



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



Richard J. Bruckner
Director

**CERTIFIED-RECEIPT
REQUESTED**

December 8, 2010

Justin Robinson
1750 East Ocean Boulevard, Suite 906
Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Mr. Robinson,

**SUBJECT: PROJECT NO. R2009-00684 – (5)
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 200900038**

A public hearing on Conditional Use Permit Case (“CUP”) No. 20090038 was held before the Los Angeles County Hearing Officer (“Hearing Officer”) on December 7, 2010.

After considering the evidence presented, the Hearing Officer in his action on December 7, 2010, **approved** the CUP in accordance with Title 22 (Zoning Ordinance) of the Los Angeles County Code (“County Code”). A copy of the findings and conditions is attached.

The decision of the Hearing Officer regarding the CUP shall become final and effective on the 15th date following the date of the decision, provided no appeal of the action taken has been filed with the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission (“Commission”) within the following time period:

- In accordance with the requirements of the County Code, the CUP may be appealed within 14 days following the decision of the Commission. **The appeal period for this project will end at 5:00 p.m. on December 21, 2010.**

The applicant or any other interested person may appeal the decision of the Hearing Officer regarding the CUP to the Commission. **If you wish to appeal the decision of the Hearing Officer to the Commission, you must do so in writing and pay the appropriate fee.** The appeal form is available on the Department of Regional Planning website, (<http://planning.lacounty.gov>). The fee for appeal process is \$5,552.00 for the applicant and \$689.00 for non-applicant(s). If the applicant files an appeal for no more than a total of two conditions on the approved CUP, the appellant shall pay a processing fee in the amount of \$689.

To initiate the appeal, submit your appeal letter and a check made payable to the “County of Los Angeles” to Commission Services, Room 1350, 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California,

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Approval Letter

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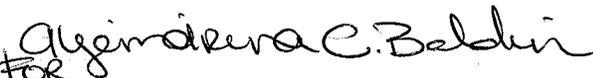
90012. Please be advised that your appeal will be rejected if the check is not submitted with the letter.

Upon completion of the appeal period, please notarize the attached acceptance forms and hand deliver this form and any other required fees or materials to the planner assigned to your case. Please make an appointment with the case planner to assure that processing will be completed expeditiously.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Donald Kress of the Land Divisions Section of the Department of Regional Planning at (213) 974-6433 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Our offices are closed Fridays.

Sincerely,

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING
Richard J. Bruckner
Director


for
Susan Tae, AICP, Supervising Regional Planner
Land Divisions Section

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Enclosures: Findings, Conditions, Negative Declaration, Affidavit (for permittee's completion).

c: Hearing Officer, Zoning Enforcement, Building and Safety

**FINDINGS AND ORDER OF THE HEARING OFFICER
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PROJECT NO. R2009-00684 – (5)
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 200900038**

REQUEST:

To construct, maintain, and operate a 55-foot unmanned wireless telecommunications facility (“WTF”) and appurtenant facilities in an A-1-1 (Light Agricultural – One Acre Minimum Required Lot Area) Zone.

HEARING DATE: December 7, 2010

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE HEARING OFFICER:

Findings

1. The applicant is requesting a conditional use permit to construct, maintain, and operate an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility (“WTF”) consisting of one 55-foot high pole with antennas, ground equipment cabinets and other ancillary equipment.
2. Zoning on the subject property, A-1-1 (Light Agricultural – One Acre Minimum Required Lot Area), requires a conditional use permit for the WTF, a use not specified in the Zoning Code, but comparable to the radio or television tower specified in the Zoning Code.
3. The location of the subject property is 1040 East Rae Street, in the unincorporated community of Palmdale, within Palmdale Zoned District.
4. The generally rectangular 2.49-acre subject property slopes to the south toward the adjacent California Aqueduct. The subject property includes sparse desert scrub vegetation.
5. The proposed project location will not have an impact on the number of parking spaces provided. The subject property is zoned A-1-1, which is consistent with surrounding A-1-1 zoning to the north, east, south, and west.
6. The wireless telecommunication facility is compatible with surrounding land uses, which include vacant land to the north, single family residences to the east and west, and the California Aqueduct to the south.
7. The proposed use is consistent with the adopted General Plan for the area. The project site is classified as “N2” (Non-Urban 2) in the Antelope Valley Area Plan, a component of the Los Angeles County General Plan, which allows a maximum density of one dwelling unit per acre. Density is not applicable to this project as the proposal is to construct an unmanned WTF, not a residential use. This land

- use category allows for non-residential use with a public hearing and appropriate conditioning of the project. The proposed project is consistent with the N2 land use map policy as the project was subject to a public hearing and appropriately conditioned.
8. The site plan depicts one 2,750 square foot single-story building housing a fiber optic switching facility, one 60-foot tall wooden pole with a 19.5-foot whip antenna attached to the top of the pole, one transformer, one water tank on the westerly side of the property surrounded by a block wall, , one portable storage unit, and one 25-foot by 12-foot asphalt pad, all of which are existing. The proposed 55-foot high monopalm, concealing 12 panel antennas and one four-foot diameter microwave dish is depicted approximately 12 feet from the northeast corner of the existing building. The appurtenant ground equipment will be contained within a 184-square-foot equipment shelter within a 599-square-foot lease area located approximately 10 feet south of the existing building. All of these structures are depicted on a gravel-surfaced area enclosed by a six-foot high chain link fence. The enclosed area is accessed through a gate on the westerly side of the fence.
 9. The proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking, landscaping and other development features. The proposed development meets the setback requirements for the A-1 zone. One parking space will be provided for a maintenance vehicle.
 10. The proposed site is adequately served by highways of sufficient width, and improved as necessary to carry the kind of traffic such use would generate and by other public or private facilities as are required. The project site is an unmanned telecommunications facility, the operation of which generates no traffic other than the occasional visit by a maintenance vehicle. The project site takes access from East Rae Street, an 18-foot wide private street along the north side of the subject property, by way of an asphalt driveway.
 11. The requested use at the proposed location will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort, or welfare of persons residing and working in the surrounding area, and not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment, or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site, and will not jeopardize, endanger, or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety and general welfare. The Initial Study determined that the project will not create any significant effects on the environment. The proposed WTF tower will be camouflaged to blend in with the surrounding landscape. The project will be required to meet the requirements of the Division of Building and Safety of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works ("Public Works"), the Los Angeles County Fire Department ("Fire Department"), and appropriate federal agencies prior to building permit issuance.

