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CHAIR CALCAGNO: Okay, at this time we will close it to the floor.

Commissioners?

Commissioner Wear.

#### [ MOTION ]

COMMISSIONER WEAR: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank all of you who have attended today's meeting of the California Coastal Commission and taken an active approach in speaking out on this very important issue.

I have the utmost respect for all points of view expressed here today, on all sides of this issue. This issue has a long history, and it is not over yet. Our actions today, as Commissioners, are but one chapter along the way in sorting out the public policy issues, and the interpretation of the <u>California Coastal Act</u>.

As many of my fellow Commissioner and San Diegans know, I am exceptionally familiar with this area, having grown up in the beach community for over 32 years. I have served as a life guard lieutenant, even served as a seasonal life guard on Mission Bay and Mission Beach, as did my two

brothers. I also served as a sergeant on the Mission Bay Harbor Patrol, and as the executive director of the United States Life Saving Association.

My most recent experiences on Mission Bay occurred just last Friday night, when I camped out in a tent with my six-year old son, Conrad, a tiger Cub Scout, at the youth aquatic facility on Fiesta Island. I paddled a canoe around Enchanted Cove, help shape a sand castle, and watched my son enjoy the bay as I had done years earlier as a Scout.

I know the history of this unique park, and the public's diverse recreational uses. Although, I represent all of Mission Bay Park as a member of the San Diego City Council, I sit today as a member of the California Coastal Commission, pledged to uphold the California Coastal Act.

Clearly, given the emotions on this issue, some people are going to be disappointed by whatever determination is reached here today. The Mission Bay Master Plan has been years in the making. I realize the many years of hard work that has gone into drafting this very important document, all of the public testimony. The plan was approved at most levels, and alternatives were provided along the way, but due to a technicality the California Coastal Commission has had to revisit this issue.

Many people have asked me why is it necessary to tinker with this issue when it has already been before the

Commission. My reply is that I was not a member of the city council, nor the Coastal Commission, in 1994 or 1995, but I am now, and I need to make a decision, and be held accountable.

I would be ignoring the responsibility entrusted to me if I did not exercise both leadership, and followed my conscience and informed convictions regarding the Bahia Point issue.

I know that tonight, regardless of the outcome, I am going to go home tonight, and put my head on the pillow and fall asleep knowing that I did the right thing. During this process, I have attempted to be as objective as possible, talking to every individual who called my office asking for a meeting. I met with many groups with differing viewpoints. I made numerous personal visits to the site, and throughout Mission Bay Park. I even looked at different alternatives, and explored different avenues. I have listened very carefully.

Given the information that I have received on this entire matter, and having listened to your testimony today, I can say with certainty that the current -- the current Mission Bay Master Plan, as it pertains to Bahia Point, does not adequately address, or mitigate at least some of my major concerns.

First, parking, the plan as written virtually

eliminates 250 parking spaces, and mitigates them over on Fiesta Island in the east part of Mission Bay. This is unacceptable. Adequate public parking needs to be maintained at Bahia Point. How many spaces? I don't know, 100? 150? or 200? who knows at this stage? While -- while some parking spaces, and not all the parking spaces.

I made a visit, personal visit to this site, on Labor Day Weekend -- actually it was Labor Day in 1995, and again two weeks later in September. While visiting the very end of the point on Labor Day, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. only 10 of the 59 parking spaces were being used. But, the demand for parking did, in fact, increase as I walked along the easterly shore, south, along Bahia Point towards Ventura Cove.

I have driven to Bahia Point at 7:00 o'clock in the morning, and with no one on the beach, nearly 100 of the 250 public parking spaces were being used by hotel employees, and perhaps some guests. In effect, we have 150 public, really truly public parking spaces there.

If there is any net reduction of parking spaces at Bahia Point, they must be mitigated, or those spaces will be in higher demand. In fact, one of the speakers testified about the need to keep the parking over close to the ocean, in the west part of the bay, and I think that needs to be mitigated at Ventura Cove, Bonita Cove, and the western

portion of the bay, and not over on the east side of the bay, or Fiesta Island.

Secondly, access for small boat users is a concern. Elimination of adequate access for small boat users to the area is unacceptable. The western portion of Mission Bay is called "Sail Bay" for a good reason. It is the best area for sailing. It was planned that way.

In addition, and unfortunately, on many occasions, the east Mission Bay area is polluted from urban runoff, and closed for water contact sports. There was a speaker earlier today that talked about our broken sewage system. We do have an interceptor system that intercepts raw sewage from sewage breakage around the bay, but we still have a problem with the urban runoff, primarily, out of Tecolote Creek, and Rose Creek, into the eastern part of Mission Bay, and that affects water contact sports, for small water craft, and windsurfing.

A minute ago I told you about me being over on Fiesta Island just this last week, and when I was building that sand castle it smelled. Adequate access for small water craft users needs to be addressed satisfactorily in any precise plan at the Bahia Hotel.

Thirdly, the potential loss of lawn area. The traditional picnic use, from the Italian - American community, along the eastern shoreline, with adequate access, needs to be preserved. Any loss of lawn at the end of the

point --

[ Audience reaction ]

-- any loss of lawn at the end of the point, needs to be mitigated by adding additional lawn area along Ventura Cove, and an area for boccie ball and other recreational uses.

Fourth, the concept of a pedestrian bicycle path around Bahia Point is a good idea, and it should be part of the plan. A 16-foot wide new path is overkill, when an 8- to 10-foot path is adequate elsewhere along Mission Bay. A 10-foot path makes sense, and there is wide support for it, and our Coastal Commission staff, obviously, is recommending that.

Some of the Coastal Commission staffers, and some have suggested that the hotel go beyond its 30-foot height limitation that was imposed by Proposition D -- that has been some of the concerns that have been addressed, or some of the ideas. While some might say this is a practical solution, it would set a poor precedent in the coastal area of San Diego, and could pose problems in the future.

