 2-11 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.