12. There are two previous projects on the subject property:
 - **CUP 92099:** To authorize a radio transceiver at a telephone equipment building. Approved by the Regional Planning Commission (“Commission”) on October 14, 1992. This CUP will expire on October 1, 2012. The CUP superseded CUP 88278. **IS 92099:** Negative Declaration associated with CUP 92099.
 - **CUP 88278:** To establish and operate a fiber optic cable communications equipment facility. Approved by the Hearing Officer on October 20, 1988. No expiration date for the CUP was stated in the conditions of this permit. **IS 88278:** Negative Declaration associated with CUP 88278.
13. The closest single-family residence to the proposed WTF is approximately 140 feet to the east of the subject property. This residence is located on an approximately 2.43-acre lot.
14. The applicant has stated there are no existing facilities nearby which offer the opportunity for co-location.
15. In order to minimize visual impacts to the surrounding community, staff recommends that the project design be revised to replace the monopalm with steel tower painted in colors appropriate to blend in the surroundings and background of the tower, and that the applicant submit revised photosimulations and site plans depicting this revised project design. Staff makes this proposal as there are no large palm trees in the immediate area of the project site, and an appropriately painted steel tower would be less conspicuous than a monopalm.
16. Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 22.60.174 and 22.60.175 of the County Code, the community was appropriately notified of the public hearing by mail, newspaper and property posting.
17. Staff received three phone calls, two letters, and a PowerPoint from neighbors of the subject property expressing concerns about establishing a WTF on the subject property. Those concerns included the visual effect of the proposed monopalm on the surrounding neighborhood; the potential obstacle posed to aviation, particularly fire-fighting helicopters, by the presence of the monopalm or similar tower; that a commercial use is not appropriate at the subject site in the A-1 zone; that the proposed generator on the project site is a fire hazard; and that fire protection systems be provided on-site.
18. During the December 7, 2010 Hearing Officer public hearing, the Hearing Officer, Mr. Alex Garcia, heard a presentation from staff which summarized the project.
19. During the December 7, 2010 Hearing Officer public hearing, the Hearing Officer heard a presentation from the project representative, in which he stated that a

WTF at the project site was necessary to fill a coverage gap in the provider's cell phone network and that the existing 60-foot wooden pole with attached 19.5-foot whip antenna was owned by Verizon Business, a separate entity from Verizon Wireless, and the antenna would not be relocated nor wooden the pole removed until the CUP for that pole and antenna expired in 2012. The project representative stated that he had no objection to redesigning the monopalm as painted tower, as long as such a redesign could be done at the staff level and would not require another hearing. Regarding the fire safety of the project site, the project representative noted that Condition No. 12 of the CUP conditions of approval requires that the permittee shall contact the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Los Angeles County Fire Department to determine what facilities may be necessary to protect the property from fire hazard and provide such facilities as required. Regarding the aviation safety of the project site, the project representative stated that the project site is registered with the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA").

20. During the December 7, 2010 Hearing Officer public hearing, the project representative requested the following modifications to conditions:
- Condition No. 10 be modified to provide an extension of time the permittee has to remit processing fees payable to the County of Los Angeles in connection with the filing and posting of a Notice of Determination (NOD) for this project and its entitlements beyond the three days stated in the condition.
 - Condition No. 16 be modified to state "In the event of graffiti or other extraneous markings occurring, the permittee shall remove or cover said markings, drawings, or signage within 24 hours of notification of such occurrence...." instead of "within 24 hours of such occurrence" as stated in the draft conditions.

The Hearing Officer approved the requested modification to Condition No. 16. Staff clarified the time requirement for Condition No. 10, and the applicant withdrew the request. Staff explained that there is no penalty for remitting the processing fees in connection with filling and posting the NOD later than the stated three days, and also indicated that, beginning in 2011, the filing fees will increase.

21. During the December 7, 2010 Hearing Officer public hearing, the Hearing Officer heard testimony from one person in opposition to the project. The testifier stated that neither the proposed monopalm nor any similar tower would be aesthetically compatible with the neighborhood and opposed the finding that the requested use at the proposed location will not be materially detrimental to the use and enjoyment of other persons located in the vicinity of the site. The testifier stated he had observed fire-fighting helicopters drawing water from the nearby California Aqueduct in large buckets slung underneath helicopters, and was concerned that the monopalm or similar tower would provide a hazard to these helicopters and their water buckets. The testifier stated a concern that the

