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TO: California Coastal Commissioners and Interested Public

FROM: Steve Hudson, District Director

SUBJECT: **County of Santa Barbara Local Coastal Program Amendment No. LCP-4-STB-20-0028-1 Time Extension to be heard at the Thursday, September 10, 2020 Commission Hearing**

On April 15, 2020, the County of Santa Barbara submitted the subject amendment request, which proposes to amend the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Implementation Plan (IP) portions of the certified Local Coastal Program to add policies and development standards regarding coastal hazards and planning for sea level rise.

On April 15, 2020, the Executive Director deemed the County's amendment to be in proper order and legally adequate to comply with the submittal requirements of Coastal Act Section 30510(b). Pursuant to Coastal Act Section 30512 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 13522, an amendment to the certified LUP and IP must be scheduled for public hearing and the Commission must take action no later than 90 working days from the date the amendment was properly submitted. However, California Executive Order No. N-52-20 (dated April 16, 2020) suspended the time limit found in Coastal Act Section 30512 for a period of 60 days. As such the statutory deadline for Commission action on the subject LCP amendment is October 20, 2020.

Coastal Act Section 30571 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 13535(c) state that the Commission may extend the 90-working day time limit for good cause for a period not to exceed one year. Commission staff is requesting an extension to the 90-working day time limit in order to allow adequate time to review and analyze the amendment and to allow greater scheduling flexibility. Although staff believes this item will be brought to hearing in the near term, extending the deadline will allow for uncertainty in the review process and flexibility for coordination with the County of Santa Barbara, establishing hearing schedules, and managing competing workload items. Therefore, staff recommends that the Commission extend the 90-working day deadline for a full year, as provided by the Coastal Act, to allow the subject amendment to be brought to hearing at a later day.

PROCEDURE

MOTION:

I move that the Commission extend the 90 working day time limit to act on the County of Santa Barbara LCP Amendment No. LCP-4-STB-20-0028-1 for one year.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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