



Negative Declaration & Notice Of Determination

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING
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ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION NO. ED14-210

DATE: 6/18/15

PROJECT/ENTITLEMENT: PG&E/Verizon Wireless Minor Use Permit; DRC2014-00107

APPLICANT NAME: Verizon Wireless
ADDRESS: 2785 Mitchell Dr. #9, Walnut Creek, CA, 94598
CONTACT PERSON: Aaron M. Anderson
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Telephone: 562-485-

PROPOSED USES/INTENT: Request by PG&E/Verizon Wireless for a Minor Use Permit to allow for the installation of an unmanned communications facility consisting of: a) six (6) six foot tall panel antennas mounted approximately 49 feet from the ground on an existing PG&E transmission tower; b) 200 square foot equipment shelter; c) emergency generator; and d) a 6 foot high chain link fence around the 600 square foot lease area. The project will result in the disturbance of approximately 630 square feet on a 18.31 acre parcel. The proposed project is within the agricultural land use category and is located at 3293 Meadowlark Rd, Paso Robles. The site is in the Salinas River sub area of the North County planning area.

LOCATION: 3293 Meadowlark Rd, Paso Robles, CA 93446

LEAD AGENCY: County of San Luis Obispo
Dept of Planning & Building
976 Osos Street, Rm. 200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408-2040
Website: <http://www.sloplanning.org>

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW: YES NO

OTHER POTENTIAL PERMITTING AGENCIES: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information pertaining to this Environmental Determination may be obtained by contacting the above Lead Agency address or (805)781-5600.

COUNTY "REQUEST FOR REVIEW" PERIOD ENDS AT 4:30 p.m. (2 wks from above DATE)

30-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD begins at the time of public notification

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| Notice of Determination | | State Clearinghouse No. _____ | |
| This is to advise that the San Luis Obispo County _____ as <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Lead Agency</i> | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Responsible Agency</i> approved/denied the above described project on _____, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project: | | | |
| The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. Mitigation measures and monitoring were made a condition of approval of the project. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. | | | |
| This is to certify that the Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at the 'Lead Agency' address above. | | | |
| Signature | James Caruso | Date | County of San Luis Obispo |
| | Project Manager Name | | Public Agency |



Initial Study Summary – Environmental Checklist

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Project Title & No. PG&E/Verizon Wireless Minor Use Permit ED14-209 DRC2014-00107

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: The proposed project could have a "Potentially Significant Impact" for at least one of the environmental factors checked below. Please refer to the attached pages for discussion on mitigation measures or project revisions to either reduce these impacts to less than significant levels or require further study.

| | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology and Soils | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards/Hazardous Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Circulation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Water /Hydrology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Utilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use |

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation, the Environmental Coordinator finds that:

- The proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- The proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- The proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

James Caruso

Prepared by (Print)

Signature

Date

James Caruso

6-4-15

Airlin Singewald

Reviewed by (Print)

Signature

Ellen Carroll,
Environmental Coordinator
(for)

Date

Airlin Singewald

6-4-15



Project Environmental Analysis

The County's environmental review process incorporates all of the requirements for completing the Initial Study as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines. The Initial Study includes staff's on-site inspection of the project site and surroundings and a detailed review of the information in the file for the project. In addition, available background information is reviewed for each project. Relevant information regarding soil types and characteristics, geologic information, significant vegetation and/or wildlife resources, water availability, wastewater disposal services, existing land uses and surrounding land use categories and other information relevant to the environmental review process are evaluated for each project. Exhibit A includes the references used, as well as the agencies or groups that were contacted as a part of the Initial Study. The County Planning Department uses the checklist to summarize the results of the research accomplished during the initial environmental review of the project.

Persons, agencies or organizations interested in obtaining more information regarding the environmental review process for a project should contact the County of San Luis Obispo Planning Department, 976 Osos Street, Rm. 200, San Luis Obispo, CA, 93408-2040 or call (805) 781-5600.

