



Los Angeles County  
Department of Regional Planning

*Planning for the Challenges Ahead*



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**SUBJECT: Project Number R2006-03240-(5)  
Conditional Use Permit No. 201100108  
Hearing Dates: July 17, 2012; August 21, 2012  
Agenda Item No. 3**

**PROJECT BACKGROUND**

Project No. R2006-03240-(5) is a request to allow for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a new roof-mounted wireless telecommunication facility (WTF) for Verizon Wireless and the retroactive approval of an existing roof-mounted WTF for Sprint on an existing three-story building. The project is located at 26650 The Old Road in the Santa Clarita Valley. The project was before the Hearing Officer on July 17, 2012, and was continued to August 21, 2012 in order to allow time for staff to address the following issues:

- Contact the owner of the existing WTF for Sprint which is a part of this application to obtain additional information and their consent to the proposed terms of the conditional use permit (CUP);
- Investigate the procedure by which a WTF is conditionally permitted in a Significant Ecological Area (SEA); and
- Reconcile staff's recommendation of exemptions per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**PROJECT STATUS**

Since the July 17, 2012 public hearing, staff has worked to address the issues above; the following activities have been completed:

- Contacted the agent who represents the building's owner regarding WTF leasing matters; staff is working to obtain what are purported to be valid building permits for the Sprint facility.

- Conferred with other staff to review the manner in which WTFs are permitted in SEAs. As it was determined that there is no exception for such uses, this project therefore is subject to an SEA CUP and must be reviewed by the SEA Technical Advisory Committee (SEATAC). Staff is currently determining what materials are required for SEATAC review.
- Staff has discussed internally on the use of a Class 1 Categorical Exemption for retroactive approval. As CEQA defines the environment as the physical conditions that exist within the area that will be affected, in this case for the existing facility a Class 1 Categorical Exemption is the appropriate environmental classification for the existing Sprint facility.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Therefore, as a new SEA CUP is required to be filed for the WTF, and complete SEATAC review, staff recommends that the Hearing Officer continue conditional use permit no. 201100108 off calendar.

**SUGGESTED APPROVAL MOTION**

"I MOVE THAT THE MATTER BE TAKEN OFF CALENDAR."

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