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To: Coastal Commissioners and Interested Persons

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Subject: Certification Review for San Luis Obispo County's Local Coastal Program (LCP) Amendment Number LCP-3-SLO-20-0043-1 (Industrial Hemp Ordinance)

On August 14, 2020 the Coastal Commission approved San Luis Obispo County's LCP Major Amendment Number LCP-3-SLO-20-0043-1, with modifications. This amendment adds an industrial hemp cultivation to the Land Use Plan as a special subsection of "crop production and grazing" uses. The Implementation Plan (IP) is amended to add new definitions related to hemp, requirements for hemp cultivation and processing uses, and to add hemp activities to the IP's existing cannabis enforcement section.

By action taken February 2, 2021, San Luis Obispo County adopted the amending LCP text (see **Exhibit 1**). The Executive Director has determined that the action taken by the County is legally adequate and that the amended LCP should be certified. The Executive Director recommends that the Commission concur with this determination and that the LCP, as amended, be certified. If the Commission concurs, the amended LCP will be certified as of today's date (i.e., April 15, 2021), 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 action of San Luis Obispo County in accepting the Commission's certification of LCP Amendment Number LCP-3-SLO-20-0043-1, with modifications, is legally adequate.

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