- proposed generator on the project site could pose a fire hazard, and that there was no fire hydrant along Rae Street adjacent to the project site.
22. During the December 7, 2010 Hearing Officer public hearing, the Hearing Officer directed staff to revise Condition Nos. 13 and 19 to state "By February 7, 2011" instead of "Within 60 days of the approval date of this grant." The Hearing Officer also directed staff to renumber the conditions correctly. The Hearing Officer commented that he understood the residents' concerns with regard to the aesthetics of the proposed tower, and that he felt that staff's recommendation of a standard antenna tower instead of the proposed monopalm would blend in better with the desert terrain.
 23. After hearing all testimony on December 7, 2010, the Hearing Officer closed the public hearing and approved CUP 200900038 as a painted pole and not a monopalm.
 24. To assure continued compatibility between the use of the subject property allowed by this grant and surrounding land uses, the Hearing Officer determines that it is necessary to limit the term of the grant to **20 years**.
 25. The proposed project is exempt from the Los Angeles County Low Impact Development Ordinance ("LID") as the project proposes an increase in impervious surface which is less than 50 percent of the existing amount of impervious surface.
 26. An Initial Study was prepared for this project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, and the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines of the County of Los Angeles. The Initial Study identified that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. Based on the Initial Study, a Negative Declaration was prepared for this project.
 27. After consideration of the attached Negative Declaration together with any comments received during the public review process, the Hearing Officer finds on the basis of the whole record before the Hearing Officer that there is no substantial evidence the project will have a significant effect on the environment, finds the Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Hearing Officer, and adopts the Negative Declaration.
 28. This project is subject to California Department of Fish and Game fees pursuant to Section 711.4 of the Fish and Game Code to defray the costs of fish and wildlife protection and management incurred by the said department.
 29. The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of proceedings upon which the Hearing Officer's decision is based in this matter is at the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, 13th Floor, Hall of

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FINDINGS

Records, 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The custodian of such documents and materials shall be the Section Head of the Zoning Permits North Section, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, THE HEARING OFFICER CONCLUDES:

- A. The proposed use is consistent with the adopted General Plan for the area;
- B. The requested use at the proposed location will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort, or welfare of persons residing and working in the surrounding area, and not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment, or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site, and will not jeopardize, endanger, or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety and general welfare;
- C. The proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking, landscaping and other development features;
- D. The proposed site is adequately served by highways of sufficient width, and improved as necessary to carry the kind of traffic such use would generate and by other public or private facilities as are required;

AND, THEREFORE, the information submitted by the applicant and presented at the public hearing substantiates the required findings for a conditional use permit as set forth in Section 22.56.090, Title 22, of the Los Angeles County Code (Zoning Ordinance).

HEARING OFFICER ACTION:

- 1. The Hearing Officer adopts the Negative Declaration.
- 2. In view of the findings of fact presented above, Conditional Use Permit No. 200900038 is **APPROVED**, subject to the attached conditions.

Attachments: Conditions of Approval
Affidavit of Acceptance
Negative Declaration

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This grant authorizes the construction of a wireless telecommunications facility consisting of a steel tower not to exceed 55-foot in height, painted in colors appropriate to blend with the surroundings and background of the tower, with no more than 12 affixed panel antennas and one four-foot diameter microwave dish, plus ground equipment contained within a 12-foot by 16-foot equipment shelter, located at an existing fiber optic switching station.

1. Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the term "permittee" shall include the applicant and any other person, corporation or other entity making use of this grant.
2. This grant shall not be effective for any purpose until the permittee, and the owner of the subject property if other than the permittee, have filed at the office of the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning ("Regional Planning") their affidavit stating that they are aware of, and agree to accept, all conditions of this grant and that the conditions of the grant have been recorded as required by Condition Number 6, and until all required monies have been paid pursuant to Condition Numbers 9 and 10. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Condition No. 2, and Condition Nos. 3, 4, 8, and 10 shall be effective immediately upon final approval of this grant by the County.
3. The permittee shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void or annul this permit approval, which action is brought within the applicable time period of Government Code Section 65009. The County shall promptly notify the permittee of any claim, action, or proceeding and the County shall cooperate reasonably in the defense. If the County fails to promptly notify the permittee of any claim action or proceeding, or if the County fails to cooperate fully in the defense, the permittee shall not thereafter be responsible to defend, indemnify, or hold harmless the County.
4. In the event that any claim, action, or proceeding as described above is filed against the County, the permittee shall within ten days of the filing pay Regional Planning an initial deposit of \$5,000, from which actual costs shall be billed and deducted for the purpose of defraying the expenses involved in the department's cooperation in the defense, including but not limited to, depositions, testimony, and other assistance to permittee or permittee's counsel. The permittee shall also pay the following supplemental deposits, from which actual costs shall be billed and deducted:
 - a. If during the litigation process, actual costs incurred reach 80 percent of the amount on deposit, the permittee shall deposit additional funds sufficient to bring the balance up to the amount of the initial deposit. There is no limit to the number of supplemental deposits that may be required prior to completion of the litigation.

- b. At the sole discretion of the permittee, the amount of an initial or supplemental deposit may exceed the minimum amounts defined herein.

The cost for collection and duplication of records and other related documents will be paid by the permittee according to Los Angeles County Code (“County Code”) Section 2.170.010.

5. If any provision of this grant is held or declared to be invalid, the permit shall be void and the privileges granted hereunder shall lapse.
6. Prior to the use of this grant, the property owner or permittee shall **record the terms and conditions** of the grant in the office of the Los Angeles County Recorder. In addition, upon any transfer or lease of the property during the term of this grant, the property owner or permittee shall promptly provide a copy of the grant and its conditions to the transferee or lessee of the subject property.
7. **This grant will terminate on December 7, 2030.** Entitlement to use of the property thereafter shall be subject to the regulations then in effect. At least six (6) months prior to the expiration of this permit and in the event that the permittee intends to continue operations after such date, a new Conditional Use Permit application shall be filed with Regional Planning. The application shall be a request for continuance of the use permitted under this grant, whether including or not including modification to the use at that time.
8. This grant shall expire unless used within 2 years from the date of final approval by the County. A single one-year time extension may be requested in writing and with payment of the applicable fee prior to such expiration date.
9. The subject property shall be maintained and operated in full compliance with the conditions of this grant and any law, statute, ordinance, or other regulation applicable to any development or activity on the subject property. Failure of the permittee to cease any development or activity not in full compliance shall be a violation of these conditions. The permittee shall deposit with the County of Los Angeles the sum of **\$2,000**. The deposit shall be placed in a performance fund, which shall be used exclusively to compensate Regional Planning for all expenses incurred while inspecting the premises to determine the permittee's compliance with the conditions of approval. The deposit provides for **ten (10) biennial (one every other year)** inspections, for a total of 10 inspections. Inspections shall be unannounced.

