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January 22, 2019

**Th25b****TO: COMMISSIONERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES****FROM: JOHN AINSWORTH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DETERMINATION** that the action by the City of Encinitas, certifying the City's Local Coastal Program Amendment No. LCP-6-ENC-18-0034-1 (North Coast Highway 101 Streetscape), is adequate to effectively certify its local coastal program (for Commission review at its meeting of February 6-8, 2019)

**BACKGROUND**

At its October 11, 2018 meeting, the Coastal Commission approved, with suggested modifications, the City of Encinitas' Local Coastal Program Amendment # LCP-6-ENC-18-0034-1, regarding changes to the City's certified Land Use Plan and Implementation Plan to allow for variations to road section requirements on specified major coastal access routes that would allow for the reduction in the number of travel lanes on North Coast Highway 101 within the North 101 Corridor Specific Plan area. By its action adopting Ordinance 2018-16 on November 28, 2018, the Encinitas City Council has acknowledged and accepted the Commission's two suggested modifications. The first suggested modification adds Policy 6.8 to the Land Use Plan Circulation Element. This new policy identifies major coastal access roadways, and requires that any roadway modification project on a major coastal access roadway that could significantly impact coastal access shall be avoided, and may occur only if quantitative analysis identifies that regional travel time along the corridor would not be significantly impacted and if significant public access enhancements are also proposed. The second suggested modification is to the note on Figure 5-C of the North 101 Corridor Specific Plan, and adds reference to the new Policy 6.8 and to the City's Land Use Plan. The City already has coastal development permit authority over this geographic area and will continue issuing permits consistent with the local coastal program as amended.

As provided for in Section 13544 of the Commission's Code of Regulations, the Executive Director must determine if the action of the City of Encinitas is legally sufficient to finalize Commission review of the LCP amendment. The City's actions have been reviewed and determined to be adequate by the Executive Director. Section 13554 of the Commission's Code of Regulations then requires this determination be reported to the Commission for its concurrence.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Commission **CONCUR** with the Executive Director's determination as set forth in the attached letter (to be sent after Commission endorsement).

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February 11, 2019

Mayor Catherine Blakespear  
City of Encinitas  
505 South Vulcan Avenue  
Encinitas, CA 92024

RE: Certification of the City of Encinitas Local Coastal Program Amendment  
No. LCP-6-ENC-18-0034-1 (North Coast Highway 101 Streetscape)

Dear Mayor Blakespear,

The California Coastal Commission has reviewed the City's Ordinance 2018-16 together with the Commission's action of October 11, 2018 certifying City of Encinitas Local Coastal Program Amendment # LCP-6-ENC-18-0034-1 pertaining to revisions to the City's certified Land Use Plan and Implementation Plan to allow for variations to road section requirements on specified major coastal access routes that would allow for the reduction in the number of travel lanes on North Coast Highway 101 within the North 101 Corridor Specific Plan area. By its actions on November 28, 2018, the City has formally acknowledged and accepted the Commission's certification of the Local Coastal Program Amendment including both suggested modifications. The first suggested modification adds Policy 6.8 to the Land Use Plan Circulation Element. The new policy identifies major coastal access roadways, and requires that any roadway modification project on a major coastal access roadway that could significantly impact coastal access shall be avoided and may occur only if quantitative analysis identifies that regional travel time along the corridor would not be significantly impacted and if significant public access enhancements are also proposed. The second suggested modification is to the note on Figure 5-C of the North 101 Corridor Specific Plan and adds reference to the new Policy 6.8 and to the City's Land Use Plan. The City already has coastal development permit authority over this geographic area and will continue issuing permits consistent with the local coastal program as amended.

In conclusion, I would like to congratulate you and all other elected or appointed officials, staff and concerned citizens for continuing to work towards full implementation of the Coastal Act. We remain available to assist the City in any way possible as it continues to develop and implement the City's local coastal program.

Sincerely,

John Ainsworth  
Executive Director

By: Deborah Lee  
District Manager