I suggest to those who oppose any expansion of the hotel's leasehold, that that is an inflexible position, and very unrealistic. The San Diego City Charter clearly allows a maximum of 25 percent of the park to be used for commercial purposes.

Remember that the City of San Diego is the only

major jurisdiction in Southern California with no paid parking. There is a precedent in allowing existing leaseholders to expand commercial operations into unused areas of the park. It happened in 1976. The Princess Resort, in the north cove, on Vacation Island, was expanded. That beach was not very well utilized, and I can attest to the fact that we only had one life guard there, and very little -- for some reason, very little of the public used that beach. As long as those dollars stay in Mission Bay, from those commercial leases around the bay, that is to the greater good of the population.

As a member of the city council, I would like nothing better than to see some hotel expansion, which means increased revenue to the city, from both the ground lease and the transient occupancy tax. These dollars are critically needed for the implementation of the \$200 million Mission Bay Master Plan.

As an existing leaseholder, with historic roots that stretch from the initial development of the park, the Bahia Hotel, and the Evans family, have been good integral neighbors and partners for the past 43 years. Unfortunately, expansion of this particular hotel may result in some public park land and parking spaces. By most accounts, this area is currently underutilized on a daily basis, but is, nevertheless, utilized regularly.

 As a Coastal Commissioner, I feel our first obligation is to insure public use of this park, and whenever possible to accommodate reasonable commercial uses; therefore, I cannot vote to approve the current Mission Bay Master Plan as it is now written. As the Coastal Commission, we should not micro-manage local government, but we need to uphold the Coastal Act in our duties as Coastal Commissioners, in relation to access.

My recommendation today is to modify the Mission Bay Master Plan to conform with the <u>Coastal Act</u>, as a broad framework and guidelines for the precise development for Bahia Point. The city council, working with the community, and the Evans family, needs to develop a more precise plan which I am sure will get a full debate at the local level, and at some point be back here before the Coastal Commission for its final approval.

Therefore, today, I am going to offer the following motion, as an amendment to the current Mission Bay Master Plan, and I have provided a copy of this for my colleagues and staff, and I will be happy to give you an extra copy. And, I will go ahead and read it for the record, so that everyone will have an opportunity to understand what has gone on today.

What I am going to read is simply the verbiage as it would appear modified. It would be Item No. 17 of the

Bahia Hotel, 600-room resort hotel:

"In accordance with the objective of intensifying existing leaseholds the Bahia Hotel's lease, at the lessee option, should be expanded towards the point of the peninsula, and shifted eastward in some areas. Such an expansion and shift could, potentially, permit the addition of 120 hotel rooms to the complex, above and beyond the current 484-room development plans.

"The following criteria should guide the precise redevelopment plan for Bahia Point."
First bullet point:

"The demand to maintain public parking shall be a priority of any redevelopment plan. Any net loss of public parking, resulting from a lease expansion and/or relocation shall be mitigated by increasing parking lot capacity at Bonita Cove, Ventura Cove, and if necessary other areas in the western half of Mission Bay.

"On-site parking for all hotel employees and guests within the hotel's leasehold shall be provided."

I'll add to my motion the wording that was stated by the Attorney General's Office:

"Nothing in this plan should be construed to allow development, or the closure of public rights of way in a manner inconsistent with statutory or constitutional law."

Fourth bullet point:

"Access needs for small water craft users, and the use of traditional picnic areas along the eastern shoreline shall be preserved as part of the specific redevelopment plan."

COMMISSIONER WAN: Are you substituting -COMMISSIONER WEAR: I substituted the word
preserve, right.

"An adequate public-use zone should be maintained in accordance with the design guidelines, taking into account the narrowness of the peninsula. A 10-foot wide continuous pedestrian and bicycle access..." -- inserting over the word, "path" --

"...around Bahia Point shall be made part of any redevelopment effort of the Bahia Hotel, in accordance with the design guidelines. A minimum 20-foot grass strip

along the eastern side of the peninsula shall remain."

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### Next bullet point:

"To mitigate the loss of any lawn area at Bahia Point, a minimum 20-foot wide grass strip shall replace beach along the length of Ventura Cove, adjacent to the parking lot, for approximately 400 feet. In addition, an approximate 50- by 100-foot lawn area for boccie ball, and other recreational uses, shall be added north of the entrance to the Ventura Cove parking lot, adjacent to the beach."

And, I will take a footnote here, and I have discussed those issues with Park and Recreation, and they are, in fact, viable.

"A seasonal access walkway for all shall be installed at Ventura Cove to the beach, and the Bahia Hotel's expansion plan shall comply with the <u>American Disabilities Act.</u>"

And, that is something that I have added as a result of the testimony today. I think that we would require that anyway, when the plan -- but, I wanted to make it a part of the record.

1	And, the final bullet point is:
2	"Any other public facilities, including
3	all public parking removed from Bahia Point,
4	shall be fully mitigated at the time of, or
5	prior to, redevelopment."
6	So, that is my motion, and I wanted to just make
7	sure, if I could ask counsel for
8	COMMISSIONER RICK: I'll second your motion.
9	COMMISSIONER WEAR: Thank you, Mr. Rick.
10	CHAIR CALCAGNO: There is a motion and a second
11	before this Commission.
12	COMMISSIONER WEAR: And, I'll ask the legal
13	counsel to guide me along at the appropriate time for the
14	motions as they are part of the record.
15	Thank you.
16	CHAIR CALCAGNO: Is there any discussion from any
17	of the Commissioners at this time?
18	COMMISSIONER WAN: Yes.
19	CHAIR CALCAGNO: Commissioner Wan.
20	COMMISSIONER WAN: Well, let
21	CHAIR CALCAGNO: Commissioner Rynerson.
22	COMMISSIONER RYNERSON: Yes, I wanted to ask the
23	staff, in regard to Commissioner Wear's motion, how that
24	relates to the staff recommendation? I know that it is
25	touched on, the areas of concern that have been presented by

the audience here.

