TO: Commissioners and Interested Persons

FROM: John Ainsworth, Senior Deputy Director
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RE: Request to extend the time limit for Commission action on City of Long Beach LCP Amendment Request No. 4-13 (LCP-5-LOB-13-0229-4). For Commission Action at its February 13, 2014 meeting in Pismo Beach.

On December 26, 2013, 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). The LCP amendment request was submitted to the Commission’s South Coast District office with City Council Resolution No. RES-13-0090 and City Council Ordinance No. ORD-13-0022. The LCP amendment would amend the Implementing Ordinances (LIP) portion of the certified LCP in order to include new regulations which address cemeteries, mortuaries, and crematoriums.

The Executive Director has determined that LCP Amendment Request No. 4-13 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 30513 of the Coastal Act, an LCP amendment that includes changes to the LIP portion of a certified LCP must be scheduled for a public hearing and the Commission must take action within sixty days of receipt of a complete submittal. The sixtieth day after the City’s filing of the complete submittal is February 24, 2014. Coastal Act Section 30517 and Section 13535(c) of the Coastal Commission Regulations state that the Commission may extend for good cause the sixty-day time limit for a period not to exceed one year. To allow for a local hearing, 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.

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. 4-13 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.