If additional inspections are required to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant, or if any inspection discloses that the subject property is being used in violation of any one of the conditions of this grant, the permittee shall be financially responsible and shall reimburse Regional Planning for all additional enforcement efforts necessary to bring the subject property into compliance. Inspections shall

be made to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant as well as adherence to development in accordance with the approved site plan on file. The amount charged for additional inspections shall be \$200.00 per inspection, or the current recovery cost, whichever is greater.

10. Within three (3) days of the approval date of this grant, the permittee shall remit processing fees payable to the County of Los Angeles in connection with the filing and posting of a Notice of Determination (NOD) for this project and its entitlements in compliance with Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code. Unless a Certificate of Exemption is issued by the California Department of Fish and Game pursuant to Section 711.4 of the Fish and Game Code, a fee of \$2,085.25 (\$2010.25 plus \$75.00 processing fee) or current fee is required. No land use project subject to this requirement is final, vested or operative until the fee is paid.
11. Notice is hereby given that any person violating a provision of this grant is guilty of a misdemeanor. Notice is further given that the Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") or a hearing officer may, after conducting a public hearing, revoke or modify this grant, if the Commission or hearing officer finds that these conditions have been violated or that this grant has been exercised so as to be detrimental to the public's health or safety or so as to be a nuisance.
12. Upon receipt of this letter, the permittee shall contact the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Los Angeles County Fire Department to determine what facilities may be necessary to protect the property from fire hazard. Any necessary facilities shall be provided as may be required by said Department.
13. By February 7, 2011, the permittee shall submit for review and approval by Regional Planning four (4) copies of photosimulations and site plans depicting a revised project design which replaces the proposed monopalm with a steel tower, painted in colors appropriate to blend with the surroundings and background of the tower. The photosimulations shall be in color, and the site plan will include a color palette.
14. All requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and of the specific zoning of the subject property must be complied with unless otherwise set forth in these conditions or shown on the approved plans.
15. All structures shall conform with the requirements of the Division of Building and Safety of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works ("Public Works").
16. All structures, walls and fences open to public view shall remain free of extraneous markings, drawings or signage that was not approved by Regional Planning. These shall include any of the above that do not directly relate to the business being operated on the premises or that do not provide pertinent information about said premises.

17. In the event of graffiti or other extraneous markings occurring, the permittee shall remove or cover said markings, drawings, or signage within 24 hours of notification of such occurrence, weather permitting. Paint utilized in covering such markings shall be of a color that matches, as closely as possible, the color of the adjacent surfaces. The only exceptions shall be seasonal decorations or signage provided under the auspices of a civic or non-profit organization.
18. Said facility, including any lighting, fences, shields, cabinets, and poles shall be maintained by the operator in good repair, free from trash, debris, litter and graffiti and other forms of vandalism. Any damage from any cause shall be repaired as soon as reasonably possible to prevent occurrences of dangerous conditions or visual blight.
19. This project is exempt from the Los Angeles County Low Impact Development Ordinance, as the project does not propose an increase in impervious surface greater than 50 percent of the existing impervious surface.
20. Subject property shall be developed and maintained in substantial conformance with the approved Exhibit "A". In the event that subsequent revised plans are submitted, the permittee shall submit four (4) copies of the proposed plans to the Director of Regional Planning for review and approval. All revised plans must be accompanied by the written authorization of the property owner.
21. The wireless telecommunication facility shall be constructed in substantial compliance with photo simulations approved as part of Exhibit "A" to the satisfaction of Regional Planning. If changes to the wireless telecommunication facility are required as a result of instruction given at the public hearing, revised photosimulations shall be submitted to Regional Planning by February 7, 2010.
22. This grant allows for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the wireless telecommunication facility subject to the following additional conditions:
 - a. The facility shall be operated in accordance with regulations of the State Public Utilities Commission;
 - b. Said facility shall be removed if in disuse for more than six months;
 - c. Insofar as is feasible, the operator shall cooperate with any subsequent applicants for wireless communications facilities in the vicinity with regard to possible co-location. Such subsequent applicants will be subject to the regulations in effect at that time;
 - d. All structures shall conform with the requirements of the Division of Building and Safety of Public Works;

- e. The wireless telecommunication facility shall be camouflaged and disguised in order to minimize visual impacts to the surrounding community in substantial conformance with photo simulations approved as part of Exhibit "A";
- f. Security lighting within the lease area shall be directed away from residential areas. Security lighting shall be no higher than 12 feet high. No other lighting is permitted on the pole unless the permittee provides documentation that the lighting is required by another public agency for safety-related reasons.
- g. The permittee shall post a contact number on the wall enclosing the wireless telecommunications facility lease area, next to the gate, visible to passers-by for reporting graffiti and other maintenance issues. The contact number shall be provided on a 8.5-inch by 11-inch weatherproof signage.
- h. Within 30 days of change in service provider ownership, the permittee shall provide the Zoning Enforcement Section of Regional Planning the name and contact information of the new property owner.

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12/08/2010

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING
320 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PROJECT NUMBER: RENV 200900043 / R2009-00684 -(5)

1. DESCRIPTION:

Installation and operation of a new unmanned wireless telecommunications facility ("WTF"), including an 55-foot tall monopalm concealing 12 panel antennas and one 4-foot diameter microwave dish, along with ground equipment housed in a 184-square foot structure and a back-up generator.