What I am concerned about is that sometimes in wording, impacts can occur that we don't necessarily intend.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR DAMM: Commissioner, the difference, I think, between the staff recommendation and what is proposed in Commissioner Wear's November 14 draft language, is that the staff recommendation would simply require all of the public parking, and public use area, to remain. It would also allow for the continuous bike route.

In the alternative language proposed by Commissioner Wear, it indicates that you will maintain public parking as a priority in any redevelopment plan, but if there is any net loss, it is to be mitigated. So, there can be net loss. It has to be mitigated in that alternative; whereas, the staff recommendation simply says maintain the parking.

The language also, that is of concern to staff in the alternative proposed by Commissioner Wear, dealing with the point or the tip of Bahia Point, the staff recommendation would require the lawn area and the parking to remain. This alternative language would allow for that area to be eliminated. Those are the two main differences that I see.

The other item that is being pointed out to me is that the language, with regards to the amount of the expansion area, the city's proposed language indicates that it shall not exceed approximately one acre in area. That

would be deleted under the alternative proposal by Commissioner Wear.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOUGLAS: I think the concern that we have here, and one of the things that I was trying to figure out, while we were outside, was what is the purpose of this? what is the effect of this action? These are all public trust lands. So, there is the question, in terms of what standards of the law are applicable, when a subsequent permit comes in? It is not clear to us, exactly, what language, or what standards are going to be applicable.

However, we do sense that this plan amendment is going to provide guidance, even though it may not be the specific standard of law against which a subsequent actual specific development proposal is measured.

In order to provide guidance, though, we felt it ought to be as specific as possible, and I understand what Commissioner Wear is trying to do here, but from our perspective, we think that this just invites more dispute later on, in terms of what these provisions mean. So, our language is really much more specific than this.

It could be that under Commissioner Wear's language, what the staff is recommending ends up happening, but it is not clear. So, it is really much more open and general. That is the major difference as I see it.

COMMISSIONER RYNERSON: That is the concern I

have. It is also using the term mitigation if there is any net loss, for example, on parking.

Mitigation can mean many things to many people, and if you don't have any framework by which to measure, it is just difficult to quantify.

Thank you.

CHAIR CALCAGNO: Commissioner Staffel.

COMMISSIONER STAFFEL: Thank you. I would like to make a couple of comments.

I think the proposal that has been set forth is certainly -- and I want to commend Commissioner Wear, because he has worked hard on this, and the city has had their submittal, and it is certainly better than the proposal that was adopted by this Board back in May.

And I think that from that standpoint, if the staff is having difficulty, it would be wise for them to look back at their report, their staff report, of July 21, 1995, to the findings associated with that, and I think you can very easily craft those findings to support this proposal that Commissioner Wear has put forth today.

And, I do believe that it is a good, you know, compromise effort. It does delay some issues, but quite frankly when the specific aspects of this comes back, it will come back from the City of San Diego, who will be very cognizant of everything that has gone on here, as they have

been in this entire plan.

I want to mention one other thing, because I think that when we dealt with this before, there was a very important aspect to this, that I think needs to be stated, and that is, you know, Commissioner Wear and other members of this Commission, some are, and some are not, are local government officials. I am a local government official. I am very cognizant of the difficulties of public financing of infrastructure improvements, in local government these days. Last week, this last election, it got more difficult. Proposition 218 passed. Proposition 217 failed. It is going to be a lot tougher for local governments to do public infrastructure of financing.

I felt that way last time when this issue came before this Commission. I feel stronger today because of what has occurred in the last month with those two propositions. I think we have to do more private-public partnerships, and that is the only way that we are going to be able to provide infrastructure. In this case, it is public recreation infrastructure.

So, it really is something that I think makes some sense. You are not going to please everyone. I think Commissioner Wear's compromise goes a long way, and I think he ought to be, and should be commended for that.

I also believe, someone mentioned, boy, if you are

going to vote for this, mention what sections that you think they are consistent with. I think, and you go back to the staff report of July 21, 1995, and take a look at the analysis with respect to 30252 of the <u>Public Resources Code</u>. I think the kind of improvements that this can finance is consistent with that code section.

And, I think, when you talk about public transportation, and a couple of other things, and the bike ways, this helps make them a reality. It also opens up some other areas.

And, I know from where I speak. I am not exactly a stranger to San Diego. I graduated from a little school down the road here, and know all about parking problems, believe me. I think I got a degree in parking problems when I graduated from San Diego State.

But, I really think -- and sometimes, the Commission's focus, and the staff's focus -- and I don't meant this as a criticism, it is just an institutional fact -- they are not as cognizant of local government financing issues, as some of those that sit on this Commission from local government are. And, that is why the Commission was created the way it was. That is why you have six members from local government here. We are very concerned about local government issues. And, today, the most pressing local government issue, is local government financing of public

infrastructure.

I think the proposal today, and the compromise that has been put forward by Commissioner Wear, helps balance those interest with both the <u>Coastal Act</u> and the very real concern we have with respect to how to finance these things. And, when I say "we" I mean any local government entity, and in this case, the City of San Diego, which approved this plan on an eight-to-one vote. We have a very strong letter from Mayor Golding. I think this is something that will set the parameters for the more specific plan to come forward.

And, more importantly, provides -- and some people may snicker at this, but whether it is public investment, or private investment, it provides an incentive for an investment in the public good.

So, I will support Commissioner Wear's motion. CHAIR CALCAGNO: Commissioner Wan.

