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DATE: August 18, 2016

TO: Commissioners and Interested Persons

FROM: Sherilyn Sarb, Deputy Director  
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Meg Vaughn, Coastal Program Analyst

RE: **Request to extend the time limit for Commission action on City of Huntington Beach LCP Amendment Request No. 1-16 (LCP-5-HNB-16-00031-1 Sunset Beach Specific Plan) For Commission Action at its September 8, 2016 meeting in Newport Beach.**

On July 14, 2016, the City of Huntington Beach Planning Division submitted to our office a response to Commission staff's incomplete letter dated February 1, 2016 requesting additional information regarding the City's request to amend the City of Huntington Beach certified Local Coastal Program (LCP). The LCP amendment request was submitted to the Commission's South Coast District office on January 15, 2016 with City Council Resolution No. 15-0039 and City Council Ordinance Nos. 2015-78, 2015-76 and 2015-77. The LCP amendment would add the recently annexed Sunset Beach area into the City's certified LCP with a Land Use Plan update and the addition of a Sunset Beach Specific Plan to the Implementation Plan. The LCP amendment request affects both the LUP and Implementation Plan (IP) portions of the City's certified LCP.

After reviewing the transmitted documents, the Executive Director determined on July 28, 2016 that LCP Amendment Request No. 1-16 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). Therefore LCP Amendment Request No. 1-16 is deemed officially received as of July 28, 2016.

Pursuant to Section 30513 of the Coastal Act, an LCP amendment that includes changes to the LUP portion of a certified LCP must be scheduled for a public hearing and the Commission must take action within ninety days of receipt of a complete submittal. The ninetieth day after the City's filing of the complete submittal is November 1, 2016. Coastal Act Section 30517 and Section 13535(c) of the Coastal Commission Regulations state that the Commission may extend for good cause the ninety-day time limit for a period not to exceed one year. Staff is recommending that the Commission extend the time limit for up to a year because extensions are only considered once, and it is prudent to allow for the maximum amount of time in case of unexpected delays. Commission staff anticipates this item being scheduled at a Commission meeting in Southern California in early 2017.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

**MOTION:** *"I move that the Commission extend the time limit to act on City of Huntington Beach Local Coastal Program Amendment No. LCP-5-HNB-16-00031-1 for a period of one year."*

An affirmative vote of a majority of the Commission present is needed to pass the motion.