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Subject: Certification Review for Pacific Grove's Local Coastal Program Amendment Number LCP-3-PGR-18-0093-1 (LUP Update and IP Certification)

On November 1, 2019, the Coastal Commission approved the City of Pacific Grove's Local Coastal Program (LCP) Amendment Number LCP-3-PGR-18-0093-1 with modifications. This amendment completely updates the City's Land Use Plan (LUP), originally certified in 1989, and includes an LCP Implementation Plan for the first time, which would result in a complete certified LCP and the transfer of review authority for most types of coastal development permits to the City. The amendment contains numerous updated and new policies, including to address a variety of coastal resource issues not covered in the 1989 LUP, as well as to reflect new understandings and improved planning techniques regarding various coastal resource concerns including related to sea level rise, flood and hazard abatement, environmentally sensitive habitat areas, wetland protection, water quality enhancement, and tribal/archaeological protections.

By action taken January 15, 2020, the City of Pacific Grove adopted the amending LCP text (see **Exhibit 1**). The Executive Director has determined that the action taken by the City is legally adequate and that the LCP should be certified. The Executive Director recommends that the Commission concur with this determination and that the LCP be certified. If the Commission concurs, the LCP will be certified as of today's date (i.e., March 11, 2020), and notification of this certification and Commission concurrence will be forwarded to the City.

Executive Director's Recommendation. Staff recommends that the Commission concur with the Executive Director's determination that the actions of Pacific Grove in accepting the Commission's certification of LCP Amendment Number LCP-3-PGR-18-0093-1, with modifications, are legally adequate.

Exhibit

Exhibit 1: City's Acceptance of the Coastal Commission's Approval