COMMISSIONER WAN: Yes, I have to commend

Commissioner Wear. This has come a long way, as a

compromise. I still have a couple of specific points of

concern, and I will raise those where -- with regards to why

I could not support it without some additional changes.

In the very first sentence -- and it does go somewhat to what Mr. Douglas said -- it says that the hotel should be expanded towards the point of the peninsula. The problem that I have with that is that under these terms and

conditions, we could see this expand all the way out to the edge of the point. And, the point, itself, is an important area to preserve for public use.

Perhaps, if we could limit the extent of the expansion a little bit more definitively, to -- and I am looking at the map provided by Commissioner Wear. There is an area here, that if we -- I don't know how to define this, legally, though, but if we could limit the expansion out to this point here? Is that a grassy area there?

COMMISSIONER WEAR: Yes.

COMMISSIONER WAN: The end of the grassy area, which allows for considerable hotel expansion, but still it at least allows for some public parking and use of the point.

Then, I think that would clear up some of the issues, and we wouldn't see this coming back to us with the possibility of just taking the entire point away, and that is a kind of a -- I think that is an important issue for me, because I don't want to see losing everything at the point.

COMMISSIONER WEAR: Just to -- that would be the southerly curb of the north parking area, would be how that would be described, so it is that curb on the north parking area --

COMMISSIONER WAN: And, by the way, when we are finished, perhaps we could put a map up for people so we can point to the areas that we are talking about, so people will

have a feeling for what is happening, and what isn't 1 2 happening. 3 CHAIR CALCAGNO: Commissioner Brennan. 4 COMMISSIONER WAN: Wait. 5 CHAIR CALCAGNO: Commissioner Wan, are you 6 finished? 7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOUGLAS: I think, for purposes of understanding exactly what we are talking about, Chuck, if 8 you could grab a bigger map --9 10 COMMISSIONER WAN: I have just a few more points. 11 CHAIR CALCAGNO: We have a -- go ahead, and ask your question. We have an easel over on this end of the 12 podium. 13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOUGLAS: Mr. Damm is going to 14 point it out, just so that we are clear in terms of what was 15 just discussed, if that becomes part of what is being 16 proposed. 17 DISTRICT DIRECTOR DAMM: 18 Is it part of this area, right here. 19 20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOUGLAS: Excuse me, Chuck --COMMISSIONER WAN: 21 No, no. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOUGLAS: 22 -- if you would do it on the microphone, please. 23 COMMISSIONER WAN: 24 Well, first let us agree, and then we will show it to you. 25

It is out --

DISTRICT DIRECTOR DAMM: If I understood you correctly, Commissioner, as you head out to the tip of the point, there is the grassy area, and then there is the road, with parking on each side of the road. Then, there is this area here, that is also a landscaped area --

COMMISSIONER WAN: And, it is the north end of that.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR DAMM: -- and what Commission Wear, I believe, was saying is that it is this area that you are talking about, right in here, and that if there was going to be expansion of the lease area, it would stop at --

COMMISSIONER WAN: That is what I have in mind -CHAIR CALCAGNO: For all of you in the audience -excuse me. For all of you in the audience that are moving
forward, as soon as the Commission views this, we will turn
it around the other way, and we will do it for you, too,
okay.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR DAMM: It is -- okay.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOUGLAS: So, it is the -- what did you say? the southerly edge of the curbing area out on the point, of the northern --

COMMISSIONER WAN: Well, Mr. Damm will show it to everybody --

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOUGLAS: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER WAN: -- so that they understand. DISTRICT DIRECTOR DAMM: I am sure that the people 2 in the back can't see. 3 But, what is being discussed is that Gleason Road, 4 and the parking in this area here. 5 6 And, what Commissioner Wan is discussing is that the expansion of the lease area would stop at this point 7 here, where this little island of landscaping is. 8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOUGLAS: It could go no 9 10 further than that. DISTRICT DIRECTOR DAMM: No further than this --11 COMMISSIONER WAN: It doesn't require it to go out 12 to there, but it would go no further than that, so that at 13 least it would preserve that area, that additional area of 14 parking. 15 CHAIR CALCAGNO: The road would be gone? 16 COMMISSIONER WAN: 17 No. DISTRICT DIRECTOR DAMM: No, the road would not be 18 gone under what is being proposed by --19 CHAIR CALCAGNO: Okay, thank you very much. 20 COMMISSIONER WAN: Then --21 CHAIR CALCAGNO: Now, if we can remove the easels, 22 so that the audience can see the Commission, and we can see 23 the audience, thank you. 24 We appreciate that.

COMMISSIONER WAN: I have another question, for

Commissioner Wear.

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If we go to -- I think it is great to add lawn, so that we don't lose any lawn area, but I saw a lot of pictures up here today that showed along -- I think it is the eastern side, a lot of beach. What happens to that? are we going to lose all of that beach area?

COMMISSIONER WEAR: No, it would maintain the existing lawn along at least 20-feet in width along the easterly shore.

COMMISSIONER WAN: And, then there was still -- along the easterly shore there still would be some beach?

COMMISSIONER WEAR: Oh, yes, then after the --

COMMISSIONER WAN: Oh, okay, that was --

COMMISSIONER WEAR: -- lawn there is the beach,

COMMISSIONER WAN: -- just a question, that is fine.

And, um --

CHAIR CALCAGNO: Are you finished, Commissioner Wan?

COMMISSIONER WAN: -- um, Commission, I'll let -- Commissioner Rynerson has some additional questions, but I -- CHAIR CALCAGNO: Commissioner Brennan was next.

COMMISSIONER WAN: -- let me just finish, I have another question, about, if you go to bullet point one, it

says the demand to main public parking shall be a priority of any redevelopment plan, and any net loss of public parking shall be mitigated by increasing parking lot capacity at Bonita Cove, Ventura Cove, and if necessary the western half of Mission Bay.

