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**STAFF REPORT: CONSENT CALENDAR****APPLICATION NUMBER:** 5-03-342**APPLICANT:** County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Lifeguard Division**AGENT:** Michael Bateman**PROJECT LOCATION:** Various beach locations at City of Los Angeles (Will Rogers beach, Venice beach and Cabrillo beach), Santa Monica, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, and Rancho Palos Verdes.**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Installation of a network of 15 web cameras, measuring approximately 14 inches high by 10 inches wide, mounted on existing county operated buildings or on existing poles.

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**SUMMARY OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed project with no special conditions.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff recommends that the Commission adopt the following resolution:

**I. APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS**

The Commission hereby **GRANTS** a permit, subject to the conditions below, for the proposed development on the grounds that the development will be in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of 1976, will not prejudice the ability of the local government having jurisdiction over the area to prepare a Local Coastal Program conforming to the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act, and will not have any significant adverse effects on the environment within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act.

**II. STANDARD CONDITIONS:**

1. Notice of Receipt and Acknowledgment. The permit is not valid and development shall not commence until a copy of the permit, signed by the permittee or authorized agent, acknowledging receipt of the permit and acceptance of the terms and conditions, is returned to the Commission office.
2. Expiration. If development has not commenced, the permit will expire two years from the date this permit is reported to the Commission. Development shall be pursued in a diligent manner and completed in a reasonable period of time. Application for extension of the permit must be made prior to the expiration date.
3. Compliance. All development must occur in strict compliance with the proposal as set forth in the application for permit, subject to any special conditions set forth below. Any deviation from the approved plans must be reviewed and approved by the staff and may require Commission approval.
4. Interpretation. Any questions of intent or interpretation of any condition will be resolved by the Executive Director or the Commission.
5. Inspections. The Commission staff shall be allowed to inspect the site and the project during its development, subject to 24-hour advance notice.
6. Assignment. The permit may be assigned to any qualified person, provided assignee files with the Commission an affidavit accepting all terms and conditions of the permit.
7. Terms and Conditions Run with the Land. These terms and conditions shall be perpetual, and it is the intention of the Commission and the permittee to bind all future owners and possessors of the subject property to the terms and conditions.

**III. SPECIAL CONDITIONS: None**

**IV. FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS:**

The Commission hereby finds and declares:

**A. Project Description and Location**

The County of Los Angeles' Fire Department, Lifeguard Division, proposes to install a network of fifteen web cameras. Each camera be in protective weatherproof housing, measuring approximately 14 inches high by 10 inches wide, and mounted on existing county operated buildings, such as, atop lifeguard headquarter buildings, concession buildings, restrooms, or on existing utility poles. Cameras will be mounted using an approximately 1-2 foot long, gooseneck shaped pole, which extends from the structure it is mounted to. One roof top site will include a 6-foot high aluminum tripod for mounting the camera.

The fifteen camera sites will be located along the beaches between Will Roger Beach to the north to Cabrillo Beach to the south, which includes beaches within the jurisdictions of the City of Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, and Rancho Palos Verdes.

The purpose of the cameras is to provide the Lifeguard Division, of the County of Los Angeles, a heightened level of public safety through monitoring the various beaches within the County's jurisdiction. The images provided by the cameras will provide the Lifeguard Division with information to assist in making staffing decisions for the various beaches, monitor rescue activities, and conduct environmental and scientific research. The images will be available on a public website, along with other beach related information, such as, weather conditions, water temperature, surf conditions, and parking information.

**B. Public Access**

The proposed development will not affect the public's ability to gain access to, and/or to use the coast and nearby recreational facilities. Therefore, as proposed the development conforms with Sections 30210 through 30214 and Sections 30220 through 30224 of the Coastal Act.

**C. Recreation**

The proposed development, as submitted, does not interfere with public recreational use of coastal resources and conforms with Sections 30210 through 30214 and Sections 30220 through 30223 of the Coastal Act regarding the promotion of public recreational opportunities.

