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Environmental Action Committee of West Marin
Comments on Agenda Item W11a

March 2, 2017

California Coastal Commissioners
Jack Ainsworth, Executive Director
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105
Via US Mail & Electronic Mail

Re: Comments re: Marin County Local Coastal Program Amendment
Number LCP-2-MAR-15-0029-1, Agenda Item W11a

Dear Mr. Ainsworth and Commissioners:

The Environmental Action Committee of West Marin ("EAC") respectfully submits the following comments on Marin County Local Coastal Program Amendment Number LCP-2-MAR-15-0029-1, Agenda Item W11a, for the public hearing and action on request by Marin County ("County") to extend time to acknowledge and accept the modifications suggested by the Coastal Commission on LCP Amendment No. LCP-2-Mar-15-0029-1 (Marin LCP Update).

Since 2008, EAC has been involved in the Marin County LCP amendment process, participating in both County and Coastal Commission public hearings. In the ensuing nine years, EAC has consistently advocated for "the widest opportunity for public participation" in accordance with the letter and spirit of Coastal Act Section 30006. EAC has often raised concerns during this lengthy amendment process about a lack of public process.

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It is EAC's position that if this extension is granted, it should be with the commitment by the County to use the extended time to allow fully for additional public process. Any modifications that would amend the Development Code should be brought before the Marin County Planning Commission in order to alleviate any potential delays.

The Marin County LCP amendment process has already been unduly protracted. Whenever the November 2016 Coastal Commission suggested modifications are submitted to the Marin County Board of Supervisors, it will mark the fourth time that the Coastal Commission has sent modifications to the Marin County LCP amendment back to the County. We hope that with adequate public process and dialogue this will be the final time that the non-environmental hazards amendments are before the County.

EAC looks forward to continuing to work with the County and the Coastal Commission staff in a public process. It is our expectation that resolving any differences between the County and the Coastal Commission about any remaining issues will take place in public with adequate opportunity for public review, comment, and testimony.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Respectfully,



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Executive Director



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