Since the bulk of the parking that is going to be lost, is at the north end of the point, these -- if I am correct, and you will have to excuse me, because I am not that familiar with Mission Bay -- but these are fairly far away. Is there any way to mitigate for the loss of that parking, closer?

COMMISSIONER WEAR: Yes, and let me explain that to you.

Out at the end of the point, because that is the parking that could be conceivably lost, or whatever, what you have is a great degree of beach use, and high impaction. Right down south of here at Bonita Cove, some parking could be added there. There could be some additional parking spaces added down here at Ventura Cove right in proximity. Ventura Cove is where a life guard is posted, for example, and we could use some additional capacity right here, and we need that.

The whole idea of -- the current way is that we are saying that we are going to mitigate it some other place in Mission Bay Park. And, we are saying, keep it over on the

1	west side of the bay, adjacent to the Mission Bay community.
2	And, that is what one of the speaker's talked about
3	COMMISSIONER WAN: Okay, so that is fairly close
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5	COMMISSIONER WEAR: the demand on that is
6	correct
7	COMMISSIONER WAN: to, okay
8	COMMISSIONER WEAR: oh, absolutely.
9	COMMISSIONER WAN: those are my primary
10	concerns.
11	COMMISSIONER RYNERSON: If you would excuse me,
12	for just a minute, Mr. Chairman, because it relates to
13	clarifying
14	CHAIR CALCAGNO: If it relates to the same
15	subject, follow through.
16	COMMISSIONER RYNERSON: Yes.
17	Any other public facilities, including all public
18	parking, removed from Bahia Point shall be fully mitigated at
19	the time of, or prior to, redevelopment, and I wasn't
20	COMMISSIONER WEAR: The staff had a
21	COMMISSIONER RYNERSON: sure how it related to
22	the other part.
23	COMMISSIONER WEAR: it is catch all that
24	relates to anything that we do at Bahia Point, that needs
25	mitigation.

1 The concept is to -- we are not going to say we are going to do that five years after the development. 2 changes we make, and facilities that might be lost, would 3 have to be mitigated at the time of development. 4 COMMISSIONER RYNERSON: Well, and, at that site? 5 could that be added? 6 COMMISSIONER WEAR: Well, if we lose some parking, 7 it would be in the general vicinity, so --8 COMMISSIONER RYNERSON: Yes, and what I am saying 9 is, if you are going to mitigate it, what would that proposal 10 -- what kind of a proposal would that be? 11 COMMISSIONER WEAR: Well, for example --12 COMMISSIONER RYNERSON: How would you mitigate it? 13 COMMISSIONER WEAR: -- conceptually, we have 14 already talked about mitigating. If we went out, for 15 example, and extended it out to the line that Commissioner 16 Wan talked about, losing a little bit of lawn. Well, I have 17 already stated where I would add that lawn right back into 18 this area adjacent to Ventura Cove, so --19 20 COMMISSIONER RYNERSON: Okay. COMMISSIONER WEAR: -- we would displace it right 21 there. I have already made that. That is already part of the 22 motion, because I am actually spelling that out on --

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COMMISSIONER WEAR: -- the provision -- it would

I see.

COMMISSIONER RYNERSON;

1	be on the top of page 2, any mitigation of loss of to
2	mitigate the loss of any lawn area, a minimum of 20-foot wide
3	shall be replaced at the beach along the length of Ventura
4	Cove, 400 feet, and some additional 50- by 100-foot lawn
5	area.
6	COMMISSIONER RYNERSON: I was just concern that it
7	would be in this vicinity, because it is so heavily used.
8	COMMISSIONER WEAR: I don't have a in that
9	vicinity, it would be, you know, that language wouldn't
10	bother me at all. That is the intent of it.
11	COMMISSIONER RYNERSON: Okay, and I am wondering,
12	could that be clarified a bit?
13	COMMISSIONER WEAR: Yes.
14	COMMISSIONER WAN: I have one question, also, one
15	additional
16	CHAIR CALCAGNO: Well, we are
17	COMMISSIONER WAN: and that would be my last
18	question.
19	CHAIR CALCAGNO: going back and forth here. Go
20	ahead, Commission Wan, you keep your question in the
21	background
22	COMMISSIONER WAN: All right, I am sorry.
23	CHAIR CALCAGNO: Commissioner Brennan has the
24	floor.
25	COMMISSIONER WAN: We don't do we lose the

parking over here, along the eastern shore?

COMMISSIONER WEAR: That is left to the city council to work out as part of this. We are saying, it is the demand for parking, and that will come back as part of the specific plan: how many spaces, and what the configurations are.

COMMISSIONER WAN: No, but, we don't necessarily, we don't -- the way it is worded, I mean, we won't lose that parking?

COMMISSIONER WEAR: We may lose some of it. We are not going to lose all of it, is kind of the way the interpretation is. We don't know how much we are going to lose.

I'll tell you one other thing. The planning commission took a shot at this issue, during the process. One of their compromises was the reduction of some parking on the non-beach side of the point. That is another option. So, we have -- the City of San Diego needs to meet with the community groups, and work out these access issues, because we don't want to preclude anything that could affect that.

COMMISSIONER RYNERSON: Well, yes, because you are seeing that the access needs shall be preserved.

COMMISSIONER WEAR: Right.

COMMISSIONER RYNERSON: So, that is --

COMMISSIONER WEAR: That is the intention.

