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Date: January 21, 2021

To: COMMISSIONERS AND INTERESTED PERSONS

From: STAFF

Subject: Request to Waive Time Limit for City of Carlsbad LCP Amendment No. LCP-6-CAR-20-0077-2 (Accessory Dwelling Unit Update) for the Commission Meeting of February 10-12, 2021

On November 19, 2020, the City of Carlsbad Local Coastal Program (LCP) Amendment No. LCP-6-CAR-20-0077-2 was filed in the San Diego District office. The amendment involves revisions to the City's Village and Barrio Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance related to regulation of accessory dwelling units. The proposed revisions are intended to implement changes in state law from AB 68 (Ting), AB 587 (Friedman), AB 670 (Friedman), AB 671 (Friedman), AB 881 (Bloom), and SB 13 (Wieckowski). The proposed amendment will affect the Village and Barrio Master Plan, part of the certified LCP land use plan, and the Zoning Code, part of the certified LCP implementation plan.

Pursuant to Section 30512 of the Coastal Act, the Commission must act on land use plan amendments within 90 working days of complete submittal or filing. Pursuant to Section 30513 of the Coastal Act, the Commission must act on implementation plan amendments within 60 working days of filing. Amendments containing both land use and implementation plan components, must be acted upon by the Commission within 90 working days of filing. Based on the above-cited time limits, the proposed LCP amendment must be scheduled for review by the Commission at the March 10-12, 2021 meeting. However, Section 30517 of the Coastal Act and Section 13535(c) of the California Code of Regulations state that the Commission may extend for good cause any applicable time limits for a period not to exceed one year.

Commission staff is requesting the time extension due to insufficient staff time to adequately review the amendment and prepare a recommendation. In addition to the above item, the City submitted LCP Amendment No. LCP-6-CAR-20-0078-2 (Density Bonus Amendments), which is also filed and separately scheduled for an extension of time at this hearing too. Commission staff is also reviewing LCP Amendment No. LCP-6-CAR-20-0032-1 (Floodplain Management Regulations) and a draft Implementation Plan submitted by the City in fulfillment of its 2015 LCP grant to address coastal hazards and comprehensively update its LCP. Given this workload volume and operational constraints related to the current public health crisis, the requested time will allow for Commission review and resolution of issues or scheduling conflicts that may arise.

Staff recommends the Commission extend the 90-day time limit for one year. However, it is anticipated that the amendment request will be scheduled for Commission action this spring.

PROCEDURE

MOTION:

I move that the Commission extend the 90-day time limit to act on the City of Carlsbad LCP Amendment No. LCP-6-CAR-20-0077-2 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.