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TO: Commissioners and
Interested Persons

DATE: July 24, 2014

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: Request to Waive Time Limit for City of Carlsbad LCP Amendment No. LCP-6-CII-14-0597-1 (Car Country Initiatives 2 and 4) for the Commission Meeting of August 12 – 15, 2014

On June 16, 2014, the City of Carlsbad Local Coastal Program (LCP) Amendment # LCP-6-CII-14-0597-1 was filed in the San Diego District office. The amendment package from the City of Carlsbad included two unrelated items including the subject revisions to the Car Country Specific Plan's Comprehensive Sign Program and a density bonus ordinance amendment (#LCP-6-CAR-14-0596-2). Both items would modify the City's certified Implementation Plan (IP).

Amendments containing IP components only must be acted upon by the Commission within 60 days of filing. Based on the above-cited time limits, the proposed LCP amendment package must be scheduled for review by the Commission at the August 2014 meeting. 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.

Of the two components within the amendment package, the density bonus ordinance amendment (#LCP-6-CAR-14-0596-2) is scheduled for Commission action at the August 2014 hearing. However, Commission staff is requesting a time extension for LCP Amendment No. LCP-6-CII-14-0597-1 (Car Country Initiatives 2 and 4), due to insufficient staff time to adequately review this item and prepare a recommendation. At the June 2014 hearing, staff prepared and the Commission acted on four pending LCPAs from the City of Carlsbad. Therefore, at this time, there are no other pending LCP amendments from the City before the Commission but completion of the June 2014 workload limited the time available for this item. Nonetheless, Commission staff plans to schedule this item for the next southern California hearing in October. Staff does, however, recommend and asks the Commission to extend the deadline for a full year as provided by the Coastal Act to allow for uncertainty in the review process and scheduling issues that may arise. Staff thus recommends the Commission extend the 60-day time limit for one year.

MOTION:

I move that the Commission extend the 60-day time limit to act on the City of Carlsbad LCP Amendment No. LCP-6-CII-14-0597-1 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.