

CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

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Permit Application No. **5-03-177**

Date: June 19, 2003

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ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT

APPLICANT: Method Art Corporation

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PROJECT

DESCRIPTION: Remove existing "W" shaped boat dock float, gangway, and landing and replace with 8' by 60' float, 6' x 6' landing attached to existing bulkhead, and 3' by 24' gangway and three 16" diameter guide piles.

PROJECT

LOCATION: 507 W. Edgewater Ave., Newport Beach (Orange County)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DETERMINATION: The findings for this determination, and for any special conditions, appear on subsequent pages.

NOTE: P.R.C. Section 30624 provides that this permit shall not become effective until it is reported to the Commission at its next meeting. If one-third or more of the appointed membership of the Commission so request, the application will be removed from the administrative calendar and set for public hearing at a subsequent Commission meeting. Our office will notify you if such removal occurs.

This permit will be reported to the Commission at the following time and place:

Wednesday, July 9, 2003
10:00 am
Petaluma Sheraton
745 Baywood Drive
Petaluma, CA 94954

IMPORTANT - Before you may proceed with development, the following must occur:

Pursuant to 14 Cal. Admin. Code Sections 13150(b) and 13158, you must sign the enclosed duplicate copy acknowledging the permit's receipt and accepting its contents, including all conditions, and return it to our office. Following the Commission's meeting, and once we have received the signed acknowledgement and evidence of compliance with all special conditions, we will send you a Notice of Administrative Permit Effectiveness.

BEFORE YOU CAN OBTAIN ANY LOCAL PERMITS AND PROCEED WITH DEVELOPMENT, YOU MUST HAVE RECEIVED BOTH YOUR ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT AND THE NOTICE OF PERMIT EFFECTIVENESS FROM THIS OFFICE.

PETER DOUGLAS
Executive Director

By: Meg Vaughn
Title: Coastal Program Analyst

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. Interpretation. Any questions of intent or interpretation of any term or condition will be resolved by the Executive Director or the Commission.
4. 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.
5. 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.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: See pages 4-7

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DETERMINATION (continued):

The Executive Director hereby determines that the proposed development is a category of development which, pursuant to PRC Section 30624, qualifies for approval by the Executive Director through the issuance of an Administrative Permit. Subject to Standard and Special Conditions as attached, said development is in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act of 1976 and will not have any significant impacts on the environment within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act. If located between the nearest public road and the sea, this development is in conformity with the public access and public recreation policies of Chapter 3.

FINDINGS FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DETERMINATION:

A. Project Description and Background

The applicant proposes modifications to an existing boat dock including: removal of an existing "W" shaped float, gangway, and landing and replacement with 8' by 60' float, 6' x 6' landing attached to existing bulkhead, and 3' by 24' gangway and three 16" diameter guide piles.

The subject site is located on Newport Harbor. Waterfront development in this area, like the majority of harbor front homes in Newport Harbor, includes private recreational boat

docks associated with residential development. The proposed dock revision is similar in function to other docks associated with residential development in the immediate vicinity. The boat dock will be used solely for boating recreation purposes. The site has been surveyed by the City of Newport Beach Harbor Resources Division for eelgrass and no eelgrass was discovered within 15 feet of the project area. In addition, eelgrass and caulerpa surveys were conducted by Rick Anderson, and neither was found at the project site. Eelgrass and *Caulerpa taxifolia* surveys are valid for a limited period of time (until the next growing season for eelgrass and 90 days for *Caulerpa taxifolia*). Depending on the date of commencement of construction, the surveys may no longer be valid. Special conditions 3 and 4 identify the procedures necessary to be completed prior to beginning construction in the case the current surveys have expired. In addition, special conditions 3 and 4 identify post-construction eelgrass and caulerpa *taxifolia* procedures.

The nearest public access exists immediately adjacent to the subject site in that there is a public walkway along the bulkhead in this area (Exhibit A). The proposed project will not interfere with public use of the walkway. The proposed project has received approval in concept from the City of Newport Beach Harbor Resources Division (Harbor Permit No. 113-507). The applicant has applied for approval of the proposed project from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB).

B. Recreational Marine Resources

The proposed recreational boat dock development and its associated structures do not result in the fill of coastal waters and are an allowable and encouraged marine related use. The proposed dock work will not have any significant adverse effect on sensitive marine resources, such as eelgrass. Therefore, the Commission finds that the proposed development, which is to be used solely for recreational boating purposes, conforms with Section 30224 of the Coastal Act.

