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SUBJECT: Extension of Time Limit for Commission Action on County of Humboldt's
Local Coastal Program Amendment LCP-1-HUM-17-0066-1 (CalFire)

For the Commission meeting of April 11, 2018

LCP AMENDMENT DESCRIPTION

On November 8, 2017, the County of Humboldt (County) transmitted to the Commission LCP Amendment Application No. LCP-1-HUM-17-0066-1. The proposed Land Use Plan (LUP) Amendment would amend the County's certified Trinidad Area Plan LUP to add text changes to allow for an extension of water service from the City of Trinidad to a property located outside of both the urban limit and designated service area boundaries of the County's LUP. Water service would be extended under the proposed LUP amendment to the Trinidad Fire Station of the Humboldt-Del Norte Unit of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire) located at 923 Patricks Point Drive, approximately one mile north of the city limits within a rural area that currently lacks community water services. The water service extension would provide potable water for use at the station only. Water for fire-fighting would continue to be drawn from other existing sources.

Coastal Act Section 30510 requires proposed LCP amendment submittals to contain materials sufficient for a thorough and complete review. Once that requirement is satisfied, and an amendment is deemed submitted (or "filed"), the Coastal Act requires the Commission to act on an LUP amendment within 90 days (Coastal Act Sections 30510, 30513, and 30514). On January 24, 2018, Commission staff deemed the proposed LCP Amendment submitted. The 90th-day after the date this proposed LCP Amendment was deemed submitted is April 24, 2018. Unless the Commission extends the deadline, the Commission will need to complete its action on the proposed LUP Amendment at the Commission's April 11-13, 2018 hearing.

Staff has not yet had sufficient time to complete its analysis of the proposed LCPA and to fully coordinate with the County. Coastal Act Section 30517 authorizes the Commission to extend, for good cause, the time limit for Commission action on the proposed LCP amendment for a period not to exceed a year. A one-year extension would result in a new deadline for Commission action of April

24, 2019. Although staff is planning to bring the proposed amendment forward during an upcoming 2018 Commission meeting in the northern portion of the state (May 9-11 in the North Central Coast District, September 12-14 in the North Coast District, or November 7-9 in the North Central Coast District), 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 needed coordination time. Flexibility for coordination with the County and other interested persons regarding the resolution of Coastal Act issues and potential suggested modifications will facilitate the ability of Commission staff to narrow as much as possible the issues that the Commission will need to resolve.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission vote to extend the deadline for Commission action on the proposed LCP amendment for one year.

Motion:

I move that the Commission extend the time limit to act on County of Humboldt Local Coastal Program Amendment No. LCP-1-HUM-17-0066-1 for a period of one year.

Staff recommends a **YES** vote. Passage of this motion will result in a one year extension of the deadline for Commission action on the proposed LCP amendment, changing the deadline for Commission action from April 24, 2018 to April 24, 2019. An affirmative vote of a majority of the Commissioners present is needed to pass the motion.