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**DATE:** January 18, 2019

**TO:** Coastal Commissioners and Interested Persons

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**SUBJECT:** Concurrence with the Executive Director's determination that the action of the County of Humboldt accepting the Commission's certification of LCP Amendment No. LCP-1-HUM-17-0066-1 is legally adequate.

For the Commission meeting of February 8, 2019 in Half Moon Bay

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**SUMMARY OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Commission concur with the Executive Director's determination that the County's action is legally adequate.

**BACKGROUND**

The Commission acted on County of Humboldt LCP Amendment (LCPA) Application No. LCP-1-HUM-17-0066-1 on September 12, 2018. As submitted, the LCP amendment amends the Trinidad Area Plan land use plan (LUP) to allow for an extension of water service from the City of Trinidad's municipal water system to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire) Trinidad Station located in an unincorporated rural area of the County, one mile north of the City limits. By a series of unanimous votes, the Commission: (1) rejected the amendment to the LUP as submitted; and (2) approved the LUP amendment with one suggested modification. The suggested modification amends Policy 3.23-B-1 of the LUP regarding Public Services to add language to expressly state that the extension of water service to CalFire shall only be permitted if certain criteria are met and to ensure that any water service connections granted for residential uses within the service area do not use up all available water capacity before lands planned for visitor-serving uses within the service area can first be developed and provided with City water. These modifications were necessary to ensure that water service connections to priority-use lands within the service area are prioritized consistent with Coastal Act sections 30213, 30222 and 30254.

## **EFFECTIVE CERTIFICATION**

On November 6, 2018, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing and adopted Resolution No. 18-112 acknowledging receipt of the Commission's resolution of certification, accepting and agreeing to the Coastal Commission's modifications, agreeing to issue permits in conformance with the modified LCP, and formally approving the necessary changes to the County's LCP (Exhibit 2).

As provided in Section 13544 of the California Code of Regulations, for the amendment to become effective, the Executive Director must determine that the County of Humboldt's actions are legally adequate and report that determination to the Commission. Unless the Commission objects to the determination, the certification of LCP Amendment No. LCP-1-HUM-17-0066-1 shall become effective upon the filing of a Notice of Certification for the LCPA with the Secretary of Natural Resources, as provided in Public Resources Code Section 2180.5(2)(V).

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Commission concur with the determination of the Executive Director that the actions of the County of Humboldt to accept the Commission's certification of LCP Amendment No. LCP-1-HUM-17-0066-1 to adopt the necessary changes to the County's Local Coastal Program are legally adequate, as noted in the attached letter, [Exhibit 1](#) (to be sent after Commission concurrence).

## **EXHIBITS**

- [1. Draft Notification of Effective Certification Letter](#)
- [2. Resolution No. 18-112](#)