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SUBJECT: **Extension of Time Limit for Commission Action on County of Del Norte Local Coastal Program Amendment No. LCP-1-DNC-21-0053-1 (Crescent City Harbor Segment Comprehensive Update)**

For the Commission Meeting of February 11, 2022

LCP AMENDMENT DESCRIPTION

The County of Del Norte transmitted Local Coastal Program (LCP) Amendment Application No. LCP-1-DNC-21-0053-1 to the Commission on July 29, 2021. The proposed amendment is a comprehensive update to the certified Crescent City Harbor Port Land Use Plan (LUP) and Harbor-Specific Implementation Program (IP) Regulations, which were originally certified by the Commission in 1983. The proposed amendments also include mapping changes to reflect new zoning districts and boundaries in the Harbor area.

Coastal Act section 30510 requires proposed LCP amendment submittals to contain materials sufficient for a thorough and complete review. Once that requirement is satisfied, an amendment is deemed submitted (or "filed"). On December 6, 2021, Commission staff deemed the subject application filed.

The Coastal Act requires the Commission to act on a combined LUP and IP amendment within 90 working days (Coastal Act sections 30510, 30512, 30513, and 30514). The 90-working-day deadline for Commission action on this LCP amendment is April 14, 2022. Unless the Commission extends the deadline, the Commission will need to complete its action on this LCP amendment at the Commission's April 6-8, 2022 meeting.

Coastal Act section 30517 authorizes the Commission to extend, for good cause, the time limit for Commission action on the proposed LCP amendment for a period not to exceed

one year. Although Commission staff coordinated closely with County staff and the Crescent City Harbor District on the proposed amendment in 2019 and 2020 prior to local adoption and transmittal of the amendment to the Commission in 2021, the Commission's North Coast District staff has undergone significant reductions and turnover in staffing over the past year, and current staff have not yet had sufficient time to review, analyze, and prepare a staff recommendation on the proposed comprehensive update. Therefore, staff recommends extending the deadline for Commission action for up to a year, because extensions are only considered once, and it has been the Commission's practice to extend such deadlines for a full year as provided by the Coastal Act. Although staff believes this matter will be brought to a hearing in a shorter time frame, extending the deadline for a full year would allow adequate time for flexibility in hearing scheduling, coordination with the County and Harbor District on potential modifications, and managing competing priorities for scarce staff resources. Commission staff has coordinated the anticipated timeline with County staff, who do not object to the proposed time extension.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission vote to extend the deadline for Commission action on the proposed LCP amendment for one year.

Motion: I move that the Commission extend the time limit to act on County of Humboldt Local Coastal Program Amendment No. LCP-1-DNC-21-0053-1 for a period of one year.

Staff recommends a **YES** vote. Passage of this motion will result in a one-year extension of the deadline for Commission action on the proposed LCP amendment, **changing the deadline for Commission action from April 14, 2022 to April 14, 2023**. An affirmative vote of a majority of the Commissioners present is needed to pass the motion.