A. PROJECT

DESCRIPTION: Request by PG&E/Verizon Wireless for a Minor Use Permit to allow for the installment of six new panel antennas on an existing PG&E transmission tower and a new 190 square foot pre-fabricated equipment shelter. The project will result in the disturbance of approximately 630 square feet on an 18.31 acre parcel. The proposed project is within the Agriculture land use category and is located at 3293 Meadowlark Rd, Paso Robles. The site is in the Salinas River sub area of the North County planning area.

County File No.: **DRC2014-00107** Assessor Parcel No.: 020-301-027

Supervisorial District: 1

Date accepted: April 21, 2015 Project Manager: James Caruso

ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER(S): 020-301-027

Latitude: 35 degrees 35' 59.0202" N Longitude: -120 degrees 38' 24.0792" W

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT # 1

B. EXISTING SETTING

PLAN AREA: North County

SUB: Salinas River

COMM: Rural

LAND USE CATEGORY: Agriculture

COMB. DESIGNATION: None

PARCEL SIZE: 18.31 acres

TOPOGRAPHY: Gently sloping

VEGETATION: Agriculture Coastal scrub

EXISTING USES: Agricultural uses

SURROUNDING LAND USE CATEGORIES AND USES:

| | |
|---|--|
| <i>North:</i> Residential Single Family; vacant | <i>East:</i> Agriculture; agricultural uses |
| <i>South:</i> Agriculture; agricultural uses | <i>West:</i> Residential Single Family; vacant |



C. ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

During the Initial Study process, at least one issue was identified as having a potentially significant environmental effects (see following Initial Study). Those potentially significant items associated with the proposed uses can be minimized to less than significant levels.

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**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST**

| 1. AESTHETICS | Potentially Significant | Impact can & will be mitigated | Insignificant Impact | Not Applicable |
|---|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Will the project:</i> | | | | |
| a) Create an aesthetically incompatible site open to public view? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Introduce a use within a scenic view open to public view? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Change the visual character of an area? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Create glare or night lighting, which may affect surrounding areas? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Impact unique geological or physical features? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f) Other: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Setting. The project will be visible from Meadowlark Road just outside the city limits. The existing PG&E tower and the lines stretching each way (east and west) are the predominant view of the site from Meadowlark Road.

The proposed project will be visible from the road but will not silhouette against any ridgelines as viewed from public roadways. The project is considered compatible with the surrounding uses. The site and surrounding land has been intermittently grazed.

Regulatory Setting

The Land Use Ordinance establishes the following screening standard for wireless communications facilities:

All facilities shall be screened with vegetation or landscaping. Where screening with vegetation is not feasible, the facilities shall be disguised to resemble rural, pastoral architecture (ex: windmills, barns, trees) or other features determined to blend with the surrounding area and be finished in a texture and color deemed unobtrusive to the neighborhood in which it is located.

Conservation and Open Space Element Policy VR 9.3 states:

Locate, design and screen communications facilities, including towers, antennas, and associated equipment and buildings in order to avoid views of them in scenic areas, minimize their appearance and visually blend with the surrounding natural and built environments. Locate such facilities to avoid ridge tops where they would silhouette against the sky as viewed from major public view corridors and locations.

Conservation and Open Space Element Policy VR 9.4 states:

Encourage collocation of communications facilities (one or more carriers sharing a site, tower, or equipment) when feasible and where it would avoid or minimize adverse visual effects.

Impact. The project will add 6 panel antennas approximately 48 feet above the ground elevation on the 120 foot tall tower and a 190 square foot 10 foot tall equipment shelter adjacent to the tower located approximately 100 feet south of Meadowlark Road. The proposed panel antennas will be visible from the road, but will be integrated into the existing PG&E tower and therefore would not be discernible to the public as a telecommunications facility. The proposed ground equipment would be screened from view by a proposed 6-foot tall wooden fence. No significant visual impacts are expected to occur.

Mitigation/Conclusion. No mitigation measures are necessary.

2. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

Will the project:

| | Potentially Significant | Impact can & will be mitigated | Insignificant Impact | Not Applicable |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) <i>Convert prime agricultural land, per NRCS soil classification, to non-agricultural use?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) <i>Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance to non-agricultural use?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) <i>Impair agricultural use of other property or result in conversion to other uses?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) <i>Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or Williamson Act program?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) <i>Other:</i> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Agricultural Resources

Setting. Project Elements. The following area-specific elements relate to the property's importance for agricultural production:

Land Use Category: Agriculture

Historic/Existing Commercial Crops: None

State Classification: Farmland of Statewide Importance, Prime Farmland if irrigated.

In Agricultural Preserve? No

Under Williamson Act contract? No

The soil type(s) and characteristics on the subject property include:

Arbuckle-San Ysidro complex (2 - 9% slope).



Arbuckle. This gently sloping coarse loamy soil is considered moderately drained. The soil has moderate erodibility and low shrink-swell characteristics, as well as having potential septic system constraints due to: slow percolation. The soil is considered Class IV without irrigation and Class II when irrigated.

San Ysidro. This gently sloping coarse loamy soil is considered moderately to well drained. The soil has high erodibility and low shrink-swell characteristics, as well as having potential septic system constraints due to: slow percolation. The soil is considered Class IV without irrigation and Class II when irrigated.

Arbuckle-Positas complex (9 - 15 % slope).

Arbuckle. This gently to moderately sloping coarse loamy soil is considered moderately drained. The soil has moderate erodibility and low shrink-swell characteristics, as well as having potential septic system constraints due to: slow percolation. The soil is considered Class IV without irrigation and Class III when irrigated.

Positas. This gently to moderately sloping coarse loamy soil is considered very poorly drained. The soil has moderate erodibility and low shrink-swell characteristics, as well as having potential septic system constraints due to: slow percolation. The soil is considered Class IV without irrigation and Class III when irrigated.

Cropley clay (2 - 9% slope). This gently sloping soil is considered very poorly drained. The soil has moderate erodibility and high shrink-swell characteristics, as well as having potential septic system constraints due to: slow percolation. The soil is considered Class IV without irrigation and Class II when irrigated.

Impact. The project is located on a site that has been subject to intermittent grazing. The Agricultural Commissioner's office has stated that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on agricultural resources or operations.

Mitigation/Conclusion. No mitigation measures are necessary.

3. AIR QUALITY

Will the project:

| | Potentially Significant | Impact can & will be mitigated | Insignificant Impact | Not Applicable |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) <i>Violate any state or federal ambient air quality standard, or exceed air quality emission thresholds as established by County Air Pollution Control District?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) <i>Expose any sensitive receptor to substantial air pollutant concentrations?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) <i>Create or subject individuals to objectionable odors?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) <i>Be inconsistent with the District's Clean Air Plan?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3. AIR QUALITY

Will the project:

| | Potentially Significant | Impact can & will be mitigated | Insignificant Impact | Not Applicable |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| e) <i>Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant either considered in non-attainment under applicable state or federal ambient air quality standards that are due to increased energy use or traffic generation, or intensified land use change?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| GREENHOUSE GASES | | | | |
| f) <i>Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g) <i>Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h) <i>Other:</i> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Air Quality

Setting. The Air Pollution Control District (APCD) has developed and updated their CEQA Air Quality Handbook (2012) to evaluate project specific impacts and help determine if air quality mitigation measures are needed, or if potentially significant impacts could result. To evaluate long-term emissions, cumulative effects, and establish countywide programs to reach acceptable air quality levels, a Clean Air Plan has been adopted (prepared by APCD).

Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions are said to result in an increase in the earth's average surface temperature. This is commonly referred to as global warming. The rise in global temperature is associated with long-term changes in precipitation, temperature, wind patterns, and other elements of the earth's climate system. This is also known as climate change. These changes are now thought to be broadly attributed to GHG emissions, particularly those emissions that result from the human production and use of fossil fuels.

The passage of AB32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act (2006), recognized the need to reduce GHG emissions and set the greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal for the State of California into law. The law required that by 2020, State emissions must be reduced to 1990 levels. This is to be accomplished by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from significant sources via regulation, market mechanisms, and other actions. Subsequent legislation (e.g., SB97-Greenhouse Gas Emissions bill) directed the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to develop statewide thresholds.