2. LOCATION:

1040 East Rae Street, Palmdale
(APN 3053 021 800)

3. PROPONENT:

Justin Robinson
1750 E. Ocean Blvd.
Ste. 906
Long Beach, CA 90802

4. FINDINGS OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT:

BASED ON THE INITIAL STUDY, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

5. LOCATION AND CUSTODIAN OF RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS:

THE LOCATION AND CUSTODIAN OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS ON WHICH ADOPTION OF THIS MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION IS BASED IS: DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING, 320 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

PREPARED BY: Donald Kress, Land Divisions Section, Department of Regional Planning
DATE: November 4, 2010 



*** INITIAL STUDY ***

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Map Date: 4/28/2009 Staff Member: Donald Kress
Thomas Guide: 4286 USGS Quad: Palmdale
Location: 1040 East Rae Street, Antelope Valley
Description of Project: Installation and operation of a new unmanned wireless telecommunications facility ("WTF"), including an 55-foot tall monopalm concealing 12 panel antennas and one 4-foot diameter microwave dish, along with ground equipment housed in a 184-square foot structure and a back-up generator.
Gross Acres: Subject property: 2.49 gross acres; WTF lease area: 599 square feet within the subject property.
Environmental Setting: Subject property contains existing unmanned fiber optic switching station.
Zoning: A-1-1 (Light Agricultural—One Acre Minimum Required Lot Area)
Community Standards District: None
General Plan: Antelope Valley Area Plan Category "N2"

Major projects in area:

<u>PROJECT NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION & STATUS</u>
TR 48307	Subdivision within 1/2 mile.
TR 52934	Subdivision within 3/4 mile.
TR 060048	Subdivision within 1 1/4 miles.

NOTE: For EIRs, above projects are not sufficient for cumulative analysis.

REVIEWING AGENCIES

Responsible Agencies

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| <input type="checkbox"/> LA Regional Water Quality Control Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board
(Check RWQCB if septic system proposed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Army Corps of Engineers |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Trustee Agencies

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Fish and Game | <input type="checkbox"/> State Parks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Special Reviewing Agencies

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| <input type="checkbox"/> National Parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary School District |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Forest | <input type="checkbox"/> High School District |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Edwards Air Force Base | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Native American Tribal Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy | <input type="checkbox"/> Water District |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Regional Significance

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SCAG | <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality Management District |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

County Reviewing Agencies

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff Department | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sanitation District (Check if sewers proposed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DPW: Drop-down List | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Dept.: Drop-down List | |
- DHS Environmental Health:
- Environmental Hygiene (noise, air quality and vibration)
 - Solid Waste Management (landfills, trash trucks & transfer stations)
 - Land Use Program (septic systems & wells)
 - Cross Connection and Water Pollution Control Program (recycled and reclaimed water)

IMPACT ANALYSIS MATRIX		ANALYSIS SUMMARY (See individual pages for details)				
		Pg	Less than Significant Impact/No Impact			
			Less than Significant Impact with Project Mitigation			Potentially Significant Impact
			Potential Concern			
CATEGORY	FACTOR					
HAZARDS	1. Geotechnical	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	2. Flood	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	3. Fire	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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	5. Mineral Resources	13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	6. Agriculture Resources	14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	7. Visual Qualities	15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SERVICES	1. Traffic/Access	16	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	2. Sewage Disposal	17	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	3. Education	18	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	4. Fire/Sheriff	19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	5. Utilities	20	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
OTHER	1. General	21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	2. Environmental Safety	22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	3. Land Use	23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	4. Pop/Hous./Emp./Rec.	24	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	5. Mandatory Findings	25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

HAZARDS - 1. Geotechnical

SETTING/IMPACTS

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the project located in an active or potentially active fault zone, Seismic Hazards Zone, or Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone?
b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the project site located in an area containing a major landslide(s)?
c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the project site located in an area having high slope instability?
d.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the project site subject to high subsidence, high groundwater level, liquefaction, or hydrocompaction?
e.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the proposed project considered a sensitive use (school, hospital, public assembly site) located in close proximity to a significant geotechnical hazard?
f.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will the project entail substantial grading and/or alteration of topography including slopes of over 25%? <i>The project proposes minimal grading.</i>
g.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would the project be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?
h.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other factors?

STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS

Building Code, Title 26 - Sections 110.2, 111 & 113
(Geotechnical Hazards, Engineering Geology and Soils Engineering Report, Earthquake Fault)

MITIGATION MEASURES

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Lot Size

Project Design

Approval of Geotechnical Report by DPW

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be impacted by, **geotechnical** factors?

Potentially Significant

Less than significant with project mitigation

Less than significant/No Impact

HAZARDS - 2. Flood

SETTING/IMPACTS

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the major drainage course, as identified on USGS quad sheets by a dashed line, located on the project site?
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the project site located within or does it contain a floodway, floodplain, or designated flood hazard zone?
c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the project site located in or subject to high mudflow conditions?
d.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Could the project contribute or be subject to high erosion and debris deposition from run-off?
e.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would the project substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area? <i>No grading is proposed.</i>
f.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other factors (e.g., dam failure)?

STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS

- Building Code, Title 26 – Section 110.1 (Flood Hazard)
- Health and Safety Code, Title 11 – Chapter 11.60 (Floodways)

MITIGATION MEASURES

- Lot Size
- Project Design

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Approval of Drainage Concept by DPW

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be impacted by flood (hydrological) factors?

Potentially Significant

Less than significant with project mitigation

Less than significant/No Impact

HAZARDS - 3. Fire

SETTING/IMPACTS

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the project site located in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (Fire Zone 4)?
b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the project site in a high fire hazard area and served by inadequate access due to lengths, width, surface materials, turnarounds or grade? <i>The project is in a very high fire severity zone, but has adequate access</i>
c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the project site have more than 75 dwelling units on a single access in a high fire hazard area? <i>The project proposes no dwelling units.</i>
d.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the project site located in an area having inadequate water and pressure to meet fire flow standards?
e.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the project located in close proximity to potential dangerous fire hazard conditions/uses (such as refineries, flammables, explosives manufacturing)?
f.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the proposed use constitute a potentially dangerous fire hazard?
g.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other factors?

STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS

- Utilities Code, Title 20 – Section 20.16.060 (Fire Flow & Fire Hydrants Requirements)
- Fire Code, Title 32 – Sections 902.2.1 & 902.2.2.1 (Access & Dimensions)
- Fire Code, Title 32 – Sections 1117.2.1 (Fuel Modification Plan, Landscape Plan & Irrigation Plan)

MITIGATION MEASURES

Project Design

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Compatible Use

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be impacted by fire hazard factors?

- Potentially significant
- Less than significant with project mitigation
- Less than significant/No Impact

HAZARDS - 4. Noise

SETTING/IMPACTS

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the project site located near a high noise source (airports, railroads, freeways, industry)? <i>The project site is less than 1/4 mile from Sierra Highway, a major highway on the Los Angeles County Master Plan of Highways, and less than 1/4 mile from the Union Pacific Railroad tracks.</i>
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the proposed use considered sensitive (school, hospital, senior citizen facility) or are there other sensitive uses in close proximity?
c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Could the project substantially increase ambient noise levels including those associated with special equipment (such as amplified sound systems) or parking areas associated with the project? <i>In the event of power failure to the project site, the back-up generator may temporarily increase the ambient noise level. No parking areas or amplified sound systems are included in the project.</i>
d.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Would the project result in a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels without the project? <i>In the event of power failure to the project site, the back-up generator may temporarily increase the ambient noise level. No parking areas or amplified sound systems are included in the project.</i>
e.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other factors?

STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS

- Environmental Protection Code, Title 12 – Chapter 12.08 (Noise Control)
- Building Code, Title 26 – Sections 1208A (Interior Environment – Noise)

MITIGATION MEASURES

Lot Size

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Project Design

Compatible Use

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be adversely impacted by **noise**?

Potentially significant

Less than significant with project mitigation

Less than significant/No Impact

RESOURCES - 1. Water Quality

SETTING/IMPACTS

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the project site located in an area having known water quality problems and proposing the use of individual water wells? <i>The proposed WTF requires no water.</i>
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will the proposed project require the use of a private sewage disposal system? <i>The proposed WTF requires no sewage disposal system.</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If the answer is yes, is the project site located in an area having known septic tank limitations due to high groundwater or other geotechnical limitations <i>or</i> is the project proposing on-site systems located in close proximity to a drainage course?
c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Could the project's associated construction activities significantly impact the quality of groundwater and/or storm water runoff to the storm water conveyance system and/or receiving water bodies?
d.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Could the project's post-development activities potentially degrade the quality of storm water runoff and/or could post-development non-storm water discharges contribute potential pollutants to the storm water conveyance system and/or receiving bodies? <i>The proposed WTF creates no water discharges.</i>
e.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other factors?

STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS

- Health & Safety Code, Title 11 – Chapter 11.38 (Water & Sewers)
- Environmental Protection, Title 12 – Chapter 12.80 (Storm-water & Runoff Pollution Control)
- Plumbing Code, Title 28 – Chapter 7; Appendices G(a), J & K (Sewers & Septic Systems)

MITIGATION MEASURES

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lot Size Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Waste Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Project Design | <input type="checkbox"/> National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) | <input type="checkbox"/> Compatible Use | <input type="checkbox"/> Septic Feasibility |
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CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be adversely impacted by, **water quality** problems?

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Potentially significant | <input type="checkbox"/> Less than significant with project mitigation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less than significant/No Impact |
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RESOURCES - 2. Air Quality

SETTING/IMPACTS

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will the proposed project exceed the State's criteria for regional significance (generally (a) 500 dwelling units for residential users or (b) 40 gross acres, 650,000 square feet of floor area or 1,000 employees for non-residential uses)?
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the proposal considered a sensitive use (schools, hospitals, parks) and located near a freeway or heavy industrial use?
c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will the project increase local emissions to a significant extent due to increased traffic congestion or use of a parking structure or exceed AQMD thresholds of potential significance?
d.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will the project generate or is the site in close proximity to sources that create obnoxious odors, dust, and/or hazardous emissions?
e.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would the project conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?
f.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would the project violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?
g.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would the project result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emission which would exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?
h.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other factors?

STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS

State of California Health and Safety Code – Section 40506 (Air Quality Management District Permit)

MITIGATION MEASURES

Project Design

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Air Quality Report

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be adversely impacted by, **air quality**?

Potentially Significant

Less than significant with project mitigation

Less than significant/No Impact

RESOURCES - 3. Biota

SETTING/IMPACTS

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the project site located within a Significant Ecological Area (SEA), SEA Buffer, or coastal Sensitive Environmental Resource (ESHA, etc.), or is the site relatively undisturbed and natural?
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>The subject project is on a developed lot.</i> Will grading, fire clearance, or flood related improvements remove substantial natural habitat areas?
c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is a drainage course located on the project site that is depicted on USGS quad sheets by a dashed blue line or that may contain a bed, channel, or bank of any perennial, intermittent or ephemeral river, stream, or lake?
d.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the project site contain a major riparian or other sensitive habitat (e.g. coastal sage scrub, oak woodland, sycamore riparian, woodland, wetland, etc.)? <i>The subject project is on a developed lot.</i>
e.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the project site contain oak or other unique native trees (specify kinds of trees)?
f.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the project site habitat for any known sensitive species (federal or state listed endangered, etc.)? <i>The project site is a developed lot.</i>
g.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other factors (e.g., wildlife corridor, adjacent open space linkage)?

