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Date: January 19, 2017  
 TO: Commissioners and Interested Parties  
 FROM: Jack Ainsworth, Acting Executive Director  
 RE: **County of Santa Barbara Local Coastal Program Amendment No. LCP-4-STB-16-0068-4 (2016 Housing Element Implementation) Time Extension** to be heard at the Wednesday, February 8, 2017 Commission Hearing in Newport Beach.

On December 20, 2016, the County of Santa Barbara submitted the subject amendment request to amend the Coastal Zoning Ordinance (Implementation Plan) portion of the certified Local Coastal Program (LCP) to make minor changes to the development standards for the Design Residential Zone District to encourage new affordable senior and special care housing developments.

On January 5, 2017, the Executive Director deemed the County's amendment to be in proper order and legally adequate to comply with the submittal requirements of Coastal Act Section 30510(b). Pursuant to Coastal Act Section 30512 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 13542(b), an amendment to the certified Implementation Plan must be scheduled for public hearing and the Commission must take action not later than 60 days from the date the amendment was properly submitted. In the subject case, the 60<sup>th</sup> day will be February 18, 2017.

Coastal Act Section 30517 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 13535(c) state that the Commission may extend the 60-day time limit for good cause for a period not to exceed one year. Commission staff is requesting an extension to the 60-day time limit in order to manage competing workload items. Thus, although staff believes this matter will be brought to a hearing in the near-term, staff recommends that the Commission extend the deadline for a full year as provided by the Coastal Act to allow for uncertainty in the review process and flexibility for coordinating with the County of Santa Barbara. Therefore, staff recommends that the Commission extend the 60-day time limit to act upon the subject County of Santa Barbara LCP Amendment for one year.

**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 Santa Barbara Local Coastal Program Amendment No. LCP-4-STB-16-0068-4 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.