C. Water Quality

The proposed dock work will be occurring on or within coastal waters. The storage or placement of construction material, debris, or waste in a location where it could be discharged into coastal waters would result in an adverse effect on the marine environment. To reduce the potential for construction related impacts on water quality, the Commission imposes special conditions requiring, but not limited to, the appropriate storage and handling of construction equipment and materials to minimize the potential of pollutants to enter coastal waters and for the use of on-going best management practices following construction. As conditioned, the Commission finds that the development conforms with Sections 30230 and 30231 of the Coastal Act.

D. Public Access

As conditioned, the proposed development will not have any new adverse impact on public access to the coast or to nearby recreational facilities. Thus, as conditioned, the proposed

development conforms with Sections 30210 through 30214, Sections 30220 through 30224, and 30252 of the Coastal Act.

E. Local Coastal Program

The LUP for the City of Newport Beach was effectively certified on May 19, 1982. The certified LUP was updated on January 9, 1990. As conditioned, the proposed development is consistent with Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act and with the certified Land Use Plan for the area. Approval of the project, as conditioned, will not prejudice the ability of the local government to prepare a Local Coastal Program that is in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act.

F. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

As conditioned, 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, as conditioned to mitigate the identified impacts, is the least environmentally damaging feasible alternative and can be found consistent with the requirements of the Coastal Act to conform to CEQA.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

1. Construction Responsibilities and Debris Removal

- (a) No construction materials, equipment, debris, or waste shall be placed or stored where it may be subject to wave, wind, or rain erosion and dispersion.
- (b) Any and all construction material shall be removed from the site within 10 days of completion of construction.
- (c) Machinery or construction materials not essential for project improvements shall not be allowed at any time in the intertidal zone.
- (d) If turbid conditions are generated during construction a silt curtain shall be utilized to control turbidity.
- (e) Floating booms shall be used to contain debris discharged into coastal waters and any debris discharged shall be removed as soon as possible but no later than the end of each day.
- (f) Non-buoyant debris discharged into coastal waters shall be recovered by divers as soon as possible after loss.

2. Best Management Practices Program

By acceptance of this permit the applicant agrees that the long-term water-borne berthing of boat(s) in the approved dock and/or boat slip will be managed in a manner that protects water quality pursuant to the implementation of the following BMPs.

(a) Boat Cleaning and Maintenance Measures:

1. In-water top-side and bottom-side boat cleaning shall minimize the discharge of soaps, paints, and debris.
2. In-the-water hull scraping or any process that occurs under water that results in the removal of paint from boat hulls shall be prohibited. Only detergents and cleaning components that are designated by the manufacturer as phosphate-free and biodegradable shall be used, and the amounts used minimized.
3. The applicant shall minimize the use of detergents and boat cleaning and maintenance products containing ammonia, sodium hypochlorite, chlorinated solvents, petroleum distillates or lye.

(b) Solid and Liquid Waste Management Measures:

1. All trash, recyclables, and hazardous wastes or potential water contaminants, including old gasoline or gasoline with water, absorbent materials, oily rags, lead acid batteries, anti-freeze, waste diesel, kerosene and mineral spirits shall be disposed of in a proper manner and shall not at any time be disposed of in the water or gutter.

(c) Petroleum Control Management Measures:

1. Oil absorbent materials shall be examined at least once a year and replaced as necessary. The applicant shall recycle the materials, if possible, or dispose of them in accordance with hazardous waste disposal regulations. The boaters shall regularly inspect and maintain engines, seals, gaskets, lines and hoses in order to prevent oil and fuel spills. Boaters shall also use preventive engine maintenance, oil absorbents, bilge pump-out services, or steam cleaning services as much as possible to clean oily bilge areas and shall not use detergents while cleaning. The use of soaps that can be discharged by bilge pumps is prohibited.

3. Pre-construction Eelgrass Survey

- A. Pre Construction Eelgrass Survey.** A valid pre-construction eelgrass (*Zostera marina*) survey shall be completed during the period of active growth of eelgrass (typically March through October). The pre-construction survey shall be completed prior to the beginning of construction and shall be valid until the next period of active growth. The survey shall be prepared in full compliance with the "Southern California Eelgrass Mitigation Policy" Revision 8 (except as modified by this special condition) adopted by the National Marine Fisheries Service and shall be prepared in consultation with the California Department of Fish and Game. The applicant shall submit the eelgrass survey for the review and approval of the Executive Director within five (5) business days of completion of each eelgrass survey and in any event no later than fifteen (15) business days prior to commencement of any

development. If the eelgrass survey identifies any eelgrass within the project area which would be impacted by the proposed project, the development shall require an amendment to this permit from the Coastal Commission or a new coastal development permit.

