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TO: Commissioners and Interested Persons

FROM: Karl Schwing, Deputy Director  
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RE: **Request to extend the time limit for Commission action on City of Laguna Beach LCP Amendment Request No. 1-17 (LCP-5-LGB-17-0037-1) For Commission Action at its September 13, 2017 meeting in Cambria.**

On April 24, 2017, the City of Laguna Beach Community Development Department submitted to the Commission's South Coast District office a request to amend the City of Laguna Beach certified Local Coastal Program (LCP). The amendment request was submitted with City Council Resolution No. 17.020 and City Council Ordinance No. 1622. The LCP amendment would amend the Implementing Ordinances of the certified LCP to implement new regulations and standards requiring the undergrounding of utilities in the coastal zone. The LCP amendment request affects only the IP (Implementation Plan) portion of the certified LCP.

In a letter dated May 8, 2017, our office informed the City that the LCP amendment request was incomplete and requested that additional information be provided. On July 13, 2017, the Commission's South Coast District office received a response letter dated June 28, 2017 from the City with the requested information to complete the submittal of the LCP amendment request. After reviewing the transmitted documents for consistency with the LCP and LCP amendment submittal requirements of Sections 13518-13520 and Sections 13551-13553 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, respectively, the Executive Director determined on July 27, 2017 that LCP Amendment Request No. 1-17 is in proper order and legally adequate to comply with the submittal requirements. Therefore LCP Amendment Request No. 1-17 is deemed officially received as of July 27, 2017.

Pursuant to Section 30513 of the Coastal Act, an LCP amendment that includes changes to the IP portion of a certified LCP must be scheduled for a public hearing and the Commission must take action within sixty days of receipt of a complete submittal. The sixtieth day after the City's filing of the complete submittal is September 25, 2017. Coastal Act Section 30517 and Section 13535(c) of the Coastal Commission Regulations allow the Commission to extend for good cause the sixty-day time limit for a period not to exceed one year. Commission staff is requesting the extension to allow for sufficient time for staff to coordinate with City staff and prepare a recommendation. Staff recommends that the Commission extend the time limit for up to the full year because extension requests are only considered once, and it is prudent to allow for the maximum amount of time to properly schedule the requested amendment for public hearing in case of unexpected delays resulting from uncertainty in the review process and/or scheduling issues that may arise. Commission staff anticipates this item being scheduled at a Commission meeting in Southern California in spring 2018.

**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 Laguna Beach Local Coastal Program Amendment No. 1-17 for a period of one year."*

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