In March 2012, the San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) approved thresholds for GHG emission impacts, and these thresholds have been incorporated the APCD's CEQA Air Quality Handbook. APCD determined that a tiered process for residential / commercial land use projects was the most appropriate and effective approach for assessing the GHG emission impacts. The tiered approach includes three methods, any of which can be used for any given project:

1. Qualitative GHG Reduction Strategies (e.g. Climate Action Plans): A qualitative threshold that



is consistent with AB 32 Scoping Plan measures and goals; or,

2. Bright-Line Threshold: Numerical value to determine the significance of a project's annual GHG emissions; or,
3. Efficiency-Based Threshold: Assesses the GHG impacts of a project on an emissions per capita basis.

For most projects the Bright-Line Threshold of 1,150 Metric Tons CO₂/year (MT CO₂e/yr) will be the most applicable threshold. In addition to the residential/commercial threshold options proposed above, a bright-line numerical value threshold of 10,000 MT CO₂e/yr was adopted for stationary source (industrial) projects.

It should be noted that projects that generate less than the above mentioned thresholds will also participate in emission reductions because air emissions, including GHGs, are under the purview of the California Air Resources Board (or other regulatory agencies) and will be "regulated" either by CARB, the Federal Government, or other entities. For example, new vehicles will be subject to increased fuel economy standards and emission reductions, large and small appliances will be subject to more strict emissions standards, and energy delivered to consumers will increasingly come from renewable sources. Other programs that are intended to reduce the overall GHG emissions include Low Carbon Fuel Standards, Renewable Portfolio standards and the Clean Car standards. As a result, even the emissions that result from projects that produce fewer emissions than the threshold will be subject to emission reductions.

Under CEQA, an individual project's GHG emissions will generally not result in direct significant impacts. This is because the climate change issue is global in nature. However, an individual project could be found to contribute to a potentially significant cumulative impact. Projects that have GHG emissions above the noted thresholds may be considered cumulatively considerable and require mitigation.

The project proposes to disturb soils that have been given a wind erodibility rating of #3-5₁, which is considered "moderate".

Impact.

As proposed, the project will result in the disturbance of approximately 600 square feet. This will result in the creation of construction dust, as well as short- and long-term vehicle emissions. The project will be moving less than 1,200 cubic yards/day of material and will disturb less than four acres of area, and therefore will be below the general thresholds triggering construction-related mitigation. The project is also not in close proximity to sensitive receptors that might otherwise result in nuisance complaints and be subject to limited dust and/or emission control measures during construction.

From an operational standpoint, based on Table 1-1 of the CEQA Air Quality Handbook (2012), the project will not exceed operational thresholds triggering mitigation. The project is consistent with the general level of development anticipated and projected in the Clean Air Plan. No significant air quality impacts are expected to occur.

This project is an unmanned communications facility. Using the GHG threshold information described in the Setting section, the project is expected to generate less than the Bright-Line Threshold of 1,150 metric tons of GHG emissions. Therefore, the project's potential direct and cumulative GHG emissions are found to be less significant and less than a cumulatively considerable contribution to GHG emissions. Section 15064(h)(2) of the CEQA Guidelines provide guidance on how to evaluate cumulative impacts. If it is shown that an incremental contribution to a cumulative impact, such as global climate change, is not 'cumulatively considerable', no mitigation is required. Because this project's emissions fall under the threshold, no mitigation is required.

Mitigation/Conclusion. Due to the distance of any known fault (at least 2.45 miles away) or serpentine rock outcrop (at least three miles away), it is not expected that any naturally occurring

asbestos would be encountered during any earthmoving activities. The proposed project would not result in significant construction related or operational air quality impacts. No mitigation is necessary.

4. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Will the project:

| | Potentially Significant | Impact can & will be mitigated | Insignificant Impact | Not Applicable |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) <i>Result in a loss of unique or special status species* or their habitats?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) <i>Reduce the extent, diversity or quality of native or other important vegetation?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) <i>Impact wetland or riparian habitat?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) <i>Interfere with the movement of resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, or factors, which could hinder the normal activities of wildlife?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) <i>Conflict with any regional plans or policies to protect sensitive species, or regulations of the California Department of Fish & Wildlife or U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f) <i>Other:</i> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

* Species – as defined in Section 15380 of the CEQA Guidelines, which includes all plant and wildlife species that fall under the category of rare, threatened or endangered, as described in this section.

Biological Resources

Setting. The following are existing elements on or near the proposed project relating to potential biological concerns:

On-site Vegetation: grassland

Name and distance from blue line creek(s): On property

Habitat: grassland

The Natural Diversity Database identified in this area as important habitat for the San Joaquin Kit Fox, a federally listed endangered species and a state listed threatened species.

An unnamed creek is located on the proposed project site. No riparian habitat exists on this site. An existing access road crosses the creek and will provide access to the proposed project site.

Impact.

With regards to the San Joaquin Kit Fox, based on the results of previous Kit Fox Habitat Evaluations that have been conducted for the area, the standard mitigation ratio for projects on parcels less than 40 acres in size has been established as 2:1. This means that all impacts to kit fox habitat must be mitigated at a ratio of 2 acres conserved for each acre impacted (2:1). The project will result in the permanent disturbance of 0.14 acres of kit fox habitat.

Applicants have the option of hiring a qualified biologist to conduct a Kit Fox Habitat Evaluation of the project site if the applicant believes that the evaluation would lower the score and reduce the required mitigation ratio. However, the applicant has chosen to accept the standard mitigation ratio of (2:1),

which requires that a total compensatory acreage of 0.28 acres (0.14 acres multiplied by a 2:1 ratio be mitigated.

Mitigation/Conclusion.

With regards to the San Joaquin Kit Fox, the applicant will be required to mitigate the loss of **0.28** acres of kit fox habitat by one of the following ways:

- ✓ Deposit of funds to an approved in-lieu fee program;
- ✓ Provide for the protection of kit foxes in perpetuity through acquisition of fee or conservation easement of suitable habitat in the kit fox corridor area; or
- ✓ Purchase credits in an approved conservation bank.

To prevent inadvertent harm to kit fox, the applicant has agreed to retain a biologist for a pre-construction survey, a pre-construction briefing for contractors, and monitoring activities in addition to implementing cautionary construction measures. These mitigation measures are listed in detail in Exhibit B Mitigation Summary Table.

The implementation of the above measures will mitigate biological impacts to a level of insignificance.

5. CULTURAL RESOURCES

Will the project:

| | Potentially Significant | Impact can & will be mitigated | Insignificant Impact | Not Applicable |
|--|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) <i>Disturb archaeological resources?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) <i>Disturb historical resources?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) <i>Disturb paleontological resources?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) <i>Other: _____</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Setting. The project is located in an area historically occupied by the Obispeno Chumash and Salinan. . No historic structures are present and no paleontological resources are known to exist in the area.

Cultural Resources

Impact. The project is not located in an area that would be considered culturally sensitive due to lack of physical features typically associated with prehistoric occupation. Impacts to historical or paleontological resources are not expected.

Mitigation/Conclusion. No significant cultural resource impacts are expected to occur, and no mitigation measures are necessary.



6. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Will the project:

| | Potentially Significant | Impact can & will be mitigated | Insignificant Impact | Not Applicable |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) <i>Result in exposure to or production of unstable earth conditions, such as landslides, earthquakes, liquefaction, ground failure, land subsidence or other similar hazards?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) <i>Be within a California Geological Survey "Alquist-Priolo" Earthquake Fault Zone", or other known fault zones*?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) <i>Result in soil erosion, topographic changes, loss of topsoil or unstable soil conditions from project-related improvements, such as vegetation removal, grading, excavation, or fill?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) <i>Include structures located on expansive soils?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) <i>Be inconsistent with the goals and policies of the County's Safety Element relating to Geologic and Seismic Hazards?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f) <i>Preclude the future extraction of valuable mineral resources?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g) <i>Other: _____</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