**D. Visual Resources**

As proposed, the development is located within an existing developed area and is compatible with the character and scale of the surrounding area. Therefore, the

Commission find§ that the development conforms with Sections 30250 and 30251 of the Coastal Act.

**E. Local Coastal Program**

The proposed project sites are located in eight separate planning areas within seven local government jurisdictions (City of Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, and Rancho Palos Verdes). Of the fifteen separate beach sites proposed for development by this permit, the areas with a certified Land Use Plan or Local Coastal Plan are Santa Monica, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Rancho Palos Verdes, Venice (City of Los Angeles) and San Pedro (City of Los Angeles).

As proposed, the project will not adversely impact coastal resources or access. The Commission, therefore, finds that the proposed project will be consistent with the Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act and will not prejudice the ability of the Cities to prepare Local Coastal Programs consistent with the policies of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act, as required by Section 30604(a).

**F. California Environmental Quality Act**

As proposed, there are no feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures available which would substantially lessen any significant adverse effect which the activity may have on the environment. Therefore, the Commission finds that the proposed project is the least environmentally damaging feasible alternative and can be found consistent with the requirements of the Coastal Act to conform to CEQA.

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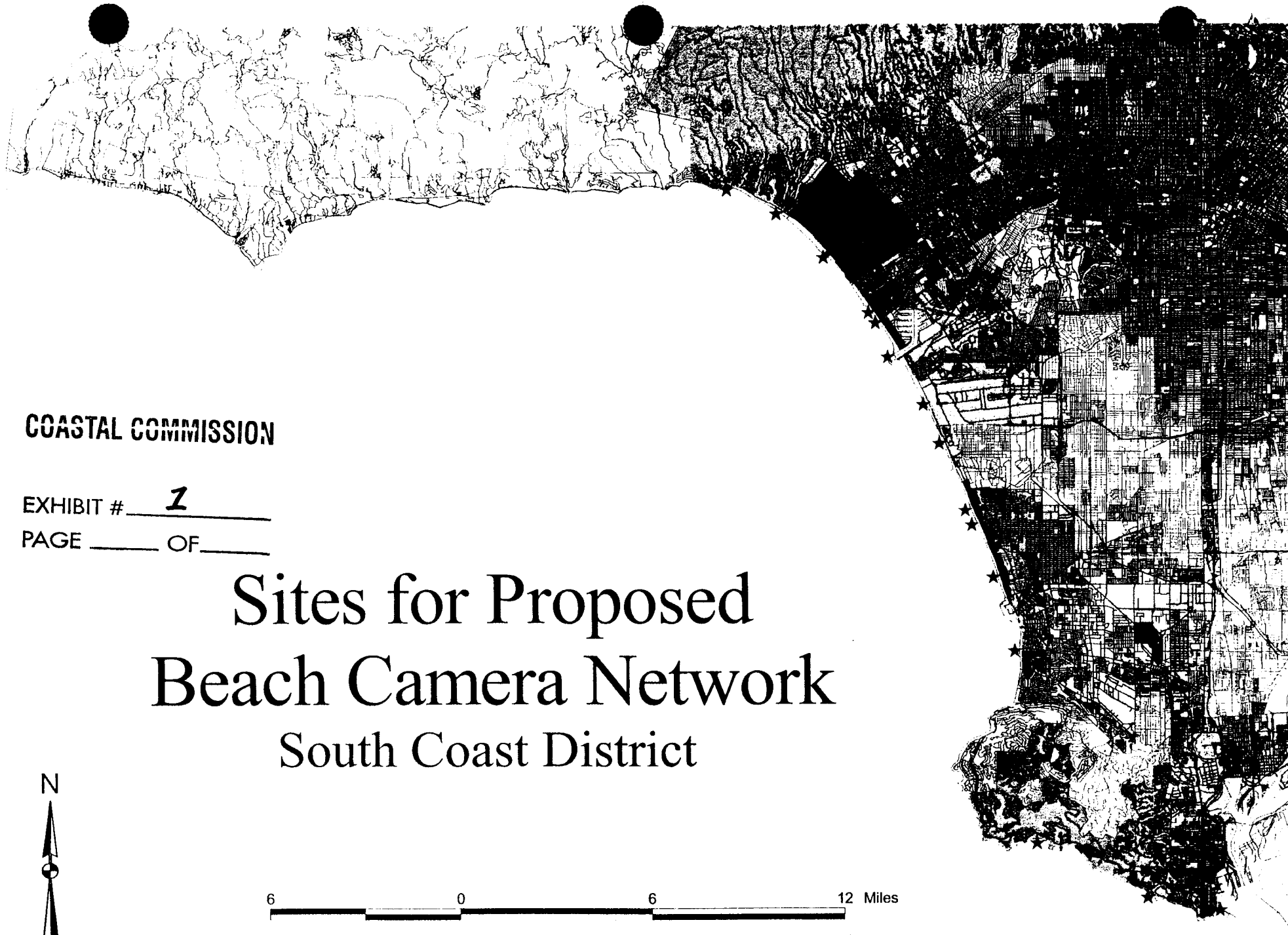
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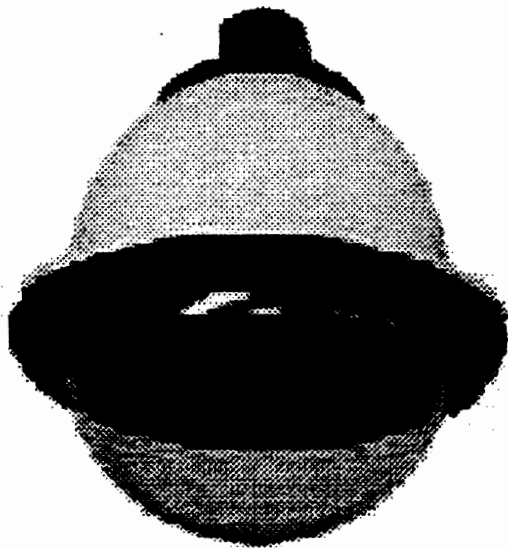
# Sites for Proposed Beach Camera Network South Coast District