- B. Post Construction Eelgrass Survey.** If any eelgrass is identified in the project area by the survey required in subsection A of this condition above, within one month after the conclusion of construction, the applicant shall survey the project site to determine if any eelgrass was adversely impacted. The survey shall be prepared in full compliance with the "Southern California Eelgrass Mitigation Policy" Revision 8 (except as modified by this special condition) adopted by the National Marine Fisheries Service and shall be prepared in consultation with the California Department of Fish and Game. The applicant shall submit the post-construction eelgrass survey for the review and approval of the Executive Director within thirty (30) days after completion of the survey. If any eelgrass has been impacted, the applicant shall replace the impacted eelgrass at a minimum 1.2:1 ratio on-site, or at another location, in accordance with the Southern California Eelgrass Mitigation Policy. All impacts to eelgrass habitat shall be mitigated at a minimum ratio of 1.2:1 (mitigation:impact). The exceptions to the required 1.2:1 mitigation ratio found within SCEMP shall not apply. Implementation of mitigation shall require an amendment to this permit or a new coastal development permit unless the Executive Director determines that no amendment or new permit is required.

4. Pre-construction *Caulerpa Taxifolia* Survey

- A. Not earlier than 90 days nor later than 30 days prior to commencement or re-commencement of any development authorized under this coastal development permit (the "project"), the applicants shall undertake a survey of the project area and a buffer area at least 10 meters beyond the project area to determine the presence of the invasive alga *Caulerpa taxifolia*. The survey shall include a visual examination of the substrate.
- B. The survey protocol shall be prepared in consultation with the Regional Water Quality Control Board, the California Department of Fish and Game, and the National Marine Fisheries Service.
- C. Within five (5) business days of completion of the survey, the applicants shall submit the survey:
- i. for the review and approval of the Executive Director; and
 - ii. to the Surveillance Subcommittee of the Southern California Caulerpa Action Team (SCCAT). The SCCAT Surveillance Subcommittee may be contacted through William Paznokas, California Department of Fish

& Game (858/467-4218) or Robert Hoffman, National Marine Fisheries Service (562/980-4043).

