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TO: Commissioners and Interested Persons

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SUBJECT: Request to extend the time limit for Commission action on City of Long Beach LCP Amendment Request No. 1-18 (LCP-5-LOB-18-0026-1), for Commission Action at the June 7, 2018 meeting in Chula Vista.

On February 28, 2018, the City of Long Beach submitted a request to amend its certified Local Coastal Program (LCP). On May 1, 2018, the Executive Director determined that LCP Amendment Request No. 1-18 was in proper order and legally adequate to comply with the submittal requirements of the Coastal Act and the California Code of Regulations. Therefore, LCP Amendment Request No. 1-18 has been deemed complete pursuant to the requirements of Section 30510 of the Coastal Act. The proposed amendment was submitted for Coastal Commission action via City Council Resolution No. RES-18-0010, which requests Commission action on City of Long Beach Ordinance Nos. ORD-18-0001 and ORD-18-0002.

The LCP amendment would amend the SEADIP Specific Plan (Southeast Area Development and Improvement Plan, PD-1) to allow oil production uses in SEADIP Subareas 19 and 25, the locations of an oil well consolidation project proposed by Beach Oil Minerals Partners (BOMP). The LCP amendment request also includes changes to the City's Oil Code (Title 12), which is part of the certified LCP to the extent that it is applicable in the certified portion of the City's coastal zone. The LCP amendment request affects both the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Implementing Ordinances (LIP) portions of the certified LCP.

Pursuant to Sections 30512, 30513 and 30514 of the Coastal Act, an LCP amendment that includes changes to the LUP portion of a certified LCP only must be scheduled for a public hearing within ninety days of a complete submittal. The ninetieth day after the City's filing of the complete submittal is July 30, 2018. However, this deadline may be extended for good cause. Section 30517 of the Coastal Act allows the Commission to extend any time limitation established by Chapter 6 of the Coastal Act, including Sections 30512 and 30514, for up to one year. Staff is recommending that the Commission extend the ninety-day time limit for the review of the LCP amendment request until July 30, 2019.

Unless the deadline is extended, Commission staff will need to complete its review and preparation of a staff recommendation and, possibly, suggested modifications and the Commission will need to complete its action on the LCP amendment at the Commission's July 11-13, 2018 meeting (Central Coast). A time extension is necessary to allow staff to conduct further analysis of the conformance of the proposed LCP amendment with Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act and the provisions of the certified LUP, and to prepare an appropriate staff recommendation, including preparation of suggested

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modifications if appropriate, for the Commission. A time extension will also allow for the public hearing on the LCP amendment to be held in Southern California (there is a significant amount of local interest in the matter). Thus, staff is recommending that the Commission extend the time limit for review of LCP Amendment Request No. 1-18.

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 until July 30, 2019 as provided by the Coastal Act to allow for additional time in the review process and flexibility for coordination with the City of Long Beach on potential modifications, establishing hearing schedules, and managing competing priorities.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission extend the deadline for Commission action on the LCP Amendment Request for one year (to July 30, 2019).

Motion:

“I move that the Commission extend the time limit to act on the City of Long Beach Local Coastal Program Amendment No. 1-18 for a period of one year.”

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