1 COMMISSIONER RYNERSON: -- saying, preserve means 2 saving, so 3 COMMISSIONER WEAR: Right. COMMISSIONER RYNERSON: -- I just want to be sure 4 there isn't a contradiction in the wording in here. 5 COMMISSIONER WEAR: I think it is consistent. 6 CHAIR CALCAGNO: Commissioner Brennan. 7 COMMISSIONER RYNERSON: 8 I'm not sure. COMMISSIONER BRENNAN: 9 Okay, I am a little confused, with regards to the use that we are just using 10 right now, in terms of access. 11 There is physical access that we are talking 12 about, and we are talking about vehicular access. A large 13 portion of the body that spoke today, spoke in regards to 14 vehicular access. I think Mr. Wear's proposal addresses foot 15 traffic and pedestrian access, as opposed to vehicular 16 access. But, --17 COMMISSIONER WEAR: Just to correct, it affects 18 all access, in general. As we look at this thing from a 19 precise standpoint within the city, we need to look at all of 20 the access issues and work out those issues at the local 21 level. 22 COMMISSIONER BRENNAN: 23 Okav --COMMISSIONER WEAR: 24 That is the intent in it. COMMISSIONER BRENNAN: -- well, in that regard, I 25

agree that this is a local issue matter.

I do agree, and I would like to refer to Mr. Staffel. Mr. Staffel represents a San Diego interest here, from having gone to school here. I am, unknown to many of you out here, but I, too, was a San Diego resident for a long time. I first moved to San Diego in 1967, in route to Southeast Asia, and I left my family here, and when I came back, intending to go to law school in northern California, the family said, "No, this is too important. San Diego is very unique. We want to stay here."

So, I put my roots in San Diego for some 20-some years. I had a law practice in the north county, lived for a time in Mission Hills, went to school at USD, which, of course, overlooks Mission Bay. During breaks in class, I would meet my family, either south or north of the Hilton Hotel, to either fly kites, study, or watch the kids play in the gymnasiums, or park ground facilities. After that, of course, I either jogged, cycled, I have wind surfed, cycled, water skied and sailed all throughout Sail Bay, around Fiesta Bay. I have played over-the-line at Mariners Point. I played in the on-back tournament on Fiesta Island. I am familiar with the properties that we are talking about.

What I am most impressed with is Mrs. Duffy's remarks today, which reminded us that this is an entire plan. This is an entire park. And, what we have focused on today

is a small portion of this integral plan, and my analysis of this is that this is not an access issue. It is not a matter of circling Bahia Point with access.

You people have never been denied access under this plan. I will say you have been inconvenienced a bit, in the fact that you are going to have to walk a little bit.

But, in terms of coastal access, up and down this coast, whether you are in San Elijo, and you want to surf, and the access is up on the coast, surfers walk more than a half-amile, or so, to get to great surfing spots. Up and down the coast, in the Big Sur area, if you want to access the beach, people walk to get to these beach locations, and access locations. That is all access, and it works.

In this situation, and moving the access down to Ventura Cove, the access that is available there, it is inconvenient for those people that do surf, or windsurf off of the point, but you can still get there. Nobody has denied anybody access to any part of Mission Bay. This is a park. This is your park, and, you are entitled to every square foot of it. And, so from that perspective, you haven't been denied anything under this plan.

But, what this plan does do, as Tim said, this is a plan that addresses the infrastructure of continuing to have a great park. That is the important thing. In this park plan, you are addressing the long-term needs, staff has

identified.

Staff said, quote, "recreational demands are growing in San Diego."

I have experienced these things. I have watched them. I have grown up on Mission Bay with all of you. I have seen the increased demand of these facilities, and until we turn around, I agree, Fiesta Island is not where I want to be now, but in 10 years, 20 years, Fiesta Island is where a lot of people are going to go, because we are going to be able to fix Fiesta Island up, and it is going to be neat, and nice, and everybody is going to enjoy it, and it is going to provide access for people who are coming from Chula Vista, Poway, Rancho Bernardo, Escondido, Watsonville, and all over the United States, for that matter.

So, from that perspective, you need the fiscal infrastructure to help that out, and in doing that, this expansion, this master plan, is helping to identify that type of an expansion.

And, from that perspective I was willing to, and anxious to support the plan as originally suggested by the city planners, and by the people who put together the master plan update.

However, in hearing Mr. Wear's presentation, and suggested modifications, I think they make sense, because I appreciate all of the problems that the wind surfers have in

getting out to that point. I realize you are going to be inconvenienced. Hopefully, Mr. Wear's suggestion is going to help mitigate some of those problems that you are having.

But, I think what you need to look at is the global perspective that we are talking about. We are talking about a regional park that includes access to everybody, and that is what we are trying to achieve.

So, from that perspective, I also recommend support of Mr. Wear's recommendation, or amendment.

CHAIR CALCAGNO: Commissioner Belgard.

COMMISSIONER BELGARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I, too, am a locally elected official, like Mr. Staffel, although, thankfully, I am not an attorney, so I won't be as verbose as he was. But, I tend to agree with everything that he said. I just am not able to say it in that way.

And, I, like Mr. Wear, who is locally elected, he has to face you folks down here, and I happen to think that he has got a really good plan, and a good idea, and that, you know, it is sort of easy for us, we vote yea or nay, and we are gone. I don't think there probably won't be too many of you coming up to Santa Cruz to surf, when you have got plenty of surf down here.

So, I think this is a plan that fits a lot of the needs, and while it is not going to satisfy everyone, it

seems workable, and I am prepared to support the motion.

CHAIR CALCAGNO: Commissioner Flemming.

VICE CHAIR FLEMMING: I am also an elected official, and understand the city's needs, and I will not be verbose, however, because I think we need to call the question, and get on with this.

Thank you.

CHAIR CALCAGNO: Okay.

Commissioner Wan, and then after that we are going to go to take action.

COMMISSIONER WAN: I need a couple of points of clarification.

And, by the way, there is a big difference to a windsurfer carrying a windsurfer from a long distance away, and also he needs the wind, which as I understand it is at the point, so I am not going to get into that whole issue, but there are specific types of uses that will be precluded if we don't allow parking at the point, itself.

