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To: Commissioners and Interested Parties
From: Steve Hudson, South Coast District Deputy Director
Subject: **South Coast District Deputy Director's Report for Los Angeles County for August 2022**

The following coastal development permit (CDP) waivers, immaterial CDP amendments, CDP extensions, and emergency CDPs for the South Coast District Office are being reported to the Commission on August 11, 2022. Pursuant to the Commission's procedures, each item has been appropriately noticed as required, and each item is also available for review at the Commission's South Coast District Office in Long Beach. Staff is asking for the Commission's concurrence on the items in the South Coast District Deputy Director's report, and will report any objections received and any other relevant information on these items to the Commission when it considers the report on August 11th.

With respect to the August 11th hearing, interested persons may sign up to address the Commission on items contained in this report prior to the Commission's consideration of this report. The Commission can overturn staff's noticed determinations for some categories of items subject to certain criteria in each case (see individual notices for specific requirements).

Items being reported on August 11, 2022 (see attached)

Waivers

- 5-22-0665-W, City of Long Beach, Special Events (Long Beach)

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Coastal Development Permit De Minimis Waiver Coastal Act Section 30624.7

Based on the project plans and information provided in your permit application for the development described below, the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission hereby waives the requirement for a Coastal Development Permit pursuant to Section 13238.1, Title 14, California Code of Regulations. If, at a later date, this information is found to be incorrect or the plans revised, this decision will become invalid; and, any development occurring must cease until a coastal development permit is obtained or any discrepancy is resolved in writing.

Waiver: 5-22-0665-W

Applicants: City of Long Beach

Location: Alamitos Beach and Marina Green and Alamitos Beach parking lots, Long Beach, Los Angeles County (APNs: 7265-021-901, 7278-010-913)

Proposed Development: Free one-day temporary event on 9/8/2022 with 8 days of set up activities (8/31/2022 - 9/7/2022) and 4 days of take down activities (9/9/2022) located on approx. 300,000 sq. ft. of public beach and within a portion of Marina Green and Alamitos Beach public parking lots. The event will be free and open to the public between 12:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. and involves games, activities, and a concert. Event parking will be staged within a portion of the Marina Green parking lot and the Convention Center parking lot.

Rationale: The event site is located on approximately 300,000 square feet at the west end of Alamitos Beach and public and private parking lots in the general vicinity between the first public road and the sea. The proposed event is limited in duration to a maximum of one day (thirteen days including set up and take down) and involves the placement of non-permanent structures, including but not limited to stages, tents, perimeter fencing, portable toilets, metal detectors and x-ray machines, on the sandy beach. Event setup will require use of heavy machinery (e.g., forklift) that will not be stored on the beach.

The event includes exclusive use of 87 public parking spaces in the east portion of the Marina Green parking lot. The west portion of the Marina Green parking lot will remain open for public use. The applicant will provide 600 spaces on the Marina Green grass area adjacent to the Marina Green parking lot and an additional 1900 parking spaces at the Convention Center across Shoreline Drive. Alamitos Beach parking lot will be unavailable to the general public for two days (9/6/2022-9/7/2022) for event setup activities but will remain available for public use prior to and after those dates, including during Labor Day weekend. No ADA parking will be impacted. To offset the use of public parking, the applicants will promote the use of public transportation to and from the event and offer free bike valet for the duration of the event. The bike valet will be located near the snack stand between the beach and Alamitos Beach parking lot. As a result, the temporary use of the parking spaces will not significantly impact coastal access in the area.

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In addition, to minimize adverse public access impacts, event set up will be phased to reduce the sandy beach area impacted, the regional bike and pedestrian path will remain open, the ADA-accessible public beach pathway through the site will remain open for the entirety of Labor Day weekend, and signs will be installed to indicate that the event is free and open to the public and direct the public to available parking and beach access routes. Event goers will be able to digitally register for activities and all information will be available in Spanish. Event security has been instructed to provide guest service and encourage use of the beach.

Potential biological impacts are avoided or minimized through the implementation of a waste management and sustainability plan that includes use of aluminum cups, reusable water bottles, and 10 water refill stations. Additionally, no-smoking is permitted within the event perimeter. The applicant will have 3-stream recycling (food, recyclables, trash) using color-coded and/or branded receptacles. The applicant will also partner with a local food rescue organization for edible food recovery. The janitorial team will also do a clean sweep of the event premises to ensure no materials are left behind. Furthermore, the City will conduct a nesting bird survey and submit it to the Commission's Executive Director within 3 days of the event. If active nests of sensitive birds are observed, impact avoidance or minimization measures will be implemented. Nighttime lighting will be minimized to levels necessary to provide pedestrian and on-site security, will be shielded and focused downward and inward toward the event, and will use red light to minimize impacts to wildlife. The event does not involve fireworks.

The proposed event will not result in significant adverse impacts on visual or coastal resources, public access, or public recreation opportunities. The proposed development is consistent with past Commission actions in the area, the certified Local Coastal Program, and the Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act.

This waiver will not become effective until reported to the Commission at its August 2022 meeting and the site of the proposed development has been appropriately noticed, pursuant to 13054(b) of the California Code of Regulations. The Notice of Pending Permit shall remain posted at the site until the waiver has been validated and no less than seven days prior to the Commission hearing. If four (4) Commissioners object to this waiver of permit requirements, a coastal development permit will be required.

Sincerely,

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