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DATE: August 29, 2012

TO: Commissioners and Interested Persons

FROM: John Ainsworth, Deputy Director

SUBJECT: **County of Ventura LCP Amendment No. VNT-MAJ-2-12 Time Extension** to be heard at the September 13, 2012 Commission Hearing in Caspar.

On August 8, 2012, the County of Ventura submitted a complete amendment to the Coastal Zoning Ordinance / Implementation Plan portions of its certified Local Coastal Program (LCP). This amendment is the first phase of a planned comprehensive update to the County's LCP. The County's amendment proposes to: correct spelling and grammatical errors; update internal and external references; rephrase language to eliminate redundancies, simplify wording and clarify meaning; reorganize the land use matrix; modify the zoning abbreviations; modify and add definitions; and address specific topics within the CZO including GIS technology; traffic safety clear sight triangles; CR zone purpose; RB and RBH height requirement; noticing, hearing, and amendment procedures; resolution of violations relative to concurrent CDP process; site plan adjustments; land use matrix clarifications; Coastal Act and CatEx exemption reorganization; reasonable accommodation for disabled persons; farm worker and animal caretaker dwellings; satellite dishes; residential water wells, and geotechnical and soils testing.

On August 22, 2012, the Executive Director deemed the County's amendment to be "submitted" in that the submittal was in proper order and legally adequate to comply with the submittal requirements of Coastal Act Section 30510(b). Pursuant to Coastal Act Section 30513 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 13522, an amendment to the LIP portion of the certified LCP must be scheduled for a public hearing and the Commission must take action not later than 60 days from the date the complete amendment was received. In the subject case, the 60th day will be October 7, 2012.

Coastal Act Section 30517 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 13535 (c) state that the Commission may extend for good cause the 60-day time limit for a period not to exceed one year. Commission staff is requesting an extension to the 60-day time limit in order to allow adequate time to review and analyze the amendment and to allow for a local hearing venue. Therefore, staff recommends that the Commission extend the 60-day time limit to act on the subject LCP Amendment for a period of one year. Ventura County staff has also requested that the amendment receive a local hearing. Staff is planning to schedule this for the October or November Commission hearing.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission vote to extend the deadline for Commission action for one year.

MOTION: *I move that the Commission extend the 60-day time limit to act on the County of Ventura LCP Amendment No. MAJ-2-12 for one year.*

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