I need a clarification from staff. On the wording, where it says: shifted eastward in some areas. If that creates a parking loss along the eastern side, would we, as a Commission when this does come back to us, would we be able to say, "No," or would this wording permit loss of parking along the eastern shore to take place, and we would have no ability to say, "No," because we had granted this

1 permission today? 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOUGLAS: You would --3 COMMISSIONER WAN: It is not just the northern parking that I am looking at. 4 5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOUGLAS: 6 COMMISSIONER WAN: I am looking at the eastern shore. 7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOUGLAS: You would have the 8 ability to say, "No," under the Coastal Act --9 10 COMMISSIONER WAN: Okay. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOUGLAS: -- because the public 11 access policies of Chapter 3 would be applicable, and be 12 applied by the Commission sitting at the time that the matter 13 14 comes back to you. I think in terms of getting on with the motions, 15 and getting to some sort of legal action, though, you need a 16 motion on the plan as submitted, and our recommendation is to 17 deny it as submitted, and then to go on with the suggested 18 modifications. 19 And, perhaps Deborah, you can indicate where the 20 resolutions are, and --21 COMMISSIONER WAN: Just before we do that, I would 22 like to ask Commissioner Wear, if he is agreeable to the 23 suggestion that I made when he makes his amendment --24

COMMISSIONER WEAR:

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COMMISSIONER WAN: -- with regards to the furthest extension northward.

COMMISSIONER WEAR: It would be the Bahia Hotel's lease, at the lessee's option, should be expanded towards the point of the peninsula, to the south curb of the north parking lot.

> Yes, no further than, right? COMMISSIONER WAN: COMMISSIONER WEAR: Yes.

CHAIR CALCAGNO: Okay, Commission Holanda, you want the floor, and then we will act.

COMMISSIONER HOLANDA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I just want to, in essence, reiterate what my fellow Commissioners have clearly articulated in supporting Commissioner Wear's amendment; however, I want to point out that the concern right now for specificity is something that I don't think we should be delving into, because as Commissioner Brennan talked about, and clearly indicated here we are talking about a master plan, and subsequently those details will be worked out.

I am encouraged by Commissioner Wear's outline in his bullet points, and I think these matters will be sufficiently discussed at the local level.

But, one thing that Commissioner Staffel did point out, and I think it is an underlying factor here, and I know we don't really delve into the fiscal realities of cities and counties here, but it is a reality. And, nevertheless, as you look at this aquatic park, my agency looks at it as an amenity for economic development, and this is something that we would want to see developed, and followed through, relative to the local government's master plan.

So, with that, I would encourage my fellow Commissioners to support Commissioner Wear's amendments.

CHAIR CALCAGNO: Commissioner Randa.

COMMISSIONER RANDA: I want to commend

Commissioner Wear for his thoughtful and consensus building

approach to drafting a motion that I think addressed some of

the issues that I was concerned about.

I look at it as overall plan. We are adding more than 100 acres of new park land. We are adding more than 100 acres of wetlands, 5000 more parking spaces, a new nature center, and we will be improving the water quality of Mission Bay, not to mention we are increasing the view shed, and that we are also creating a plan for a bike path and a pedestrian trail, used not only by the handicapped, but also mothers with strollers, and other things that you have to roll with. That is why this plan has received unanimous approval from almost every major citizens group, including the Audubon Society, and the Friends of Mission Bay.

I think that in an overall plan, it has done a good job. I think that Commissioner Wear has taken the Bahia

Point into an area where he can compromise and create flexibility for the city to address those very important concerns, while still showing our support for as much access to the point as possible. And, I support it. CHAIR CALCAGNO: Commissioner Wear. COMMISSIONER WEAR: Okay, now to go ahead and go to the motions, if that would be okay with the counsel. CHIEF COUNSEL FAUST: The first motion is on page five, Commissioner, and I think you can do it in three motions. COMMISSIONER WEAR: Okay. CHIEF COUNSEL FAUST: And, we will try to walk together on it. COMMISSIONER WEAR: Okay. [ MOTION ] Motion one is that I would move that the Commission certify the City of San Diego Land Use Plan Amendment No. 1-95, as submitted, but recommending a "No" vote. VICE CHAIR FLEMMING: Second. CHAIR CALCAGNO: It has been moved and seconded. Roll call. SECRETARY GOEHLER: Commissioner Belgard?

COMMISSIONER BELGARD: No.

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1	SECRETARY GOEHLER: Commissioner Flemming?
2	VICE CHAIR FLEMMING: No.
3	SECRETARY GOEHLER: Commissioner Rynerson?
4	COMMISSIONER RYNERSON: No.
5	SECRETARY GOEHLER: Commissioner Randa?
6	COMMISSIONER RANDA: No.
7	SECRETARY GOEHLER: Commissioner Rick?
8	COMMISSIONER RICK: No.
9	SECRETARY GOEHLER: Commissioner Staffel?
10	COMMISSIONER STAFFEL: No.
11	SECRETARY GOEHLER: Commissioner Wan?
12	COMMISSIONER WAN: No.
13	SECRETARY GOEHLER: Commissioner Wear?
14	COMMISSIONER WEAR: No.
15	SECRETARY GOEHLER: Chairman Calcagno?
16	CHAIR CALCAGNO: No.
17	SECRETARY GOEHLER: Zero, nine.
18	CHAIR CALCAGNO: Motion carried.
19	Next motion.
20	CHIEF COUNSEL FAUST: The next motion is at the
21	top of page 6, Motion No. 2, and then we are going to amend
22	that motion before we do a final vote on it.
23	[ MOTION ]
24	COMMISSIONER WEAR: Correct, and so I would
25	CHAIR CALCAGNO: Move the motion as stated

COMMISSIONER WEAR: -- go ahead and make the motion --

CHIEF COUNSEL FAUST: And, then amend the main motion, that is correct.

