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# W14d & W14e

## ADDENDUM

December 14, 2021

TO: Coastal Commissioners and Interested Parties

FROM: South Coast District Staff

SUBJECT: **ADDENDUM TO COMBINED ITEM W14d & W14e, APPEAL NO. 5-21-0076 & 5-21-0077 (Flock Safety) FOR THE COMMISSION MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021.**

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### I. CHANGES TO STAFF REPORT

Commission staff recommends changes to the staff report dated December 03, 2021 to make a minor revision to the staff report and correct inadvertent typographical errors. Language to be added to the findings is shown in underlined text, and language to be deleted is identified by ~~strike-out~~.

**a) Changes to the SUMMARY OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION, paragraph seven first sentence, revise as follows:**

Finally, the visual impact of the ~~eight~~ six poles up to 12 feet in height, with associated cameras, signs, and power systems has not been adequately analyzed by the local government and as proposed are not consistent with the visual resources policies of the LCP, specifically the Coastal Specific Plan and Urban Appearance Overlay District policies requiring the City to preserve, protect, and enhance the visual character of the City's predominant landforms, protect views from public view corridors, and preserve vegetation as a visual and natural resource. The poles would be higher than most adjacent vegetation and would detract from coastal views from Palos Verdes Drive and Marguerite Drive, which are the first public roads inland of the coast. These impacts to public access and visual resources can be avoided through denial of the requested permits.

## **II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM APPLICANTS AND APPELLANTS**

On December 10, 2021, Commission staff received one letter in support of the appeal and two letters in opposition, which are included as correspondence. The letters in opposition to the Commission's appeal raise substantially the same issues detailed by the project proponents in their application and assert that the cameras would deter crime but did not provide evidence to support this claim. Staff would note that the staff report addresses the concerns brought up by the letters and the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.

On December 13, 2021, the applicant submitted a letter requesting the de novo portion of these hearings be postponed. Additionally, on December 13, 2021, after the deadline to submit materials for publication, Commission staff received a letter from the City of Rancho Palos Verdes (City). The letter provided new information that was not previously included in the City's record. In the letter, the City contends that there is a public benefit to the cameras and provides information regarding increases in vehicle burglaries, the City's contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and a statement that other Flock Safety cameras installed throughout City have been used in crime investigations.

As stated, this information was not included as part of the City's record upon which the appeal was based and does not affect the basis for appeal with respect to the projects' potential impacts to views, public access and recreation. For these reasons, staff continues to recommend the Commission determine a substantial issue exists with respect to the grounds on which the appeals were filed. The new information provided by the City will be further addressed with the de novo portion of the hearings for these items.