* Per Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication #42

Setting. The following relates to the project's geologic aspects or conditions:

Topography: Gently sloping

Within County's Geologic Study Area?: No

Landslide Risk Potential: Moderate

Liquefaction Potential: Low

Nearby potentially active faults?: No Distance? Not applicable

Area known to contain serpentine or ultramafic rock or soils?: No

Shrink/Swell potential of soil: Low

Other notable geologic features? None

Geology and Soils

A sedimentation and erosion control plan is required for all construction and grading projects (LUO Sec. 22.52.120, CZLUO Sec. 23.05.036) to minimize these impacts. When required, the plan is prepared by a civil engineer to address both temporary and long-term sedimentation and erosion impacts.

Impact. As proposed, the project will result in the disturbance of approximately 600 square feet.

Mitigation/Conclusion. There is no evidence that measures above what will already be required by ordinance or codes are needed.

| 7. HAZARDS & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - Will the project: | Potentially Significant | Impact can & will be mitigated | Insignificant Impact | Not Applicable |
|---|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) <i>Create a hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) <i>Create a hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) <i>Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within ¼-mile of an existing or proposed school?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) <i>Be located on, or adjacent to, a site which is included on a list of hazardous material/waste sites compiled pursuant to Gov't Code 65962.5 ("Cortese List"), and result in an adverse public health condition?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) <i>Impair implementation or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response or evacuation plan?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f) <i>If within the Airport Review designation, or near a private airstrip, result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g) <i>Increase fire hazard risk or expose people or structures to high wildland fire hazard conditions?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h) <i>Be within a 'very high' fire hazard severity zone?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i) <i>Be within an area classified as a 'state responsibility' area as defined by CalFire?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| j) <i>Other: _____</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Hazards and Hazardous Materials

Setting.

The subject project is within the High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. Based on the County's fire response time map, it will take approximately 5-10 minutes to respond to a call regarding fire or life safety. Refer to the Public Services section for further discussion on Fire Safety impacts.

Impact. The project does not propose the use of hazardous materials, nor the generation of hazardous wastes. The proposed project is not found on the 'Cortese List' (which is a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5). The project does not present a significant fire safety risk. The project is not expected to conflict with any regional emergency response or evacuation plan.

Mitigation/Conclusion. No significant impacts as a result of hazards or hazardous materials are anticipated, and no mitigation measures are necessary.

8. NOISE

| | Potentially Significant | Impact can & will be mitigated | Insignificant Impact | Not Applicable |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Will the project:</i> | | | | |
| a) <i>Expose people to noise levels that exceed the County Noise Element thresholds?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) <i>Generate permanent increases in the ambient noise levels in the project vicinity?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) <i>Cause a temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise in the project vicinity?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) <i>Expose people to severe noise or vibration?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) <i>If located within the Airport Review designation or adjacent to a private airstrip, expose people residing or working in the project area to severe noise levels?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f) <i>Other: _____</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Noise

Setting. The project is not within close proximity of loud noise sources, and will not conflict with any sensitive noise receptors (e.g., residences). Noise from the facility will include air conditioning to cool the equipment shelter and a backup generator in case of power failure. The Noise Study (Hammett and Edison) concludes that maximum noise levels of 65 dBA ten feet from the air conditioning unit and 63 dBA 23 feet from the generator. The nearest property line is approximately 30 feet from the noise sources. Based on the results of this Noise Study, noise generation from the proposed project will be within acceptable noise limits.

Impact. The project is not expected to generate loud noises, nor conflict with the surrounding uses.

Mitigation/Conclusion. No significant noise impacts are anticipated, and no mitigation measures are

necessary.

9. POPULATION/HOUSING

Will the project:

| | Potentially Significant | Impact can & will be mitigated | Insignificant Impact | Not Applicable |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) <i>Induce substantial growth in an area either directly (e.g., construct new homes or businesses) or indirectly (e.g., extension of major infrastructure)?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) <i>Displace existing housing or people, requiring construction of replacement housing elsewhere?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) <i>Create the need for substantial new housing in the area?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) <i>Other:</i> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Population/Housing

Setting In its efforts to provide for affordable housing, the county currently administers the Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which provides limited financing to projects relating to affordable housing throughout the county. The County's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance requires provision of new affordable housing in conjunction with both residential and nonresidential development and subdivisions.

