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From Staff report for: **County of Del Norte LCP Amendment No. DNC-MAJ-2-03 (LCP Update) (Meeting of September 9, 2009)**

the proposed amendment to the County's LCP, which constitutes the first comprehensive update since the LCP was originally certified in 1983.

the County has used this LCP Amendment as a significant opportunity to bring the LCP up to date with current planning and development standards, particularly with regard to the protection of the County's coastal resources. Overall, the LCP Amendment as proposed by the County constitutes a far more comprehensive, detailed, and improved LCP than the County's currently certified Land Use Plan and zoning ordinance.

However, there are a several new area-specific initiatives that reflect significant programmatic changes with respect to the County's coastal resources. These entail:

- Proposed public facility land use and zoning designations for the currently uncertified Point Saint George Geographic Segment;
- Discontinuance of LUP "special study area" sub-chapter policies developed uniquely for the Marhoffer Creek and Elk Creek drainages and application of the more comprehensive resources protections proposed coastal zone-wide under the updated LCP; and
- The creation of a new Harbor Dependent zoning district to be applied to certain land and water areas within the Crescent City Harbor District.

However, there are several remaining areas of known controversy at this time regarding (i) additional requirements for reviewing conversions of agricultural lands and lands suitable for agriculture to non-agricultural uses, (ii) additional requirement for reviewing land divisions of agricultural lands, and (iii), the work load implications of recodifying the LCP implementation measures into stand-alone coastal land use regulatory and land division titles.