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TO: Commissioners and Interested Persons

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SUBJECT: Minor Amendment Request No. LCP-5-LOB-20-0042-2 to the City of Long Beach, for Commission Action at its September 9-11, 2020 virtual meeting.

**LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AMENDMENT NO.
LCP-5-LOB-20-0042-2 (MINOR)**

The City of Long Beach is requesting that the Commission certify an amendment to the implementing ordinances portion of the Long Beach certified Local Coastal Program (LCP). The LCP amendment will extend expiration deadlines for existing CDPs that have been approved by the City in the last two years for one additional year, so that they expire three years after being approved. The LCP Amendment will also make all CDPs which are approved in the future valid for three years rather than two years.

Local Coastal Program Amendment Request No. LCP-5-LOB-20-0042-2 (LCPA 2-20) affects only the City's zoning code, which is part of the implementing ordinances portion of the certified LCP, and does not propose any rezoning or land use changes. The Long Beach Planning Commission held a public hearing for the zoning code changes on April 16, 2020. The Long Beach City Council held a public hearing for the zoning code changes and the LCP amendment on June 9, 2020 and passed City Council Resolution No. RES-20-0067 authorizing City staff to submit the LCP amendment to the Coastal Commission. After laying over the zoning code ordinance to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading, as is City procedure, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. ORD-20-0023 on June 16, 2020.

Analysis

The Executive Director has determined that City of Long Beach LCPA 2-20 is a minor LCP amendment. The LCP amendment has been determined to be a "minor" LCP

amendment because the proposed entitlement timelines are consistent with the certified Land Use Plan (LUP), would make the City's development regulations more specific, and would not change the kind, location, intensity or density of any uses. The proposed timeline extensions are requested in response to the COVID-19 outbreak in an effort to increase the City's economic resiliency. Making locally issued CDPs valid for three years rather than two years will not adversely impact coastal resources. The City will still require proposed development to be consistent with its LCP prior to issuing a CDP and any potential permit extensions (beyond the three year authorization period) will still be reviewed for potential changed circumstances. The Commission is not aware of any specific project or coastal resource issue that is motivating the proposed LCP Amendment. The City's resolution and proposed changes to the implementing ordinances are attached as **Exhibit 1**.

Procedures

Pursuant to Section 30514(c) of the Coastal Act and Section 13554(a) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, the Executive Director has determined that the proposed LCP amendment is "minor" in nature. Section 13554(a) defines a minor LCP amendment as changes in wording which make the use as designated in the zoning ordinances, zoning district maps, or other implementing actions more specific, and which do not change the kind, location, intensity, or density of use and are consistent with the certified LUP.

When the Executive Director determines that an amendment is minor, that determination must be reported to the Commission. If one-third of the appointed members of the Commission request that it be processed as a major LCP amendment, then the amendment shall be set for a future public hearing; if less than one-third of the appointed members of the Commission object to the minor LCP amendment determination, then the amendment is deemed approved, and it becomes a certified part of the LCP immediately. The Executive Director will report this minor LCP amendment determination, and any comments received on it, to the Coastal Commission at its September 9-11, 2020 virtual meeting. For any questions or additional information regarding the proposed amendment or the process under which it is being certified, please contact Dani Ziff at the South Coast District Office in Long Beach.