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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-20-0014-1 with suggested modifications is legally adequate.

On February 19, 2020 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-20-0015 and RES-20-0014 and City Council Ordinance Nos. ORD-20-0005 and ORD-20-0006. The LCP amendment is project-specific and is associated with the City's proposal to construct the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center.

LCP Amendment No. LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1 amends the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Implementing Ordinances (IP) of the certified LCP to revise regulations for the Belmont Pier Planned Development District to allow for the proposed aquatic center. On February 11, 2021, the Commission approved with modifications Local Coastal Program (LCP) Major Amendment No. LCP-5-LOB-20-0014-1 to clarify permitting requirements in the Commission's retained jurisdiction area of the coastal zone and protect coastal resources including lower cost recreational opportunities, public coastal views, and habitat areas.

On July 20, 2021, within 180 days of Commission action on the LCP amendment, the Long Beach City Council unanimously adopted Ordinance Nos. ORD-21-0025 and ORD-21-0026 and passed Resolution Nos. RES-21-0080 and RES-21-0081, incorporating the modifications suggested by the Commission pursuant to its approval. On July 29, 2021, the City submitted the resolutions and ordinances adopted by the City Council to the Executive Director for a determination that the City's action is consistent with the Commission's February 11, 2021 action (**Exhibits**).

Pursuant to Section 13544 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, 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.