November 21, 2017

TO: COMMISSIONERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: JOHN AINSWORTH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S DETERMINATION that the action by the City of San Diego, certifying the City’s Local Coastal Program Amendment No. LCP-6-TJN-17-0029-1 (San Ysidro Community Plan Update), is adequate to effectively certify its local coastal program (for Commission review at its meeting of December 13-15, 2017)

BACKGROUND

At its May 2017 meeting, the Coastal Commission certified, with suggested modifications, the City of San Diego Local Coastal Program Amendment #LCP-6-TJN-17-0029-1, regarding the comprehensive update to the certified Land Use Plan (LUP) for the San Ysidro community, rescission of the San Ysidro Planned District Ordinance and the adoption of city-wide base zones. By its action adopting Resolution No. R-311341 on October 3, 2017, the City Council has acknowledged and accepted all of the Commission’s suggested modifications. The modifications addressed low-cost visitor overnight accommodations, scenic resources, environmentally sensitive habitat area (ESHA), wetlands, new development and sea level rise. The City already has coastal development permit authority over this geographic area and will continue issuing permits consistent with the local coastal program as amended.

As provided for in Section 13544 of the Commission’s Code of Regulations, the Executive Director must determine if the action of the City of San Diego is legally sufficient to finalize Commission review of the LCP amendment. The City’s actions have been reviewed and determined to be adequate by the Executive Director. Section 13554 of the Commission’s Code of Regulations then requires this determination be reported to the Commission for its concurrence.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission CONCUR with the Executive Director’s determination as set forth in the attached letter (to be sent after Commission endorsement).
December 18, 2017

Mayor Kevin Faulconer  
City of San Diego  
202 “C” Street, 11th Floor  
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Certification of the City of San Diego Local Coastal Program Amendment  
No. LCP-6-TJN-17-0029-1 (San Ysidro Community Plan Update)

Dear Mayor Faulconer:

The California Coastal Commission has reviewed the City’s Resolution No. R-311341  
together with the Commission’s action on May 11, 2017 certifying City of San Diego Local  
Coastal Program Amendment # LCP-6-TJN-17-0029-1 pertaining to the comprehensive  
update to the certified Land Use Plan (LUP) for the San Ysidro community, rescission of the  
San Ysidro Planned District Ordinance and the adoption of city-wide base zones. In  
accordance with Section 13544 of the Commission’s Code of Regulations, I have made the  
determination that the City’s actions are legally adequate, and the Commission has concurred  

By its action on October 3, 2017, the City has formally acknowledged and accepted the  
Commission’s certification of the Local Coastal Program Amendment including all suggested  
modifications. The modifications addressed low-cost visitor overnight accommodations,  
scenic resources, environmentally sensitive habitat area (ESHA), wetlands, new development  
and sea level rise. The City is already issuing coastal development permits in conformance  
with the certified local coastal program for this area.

In conclusion, I would like to congratulate you and all other elected or appointed officials,  
staff and concerned citizens for continuing to work towards full implementation of the Coastal  
Act. We remain available to assist you and your staff in any way possible as you continue to  
develop and implement the City’s local coastal program.

Sincerely,

John Ainsworth  
Executive Director