MITIGATION MEASURES

- Lot Size
- ERB/SEATAC Review

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Project Design
- Oak Tree Permit
- Biological Constraints Analysis

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, biotic resources?

Potentially significant
 Less than significant with project mitigation
 Less than significant/No Impact

RESOURCES - 4. Archaeological/Historical/Paleontological

SETTING/IMPACTS

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the project site in or near an area containing known archaeological resources or containing features (drainage course, spring, knoll, rock outcroppings, or oak trees) that indicate potential archaeological sensitivity?
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the project site contain rock formations indicating potential paleontological resources? <i>No rock formations onsite.</i>
c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the project site contain known historic structures or sites?
d.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical or archaeological resource as defined in 15064.5?
e.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would the project directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?
f.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other factors?

MITIGATION MEASURES

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Lot Size

Project Design

Cultural Resources Records Search (Quick Check)

Phase 1 Archaeology Report

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project leave a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on archaeological, historical, or paleontological resources?

Potentially significant

Less than significant with project mitigation

Less than significant/No Impact

RESOURCES - 5. Mineral Resources

SETTING/IMPACTS

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would the project result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?
				<i>The project site is not located in a Mineral Recovery Zone.</i>
b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would the project result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource discovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?
				<i>The project site is not located in a Mineral Recovery Zone</i>
c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other factors?

MITIGATION MEASURES

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Lot Size

Project Design

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project leave a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on **mineral** resources?

Potentially significant

Less than significant with project mitigation

Less than significant/No Impact

RESOURCES - 6. Agriculture Resources

SETTING/IMPACTS

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would the project convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency to non-agricultural use?
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would the project conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?
c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would the project involve other changes in the existing environment that due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?
d.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other factors?

MITIGATION MEASURES

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Lot Size

Project Design

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project leave a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on agriculture resources?

Potentially significant

Less than significant with project mitigation

Less than significant/No Impact

RESOURCES - 7. Visual Qualities

SETTING/IMPACTS

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Is the project site substantially visible from or will it obstruct views along a scenic highway (as shown on the Scenic Highway Element), or is it located within a scenic corridor or will it otherwise impact the viewshed? <i>The subject property is not along a scenic highway or within a scenic corridor. The proposed project includes an 55-foot tall monopalm. There is an existing 60-foot tall wooden pole with a 19.5-foot whip antenna attached to the top of the pole on the subject property. This 79.5-foot total height pole and antenna will remain.</i></p>
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Is the project substantially visible from or will it obstruct views from a regional riding or hiking trail? <i>The project site is approximately 1,000 feet west of the North Side Connector Trail along Sierra Highway. The proposed monopalm will be visible from this trail.</i></p>
c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Is the project site located in an undeveloped or undisturbed area that contains unique aesthetic features? <i>The subject property is a developed lot.</i></p>
d.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Is the proposed use out-of-character in comparison to adjacent uses because of height, bulk, or other features? <i>The proposed project includes an 55-foot tall monopalm. There is an existing 60-foot tall wooden pole with a 19.5-foot whip antenna attached to the top of the pole on the subject property. This 79.5-foot total height pole and antenna will remain. There are no similar towers or poles in the immediate vicinity of the subject property.</i></p>
e.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Is the project likely to create substantial sun shadow, light or glare problems?</p>
f.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Other factors (e.g., grading or landform alteration)?</p>

MITIGATION MEASURES

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lot Size | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project Design | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visual Simulation | <input type="checkbox"/> Compatible Use |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|

This project will be conditioned to be constructed as depicted in photosimulations. Staff also recommends installation of living palm trees in the vicinity of the proposed monopalm.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project leave a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on scenic qualities?

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant | <input type="checkbox"/> Less than significant with project mitigation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less than significant/No Impact |
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SERVICES - 1. Traffic/Access

SETTING/IMPACTS

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the project contain 25 dwelling units or more and is it located in an area with known congestion problems (roadway or intersections)? <i>The project contains no dwelling units.</i>
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will the project result in any hazardous traffic conditions? <i>The project will generate no traffic except for an occasional maintenance vehicle.</i>
c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will the project result in parking problems with a subsequent impact on traffic conditions?
d.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will inadequate access during an emergency (other than fire hazards) result in problems for emergency vehicles or residents/employees in the area?
e.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will the congestion management program (CMP) Transportation Impact Analysis thresholds of 50 peak hour vehicles added by project traffic to a CMP highway system intersection or 150 peak hour trips added by project traffic to a mainline freeway link be exceeded?
f.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would the project conflict with adopted policies, plans, or program supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus, turnouts, bicycle racks)?
g.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other factors?

MITIGATION MEASURES

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Project Design

Traffic Report

Consultation with DPW Traffic & Lighting Division

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project leave a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on traffic/access factors?

Potentially significant

Less than significant with project mitigation

Less than significant/No Impact

SERVICES - 2. Sewage Disposal

SETTING/IMPACTS

- | | Yes | No | Maybe | |
|----|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| a. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | If served by a community sewage system, could the project create capacity problems at the treatment plant?
<hr/> <i>The proposed project produces no sewage.</i> |
| b. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Could the project create capacity problems in the sewer lines serving the project site?
<hr/> <i>The proposed project produces no sewage.</i> |
| c. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other factors?
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STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS

- Utilities Code, Title 20 – Division 2 (Sanitary Sewers and Industrial Waste)
- Plumbing Code, Title 28 – Chapter 7 (Sanitary Drainage)
- California Health Safety Code – Section 5474 (Sewer connection mitigation fee)

MITIGATION MEASURES

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the physical environment due to **sewage disposal** facilities?