COMMISSIONER WEAR: -- as stated.

All right, I move that the Commission certify the Mission Bay Park Master Plan, if it modified in conformance with Suggested Modifications No. 1-16 of the attached revised findings, dated July 15, 1995, as revised to delete a specific reference to Bahia Hotel expansion in Suggested Modification No. 12, and with Suggested Modifications Nos. 17 and 18, which are set forth in the staff report, and recommending a "Yes" vote.

COMMISSIONER BELGARD: Second.

CHAIR CALCAGNO: It has been moved and seconded.

CHIEF COUNSEL FAUST: Now, you will --

CHAIR CALCAGNO: Now we will amend it.

CHIEF COUNSEL FAUST: -- you will need an amending motion. And, staff, please listen, because I am going to take a first attempt at this, but my understanding of the amending motion is that the amending motion would substitute for Modification No. 17, the language that Commissioner Wear has suggested.

So, there would be a complete substitution of language, in place of staff's version of Modification 17, it

would be the language that Commissioner Wear has previously 1 2 discussed. 3 And, just for now an attorney's clarification, my understanding is the Commissioner had already included within 4 that modification the language that the Attorney General had 5 6 earlier suggested. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOUGLAS: And, for 7 clarification, it is my understanding that Commissioner Wear 8 9 had accepted the language suggested by Commissioner Wan. which would add to the first paragraph that it would be 10 11 shifted eastward no further than the southern curb of the --COMMISSIONER WEAR: North parking lot. 12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOUGLAS: -- north parking 13 area, right. 14 15 COMMISSIONER WEAR: Right. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOUGLAS: And, then with 16 respect to --17 COMMISSIONER WEAR: It would be shifted north, I 18 believe. 19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOUGLAS: North. 20 COMMISSIONER WEAR: 21 The correct direction is north, by the time you get around the point. 22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOUGLAS: All right. 23 And, then on the first bullet, where you talked 24 about any net loss of public parking resulting from a lease

1 expansion, and/or relocation shall be mitigated, and I heard you accepting some language there that says, "in the 2 vicinity." 3 COMMISSIONER WEAR: Actually, that is the last bullet point, that by the Commissioner, it was any other 5 public facilities, including all parking removed from Bahia 6 Point, shall be fully mitigated in the vicinity of Bahia 7 Point --8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOUGLAS: Okay. 9 COMMISSIONER WEAR: -- at the time prior to the 10 redevelopment. 11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOUGLAS: All right. 12 COMMISSIONER WEAR: In the vicinity of. 13 CHAIR CALCAGNO: Is there a "second" for the 14 amendment? 15 COMMISSIONER BELGARD: Second. 16 CHAIR CALCAGNO: Roll call on the amendment. 17 COMMISSIONER WEAR: Recommending a "Yes" vote. 18 CHAIR CALCAGNO: Correct. 19 SECRETARY GOEHLER: Commissioner Flemming? 20 VICE CHAIR FLEMMING: Yes. 21 SECRETARY GOEHLER: Commissioner Rynerson? 22 COMMISSIONER RYNERSON: Yes. 23 SECRETARY GOEHLER: Commissioner Randa? 24 COMMISSIONER RANDA: Yes. 25

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1	SECRETARY GOEHLER: Commissioner Rick?
2	COMMISSIONER RICK: Yes.
3	SECRETARY GOEHLER: Commissioner Staffel?
4	COMMISSIONER STAFFEL: Yes.
5	SECRETARY GOEHLER: Commissioner Wan?
6	COMMISSIONER WAN: Yes.
7	SECRETARY GOEHLER: Commissioner Wear?
8	COMMISSIONER WEAR: Yes.
9	SECRETARY GOEHLER: Commissioner Belgard?
10	COMMISSIONER BELGARD: Yes.
11	SECRETARY GOEHLER: Chairman Calcagno?
12	CHAIR CALCAGNO: Yes, amendment passes.
13	Next vote will be on the main motion, as amended.
14	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOUGLAS: If
15	CHAIR CALCAGNO: Roll call, and can we substitute
16	the previous roll call, if there is no objections from the
17	Commission?
18	CHIEF COUNSEL FAUST: You may do that.
19	COMMISSIONER WAN: Mr. Douglas wanted to say
20	something.
21	Mr. Douglas.
22	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOUGLAS: All I wanted to say
23	is that Commissioner Wear's proposed changes have now been
24	adopted, and we think moves this plan a mighty way to where
25	we were, and we think that you have tremendously improved it.
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1 COMMISSIONER WEAR: Thank you. 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOUGLAS: We are not changing our recommendation on those changes, but if you adopt this, I 3 think you have done a good compromise here. CHAIR CALCAGNO: Okay, anymore? That is it? 5 right. 6 CHIEF COUNSEL FAUST: You may substitute the 7 previous roll call without objections, Mr. Chairman. 8 CHAIR CALCAGNO: Okay, if there is no objection, 9 we substitute the previous roll call, and the motion, as 10 amended passes. 11 VICE CHAIR FLEMMING: May I say -- okay, thank 12 you. 13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOUGLAS: Mr. Chairman, if we 14 could ask the people in the audience --15 CHAIR CALCAGNO: Well, before they leave, I would 16 like to thank them again for their courtesy. I would like to 17 also thank Vice President Flemming, and Wan, for assisting me 18 in conducting the meeting today. They were a great help, and 19 you were a great group to work with. 20 And, again we would like to congratulate 21 Commissioner Wear for all of the work he has put to bring 22 this issue to a head here today. 23 Thank you, all. 24

[ Whereupon the hearing was concluded. ]