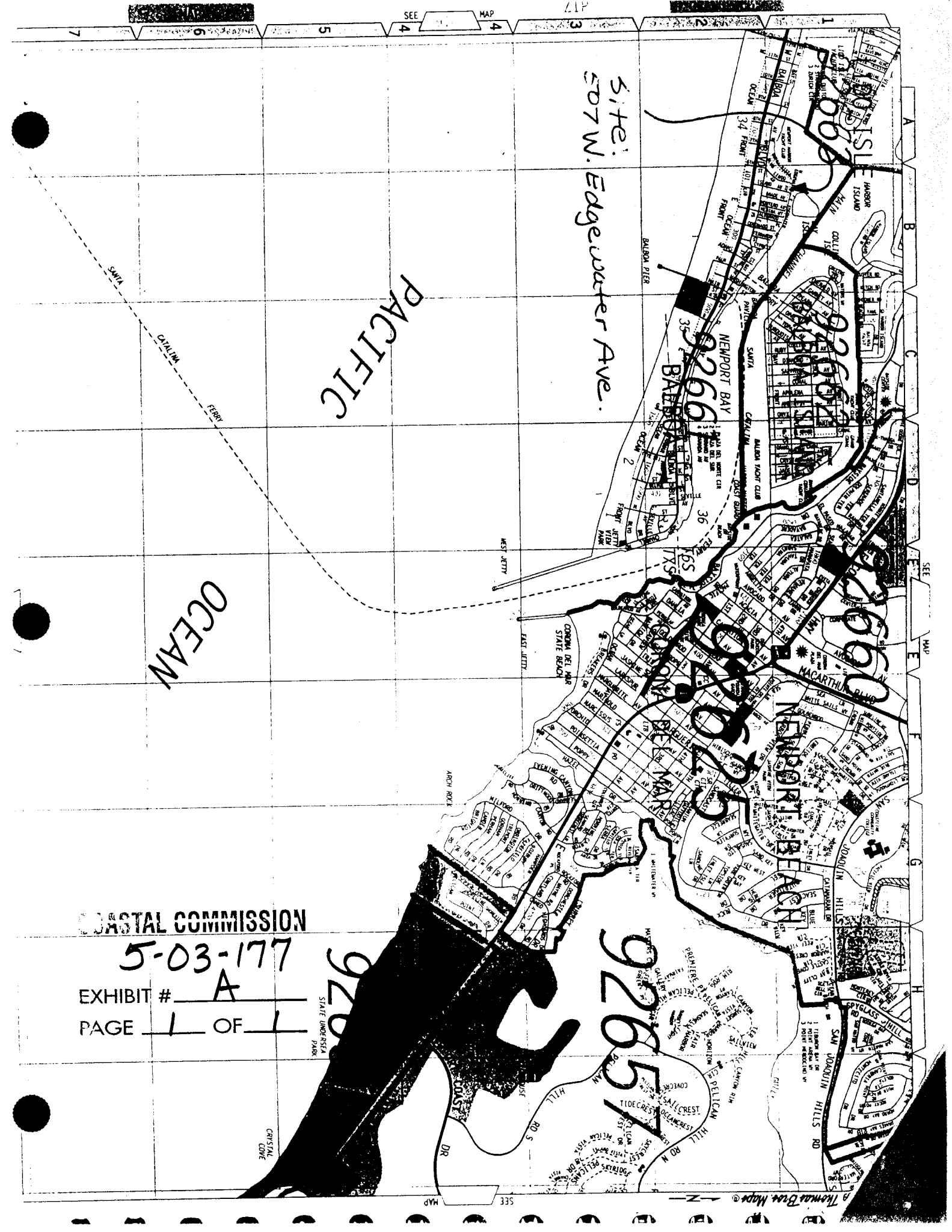
- D. If *Caulerpa taxifolia* is found within the project or buffer areas, the applicants shall not proceed with the project until 1) the applicants provide evidence to the Executive Director that all *C. taxifolia* discovered within the project area and all *C. taxifolia* discovered within the buffer area have been eliminated in a manner that complies with all applicable governmental approval requirements, including but not limited to those of the California Coastal Act, or 2) the applicants have revised the project to avoid any contact with *C. taxifolia*. No revisions to the project shall occur without a Coastal Commission approved amendment to this coastal development permit unless the Executive Director determines that no amendment is legally required.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PERMIT RECEIPT/ACCEPTANCE OF CONTENTS:

I/We acknowledge that I/we have received a copy of this permit and have accepted its contents including all conditions.

Applicant's Signature

Date of Signing



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507 W. Edgewater Ave.

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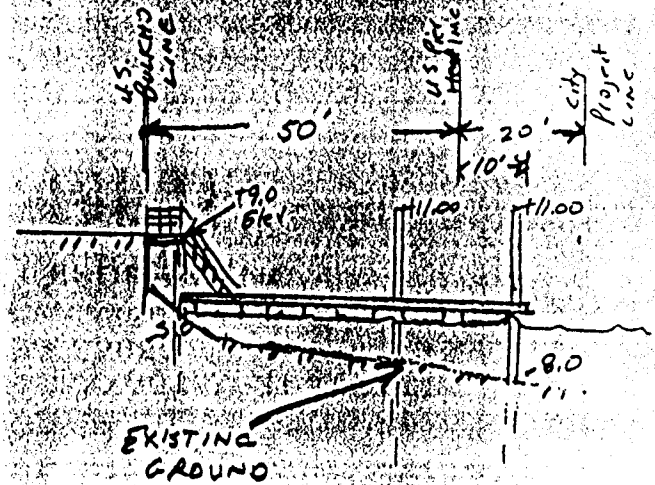
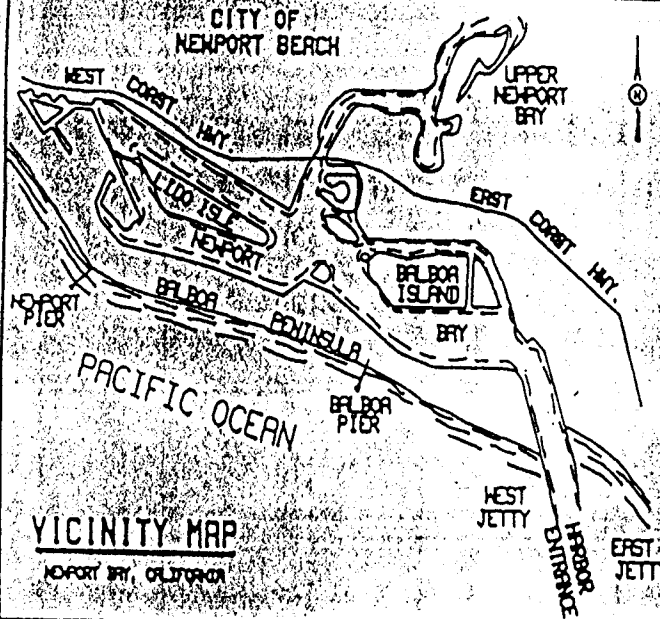
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CRYSTAL COVE

