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Date: May 18, 2017

TO: Commissioners and Interested Parties

FROM: Steve Hudson, Deputy Director

RE: **County of Santa Barbara Local Coastal Program Amendment No. 4-STB-16-0067-3 Time Extension** to be heard at the Wednesday, June 7, 2017 Commission Hearing in Arcata.

On December 20, 2016, the County of Santa Barbara submitted an amendment request to amend the Coastal Land Use Plan and Coastal Zoning Ordinance portions of its certified Local Coastal Program (LCP) to implement the Gaviota Coast Plan. On March 30, 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 13522, an amendment to the certified LCP must be scheduled for public hearing and the Commission must take action no later than 90 days from the date the amendment was properly submitted. In the subject case, the 90<sup>th</sup> day will be June 28, 2017.

Coastal Act Section 30517 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 13535(c) state that the Commission may extend the 90-day time limit for good cause for a period not to exceed one year. The Gaviota Coast Plan encompasses an area of the coast in Santa Barbara County with significant coastal resources, including agriculture, public access, scenic resources, and environmentally sensitive habitat areas. Subsequently, there is a large amount of public interest in the plan. Therefore, Commission staff is requesting an extension to the 90-day time limit to allow adequate time to review and analyze the amendment. Staff is planning to tentatively schedule the subject LCP amendment for a Commission hearing in early 2018. 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, establishing hearing schedules, and managing competing workload items. Therefore, staff recommends that the Commission extend the 90-day time limit to act upon County of Santa Barbara LCP Amendment No. 4- STB-16-0067-3 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 90 day time limit to act on the County of Santa Barbara Local Coastal Program Amendment No. 4-STB-16-0067-3 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.