- Potentially significant Less than significant with project mitigation Less than significant/No Impact

SERVICES - 3. Education

SETTING/IMPACTS

- | | Yes | No | Maybe | |
|----|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| a. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Could the project create capacity problems at the district level?
<hr/> <i>The project does not propose any residences.</i> |
| b. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Could the project create capacity problems at individual schools that will serve the project site?
<hr/> <i>The project does not propose any residences.</i> |
| c. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Could the project create student transportation problems?
<hr/> <i>The project does not propose any residences.</i> |
| d. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Could the project create substantial library impacts due to increased population and demand?
<hr/> <i>The project does not propose any residences.</i> |
| e. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other factors?
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STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS

- State of California Government Code – Section 53080 (School Facilities Fee)
- Planning & Zoning Code, Title 22 - Chapter 22.72 (Library Facilities Mitigation Fee)
- MITIGATION MEASURES
- Site Dedication
- OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) relative to **educational** facilities/services?

- Potentially significant
- Less than significant with project mitigation
- Less than significant/No Impact

SERVICES - 4. Fire/Sheriff Services

SETTING/IMPACTS

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Could the project create staffing or response time problems at the fire station or sheriff's substation serving the project site?
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>The project creates no additional fire hazard or need for law enforcement.</u> Are there any special fire or law enforcement problems associated with the project or the general area?
c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other factors?

STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS

Revenue & Finance Code, Title 4 – Chapter 4.92 (Fire Protection Facilities Fee)

MITIGATION MEASURES

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) relative to **fire/sheriff** services?

Potentially Significant

Less than significant with project mitigation

Less than significant/No Impact

SERVICES - 5. Utilities/Other Services

SETTING/IMPACTS

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the project site in an area known to have an inadequate public water supply to meet domestic needs or to have an inadequate ground water supply and proposes water wells?
				<i>The proposed project requires no water service.</i>
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the project site in an area known to have an inadequate water supply and/or pressure to meet fire fighting needs?
c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Could the project create problems with providing utility services, such as electricity, gas, or propane?
				<i>There is electrical service to the subject property.</i>
d.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are there any other known service problem areas (e.g., solid waste)?
e.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services or facilities (e.g., fire protection, police protection, schools, parks, roads)?
f.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other factors?

STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS

- Plumbing Code, Title 28 – Chapters 3, 6 & 12
- Utilities Code, Title 20 – Divisions 1, 4 & 4a (Water, Solid Waste, Garbage Disposal Districts)

MITIGATION MEASURES

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Lot Size
- Project Design
- Water Purveyor Will-serve Letter

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) relative to **utilities** services?

- Potentially significant
- Less than significant with project mitigation
- Less than significant/No Impact

OTHER FACTORS - 2. Environmental Safety

SETTING/IMPACTS

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are any hazardous materials used, transported, produced, handled, or stored on-site? <i>The project is an unmanned WTF.</i>
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are any pressurized tanks to be used or any hazardous wastes stored on-site? <i>There are no tanks proposed for the project site.</i>
c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are any residential units, schools, or hospitals located within 500 feet and potentially adversely affected?
d.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have there been previous uses that indicate residual soil toxicity of the site or is the site located within two miles downstream of a known groundwater contamination source within the same watershed? <i>Existing site is a telecommunications facility.</i>
e.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would the project create a significant hazard to the public or the environment involving the accidental release of hazardous materials into the environment?
f.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would the project emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?
g.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would the project be located on a site that is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would create a significant hazard to the public or environment? <i>The project site is not listed in the Department of Toxic Substances Control EnviroStor Database.</i>
h.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would the project result in a safety hazard for people in a project area located within an airport land use plan, within two miles of a public or public use airport, or within the vicinity of a private airstrip? <i>No public or public use airport or private airstrip is located within two miles.</i>
i.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would the project impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?
j.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other factors?

MITIGATION MEASURES

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Phase 1 Environmental Assessment

Toxic Clean-up Plan

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact relative to **public safety**?

Potentially significant

Less than significant with project mitigation

Less than significant/No Impact

OTHER FACTORS - 3. Land Use

SETTING/IMPACTS

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Can the project be found to be inconsistent with the plan designation(s) of the subject property? <i>Santa Clarita Area Plan designation is N2 (Non-Urban 2)</i>
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Can the project be found to be inconsistent with the zoning designation of the subject property? <i>Radio towers are allowed in the A-1 zone with a CUP. However, the proposed 55-foot height of the WTF tower exceeds the 35-foot height limit of the A-1 zone.</i>
c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Can the project be found to be inconsistent with the following applicable land use criteria: Hillside Management Criteria?
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SEA Conformance Criteria?
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other?
d.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Project site is not in a Hillside Management area or SEA.</i> Would the project physically divide an established community?
e.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other factors?

MITIGATION MEASURES

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the physical environment due to **land use** factors?

Potentially significant

Less than significant with project mitigation

Less than significant/No Impact

OTHER FACTORS - 4. Population/Housing/Employment/Recreation

SETTING/IMPACTS

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Could the project cumulatively exceed official regional or local population projections?
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>The project proposes no residences.</i> Could the project induce substantial direct or indirect growth in an area (e.g., through projects in an undeveloped area or extension of major infrastructure)?
c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Could the project displace existing housing, especially affordable housing?
d.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>There is no housing on the project site.</i> Could the project result in substantial job/housing imbalance or substantial increase in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)?
e.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Could the project require new or expanded recreational facilities for future residents?
f.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would the project displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?
g.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>There is no housing on the subject property.</i> Other factors?

MITIGATION MEASURES

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the physical environment due to **population, housing, employment, or recreational** factors?

Potentially significant

Less than significant with project mitigation

Less than significant/No Impact

MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Based on this Initial Study, the following findings are made:

	Yes	No	Maybe	
a.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?
b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the project have possible environmental effects that are individually limited but cumulatively considerable? "Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of an individual project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.
c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will the environmental effects of the project cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the environment?

Potentially significant

Less than significant with project mitigation

Less than significant/No Impact