STATE UNDERSEA

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH



SOUNDINGS ARE EXPRESSED IN FEET AND DENOTE ELEVATIONS BASED ON MEAN LOWER LOW WATER.

NOTE: REMOVE AND REPLACE FLOATING DOCK TIER AND CANWAY.
INSTALL 8x60' FLOAT WITH 3-16" PILE
INSTALL 6x6' LANDING + 3x24' CANWAY

EEL GRASS INSPECTION

- NO EEL GRASS WITHIN 15' OF PROJECT
- EEL GRASS IN THE PROJECT AREA

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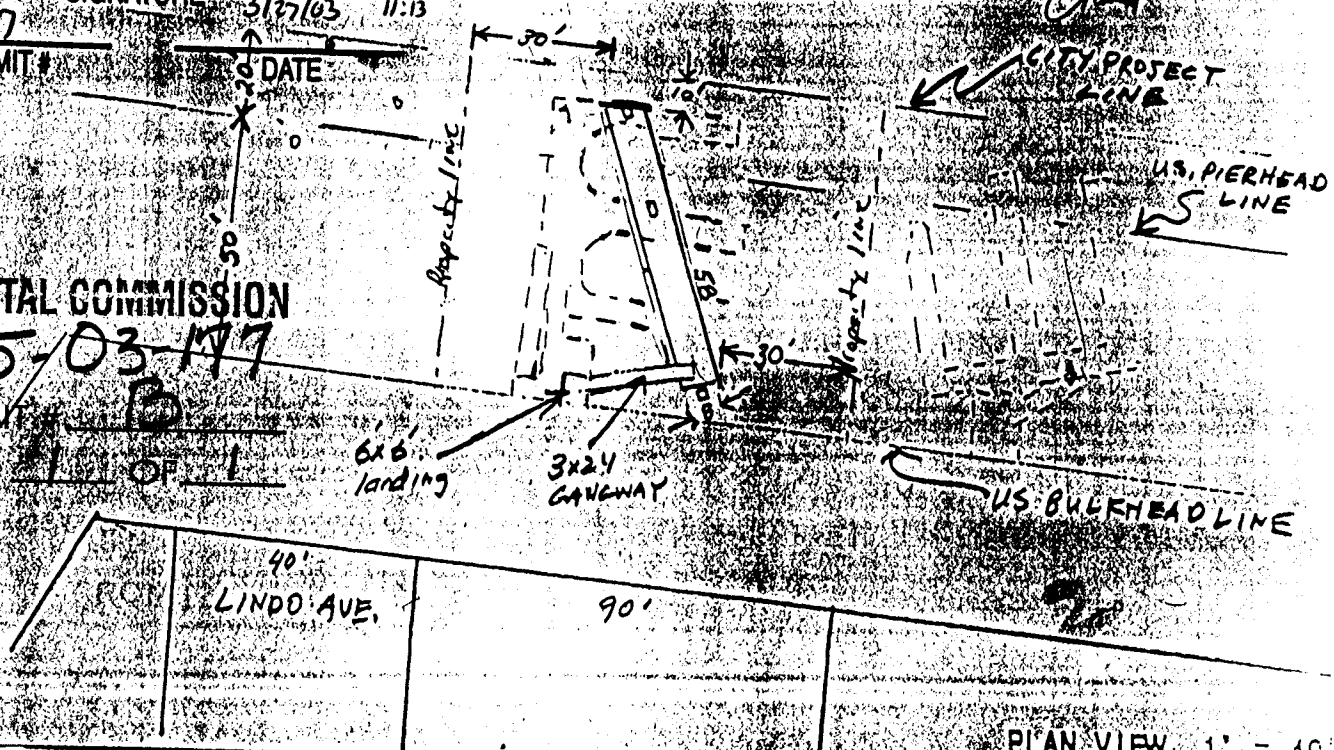
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EXHIBIT B

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Approval in Concept
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