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To: Commissioners and Interested Parties
From: Steve Hudson, South Coast District Deputy Director
Subject: **South Coast District Deputy Director's Report for Los Angeles County for December 2020**

The following coastal development permit (CDP) waivers, immaterial CDP amendments, CDP extensions, and emergency CDPs for the South Coast District Office are being reported to the Commission on December 10, 2020. Pursuant to the Commission's procedures, each item has been appropriately noticed as required, and each item is also available for review at the Commission's South Coast District Office in Long Beach. Staff is asking for the Commission's concurrence on the items in the South Coast District Deputy Director's report, and will report any objections received and any other relevant information on these items to the Commission when it considers the report on December 10th.

With respect to the December hearing, interested persons may sign up to address the Commission on items contained in this report prior to the Commission's consideration of this report. The Commission can overturn staff's noticed determinations for some categories of items subject to certain criteria in each case (see individual notices for specific requirements).

Items being reported on December 10, 2020 (see attached)

Waivers

- 5-19-1450-W, City of Redondo Beach (Redondo Beach)

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November 20, 2020

**Coastal Development Permit De Minimis Waiver
Coastal Act Section 30624.7**

Based on the project plans and information provided in your permit application for the development described below, the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission hereby waives the requirement for a Coastal Development Permit pursuant to Section 13238.1, Title 14, California Code of Regulations. If, at a later date, this information is found to be incorrect or the plans revised, this decision will become invalid; and, any development occurring must cease until a coastal development permit is obtained or any discrepancy is resolved in writing.

Waiver: 5-19-1450-W
Beach

Applicant: City of Redondo

Location: 280 Marina Way, Redondo Beach, Los Angeles County (APN: 7503-003-900 Lot Q)

Proposed Development: Removal of the Harbor Patrol's existing 2,800 sq. ft. timber dock float and ten (10), 18-inch guide piles that provide mooring for 6 vessels, 35-feet in length; and construction of a new 3,600 sq. ft. concrete dock float supported by ten (10), 24-inch, round concrete guide piles that provide mooring for 8 vessels, 45-feet in length. The two (2) existing approximately 375 sq. ft. pump-out docks and four (4) 18-inch guide piles located on either side of the existing concrete sheet-pile breakwater will be removed and replaced with one (1) new 1,200 sq. ft. concrete floating dock supported by five (5) new 24-inch round concrete guide piles that will be located on the outside of the existing breakwater. The 140 sq. ft. existing access gangway bridge will be reused to provide access to the floating docks. No work is proposed to the access pier or the existing Redondo Beach Harbor Patrol Pier and Building. The applicant has proposed construction and post-construction best management practices.

Rationale: The existing Harbor Patrol and Public Sewage Pump Out Floating Dock Facilities, constructed in approximately 1965, are located within Mole B in King Harbor in the Commission's area of original jurisdiction in Redondo Beach. The proposed dock system is associated with the Redondo Beach Harbor Patrol facilities at 280 Marina Way, which provides the only emergency response maritime response within King Harbor. The County proposes to replace the current dock with a new, larger dock structure in order to accommodate expanded public safety operations and better separation between the public pump-out facilities from public safety activities. The proposed project would increase over water surface coverage by approximately 1,250 sq. ft. and introduce an additional approximately 268 sq. ft. of fill of open coastal waters resulting from the new piles. Section 30233(a) of the Coastal Act limits fill of open coastal waters to certain, identified allowable uses, including new or expanded boating facilities (Section 30233(a)(3)). As the dock replacement project involves installation of an expanded dock to serve public safety boating operations, the project involves an allowable use under Section 30233(a). The applicants have demonstrated that the number of piles and related disturbance of soft-bottom habitat is the least amount necessary to structurally support the dock, and that the new dock system is necessary for public safety operations within the City of Redondo Beach.

Additionally, according to the applicant's biological survey, there are no sensitive species present within or near the subject site that would be negatively impacted by the construction of the dock facility. The project application includes a list of best management practices the applicant will carry out during and after construction, in order to avoid adverse effects to marine resources. The proposed project is designed to be the minimum size necessary to meet the demands and requirements of the City's emergency response teams. As proposed, the project will not adversely

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impact the biological productivity of ocean waters and is the least environmentally damaging option that minimizes fill of coastal waters. Therefore, the Commission finds that, as proposed and conditioned, the development conforms with the Chapter 3 policies of the coastal Act. The project has been approved by the City of Redondo Beach, and is consistent with the Redondo Beach certified LCP, previous Commission actions in the area, and the Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act.

This waiver will not become effective until reported to the Commission at its **December 8-10, 2020** meeting and the site of the proposed development has been appropriately noticed, pursuant to 13054(b) of the California Code of Regulations. The Notice of Pending Permit shall remain posted at the site until the waiver has been validated and no less than seven days prior to the Commission hearing. If four (4) Commissioners object to this waiver of permit requirements, a coastal development permit will be required.

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