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TO: Commissioners and Interested Persons

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SUBJECT: Concurrence with the Executive Director's determination that the action by the City of Long Beach accepting certification of LCP Amendment No. LCP-5-LOB-19-0008-1 with suggested modifications is legally adequate.

On January 29, 2019 the City of Long Beach submitted a request to amend its Local Coastal Program (LCP). The request was submitted to the Commission's South Coast District office with City Council Resolution Nos. RES-17-0104, RES-17-0103, RES-17-0102, and RES-17-0101 and City Council Ordinance Nos. ORD-17-0022 and ORD-17-0023.

LCP Amendment No. LCP-5-LOB-19-0008-1 amends the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Implementing Ordinances (IP) of the certified LCP to replace the Southeast Area Development and Improvement Plan (SEADIP) with the Southeast Area Specific Plan (SEASP), certify and incorporate into the LCP deferred certification areas within the southeast area of Long Beach, and revert nine (9) acres of the specific plan area to conventional zoning. The SEASP includes changes to support more compact mixed-use development and a range of mobility options, make 38 residential properties and one City-owned parcel subject to conventional certified zoning requirements and not covered by SEASP, create a new land use designation to preserve and provide public access to coastal habitat and recreation uses, provide additional environmental protections, and transfer deferred certification areas, which include the Los Cerritos Wetlands, into the City's jurisdiction, subject to appeal jurisdiction of the Coastal Commission. On October 8, 2020, the Commission approved with modifications Local Coastal Program (LCP) Major Amendment No. LCP-5-LOB-19-0008-1 to protect coastal resources including sensitive habitat, biological resources, cultural resources, lower-cost overnight accommodations, recreational opportunities, and public coastal views.

On February 10, 2021, the City requested a six-month extension of time to accept the modifications suggested by the Commission; this request was approved by the Commission at its March 11, 2021 hearing. On July 20, 2021, within the six-month extension period

(by October 8, 2021), the Long Beach City Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. ORD-21-0024 and passed Resolutions Nos. RES-21-0075, -76, -77, -78, and -79 incorporating the modifications suggested by the Commission pursuant to its approval. On July 29, 2021, the City submitted the resolutions and ordinance adopted by the City Council to the Executive Director for a determination that the City's action is consistent with the Commission's October 8, 2020 action (**Exhibits¹; links in footnote**).

Pursuant to Section 13544 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 5.5, the Executive Director must determine that the action taken by the City of Long Beach acknowledging receipt and acceptance of and agreement with the Commission's certification of the above-referenced LCP amendment with suggested modifications is legally adequate and report that determination to the Commission. In this case, the Executive Director has determined that the City's action is legally adequate. Section 13554 of the Commission's Code of Regulations then requires this determination be reported to the Commission for its concurrence.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission concur with the Executive Director's determination that the City's action is legally adequate.

¹ Due to the large size of the exhibits, they will be organized as follows:

Exhibits – Part One: RES-21-0079, RES-21-0077, RES-21-0076, RES-21-0075, and ORD-21-0024 for submittal of LCP amendments to the Coastal Commission, changes to the Local Coastal Plan document*, changes to the CDP Jurisdiction Map, changes to the LCP Land Use Map, and changes to the Use District Map*, respectively.

Exhibits – Part Two: RES-21-0078 for addition of new Southeast Area Specific Plan to the LCP*.

*Only changes to the City's LCP are included in the exhibits; associated City-adopted findings are not attached to the exhibits but are on file in the Commission's South Coast District office. Only SEASP Appendix E, which was suggested to be added by the Commission in its October 8, 2020 action, is attached to the exhibits; SEASP Appendices A-D are on file in the Commission's South Coast District office.