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**MODEL PPFD8C**



**EXHIBIT NO. 2**

**APPLICATION NO.**

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*Camera Housing*




*Unit*  
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Pre-Installation



Post-Installation



EXHIBIT NO. 3
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Installation View (10x Zoom)

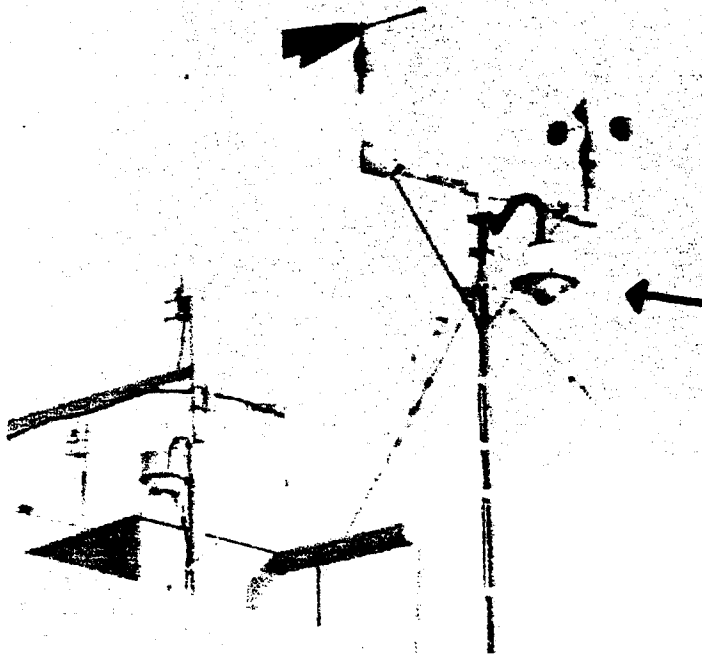



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