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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. 1-20 (LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1), for Commission Action at the November 4-6, 2020 virtual meeting.

On February 19, 2020, the City of Long Beach submitted a request to amend its certified Local Coastal Program (LCP). On March 4, 2020, the Executive Director notified the City in writing that additional information was needed for review of the LCP submittal, pursuant to Section 13553 of the California Code of Regulations (Title 14). All of the information requested by the Executive Director was received on August 25, 2020 and the proposed LCP amendment was found to be 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. 2-20 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 Nos. RES-20-0015 and RES-20-0014, which request Commission action on City of Long Beach Ordinance Nos. ORD-20-0005 and ORD-20-0006.

The Land Use Plan (LUP) and Implementation Plan (IP) of the City's certified LCP would be amended to revise regulations for the Belmont Pier Planned Development District to allow for a new outdoor competitive and recreational swimming pool complex, the Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center (BBAC).

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 November 23, 2020. 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 November 23, 2021.

Unless the deadline is extended, Commission staff will need to complete its review and preparation of staff recommendations for the subject LCP amendment, possibly with suggested modifications, two appeals, and a coastal development permit, and the Commission will need to complete its action on the LCP amendment at the Commission's

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Time Extension Request

November 4-6, 2020 meeting. Due to the potential impact of the proposed policies on coastal resources, especially related to the certification of deferred areas including the Los Cerritos Wetlands, a time extension is necessary to allow staff to conduct further analysis of the conformance of the proposed LCP amendment with the provisions of the certified LUP and to prepare an appropriate staff recommendation, including preparation of suggested modifications if appropriate, for the Commission. Thus, staff is recommending that the Commission extend the time limit for review of LCP Amendment Request No. LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1.

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 November 23, 2021 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 a period of one year (to November 23, 2020).

Motion:

“I move that the Commission extend the time limit to act on the City of Long Beach Local Coastal Program Amendment No. LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1 for a period of one year.”

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

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 November 23, 2020 to November 23, 2021. An affirmative vote of a majority of the Commissioners present is needed to pass the motion.