

March 21, 2016

Marin County Board of Supervisors
Via email: bos@marincounty.org

Re: Request for additional time to consider new LCP Amendment documents

Dear Marin County Board of Supervisors,

We are writing to you today to request that you utilize the scheduled April 19th hearing on the recently released Marin Local Coastal Plan Amendment (LCPA) documents as an informational hearing for the public, and that you postpone your final vote on the LCPA documents until a later date to afford the public additional time to review, analyze and comment on the documents.

The public recently received tracked change versions of 300+ pages of LCPA documents that include hundreds of technical policy and development code language edits to review. The Environmental Hazards Policies and corresponding Implementation Plan include significant substantive changes that will impact how development is analyzed and regulated throughout our coastal zone. Thus, these new chapters must be read in concert with the rest of the proposed Amendments to understand their complete impact. This will take significant time, particularly without the benefit of a staff report.

Additionally, you've announced two new hearings to provide the public with additional information about new FEMA flood maps and to help us begin to understand the significant new changes proposed by the County in the LCPA documents. Further, the staff report for the April 19th hearing has not yet been released – presumably because it will be updated based on public input at the March 28th and 31st workshops - but your website requests comments by March 30th. This is a disconnect.

While your staff has done a very good job of obtaining public input on the Environmental Hazards policies and regulations, it is all the more important that the public be afforded sufficient time to review, analyze and provide input on these substantially new policies and regulations that have resulted from those meetings. **For all of these reasons, we respectfully but strongly urge you to afford the public the additional time it needs to process this profusion of new scientific, policy, and regulatory information.**

We understand that the County is nearing the end of an exhaustive LCP update process and that there is a desire to complete it at the Coastal Commission in August. However, we strongly urge you to please allow the public the time it deserves and needs for this final, comprehensive review and analysis of the LCPA documents. The Coastal

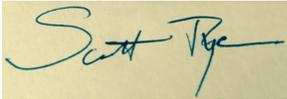
Commission meeting in November is in the North Central District, and that could be used for the final hearing on the Marin LCPA.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely yours,

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Amy Trainer, Deputy Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Tye". The signature is cursive and includes a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Scott Tye, Chair
Surfrider Foundation Marin Chapter