Impact. The project will not result in a need for a significant amount of new housing, and will not displace existing housing.

Mitigation/Conclusion. No significant population and housing impacts are anticipated. No mitigation measures are necessary.

10. PUBLIC SERVICES/UTILITIES

Will the project have an effect upon, or result in the need for new or altered public services in any of the following areas:

| | Potentially Significant | Impact can & will be mitigated | Insignificant Impact | Not Applicable |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a) <i>Fire protection?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) <i>Police protection (e.g., Sheriff, CHP)?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) <i>Schools?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) <i>Roads?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) <i>Solid Wastes?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f) <i>Other public facilities?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| g) <i>Other:</i> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

12. TRANSPORTATION/CIRCULATION

| <i>Will the project:</i> | Potentially Significant | Impact can & will be mitigated | Insignificant Impact | Not Applicable |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) <i>Increase vehicle trips to local or areawide circulation system?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) <i>Reduce existing "Level of Service" on public roadway(s)?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) <i>Create unsafe conditions on public roadways (e.g., limited access, design features, sight distance, slow vehicles)?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) <i>Provide for adequate emergency access?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) <i>Conflict with an established measure of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system considering all modes of transportation (e.g. LOS, mass transit, etc.)?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f) <i>Conflict with an applicable congestion management program?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g) <i>Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h) <i>Result in a change in air traffic patterns that may result in substantial safety risks?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i) <i>Other:</i> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Transportation

Setting. The County has established the acceptable Level of Service (LOS) on roads for this rural area as "C" or better. The existing road network in the area including the project's access street Meadowlark Drive is operating at acceptable levels. Based on existing road speeds and configuration (vertical and horizontal road curves), sight distance is considered acceptable.

Referrals were sent to County Public Works. No significant traffic-related concerns were identified.

Impact. The proposed project is an unmanned communication facility with minimal traffic. This small amount of additional traffic will not result in a significant change to the existing road service or traffic safety levels. The project does not conflict with adopted policies, plans and programs on transportation.

Mitigation/Conclusion. No significant traffic impacts were identified, and no mitigation measures above what are already required by ordinance are necessary.

13. WASTEWATER

| | Potentially Significant | Impact can & will be mitigated | Insignificant Impact | Not Applicable |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Will the project:</i> | | | | |
| a) <i>Violate waste discharge requirements or Central Coast Basin Plan criteria for wastewater systems?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) <i>Change the quality of surface or ground water (e.g., nitrogen-loading, day-lighting)?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) <i>Adversely affect community wastewater service provider?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) <i>Other:</i> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Wastewater

Setting. The project is an unmanned communication facility and requires no wastewater service.

Mitigation/Conclusion. Given that the project is an unmanned communication facility, no mitigation measures are necessary.

14. WATER & HYDROLOGY

| | Potentially Significant | Impact can & will be mitigated | Insignificant Impact | Not Applicable |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Will the project:</i> | | | | |
| QUALITY | | | | |
| a) <i>Violate any water quality standards?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) <i>Discharge into surface waters or otherwise alter surface water quality (e.g., turbidity, sediment, temperature, dissolved oxygen, etc.)?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) <i>Change the quality of groundwater (e.g., saltwater intrusion, nitrogen-loading, etc.)?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) <i>Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide additional sources of polluted runoff?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) <i>Change rates of soil absorption, or amount or direction of surface runoff?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f) <i>Change the drainage patterns where substantial on- or off-site sedimentation/ erosion or flooding may occur?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g) <i>Involve activities within the 100-year flood zone?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



14. WATER & HYDROLOGY

Will the project:

QUANTITY

| | Potentially Significant | Impact can & will be mitigated | Insignificant Impact | Not Applicable |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| h) Change the quantity or movement of available surface or ground water? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i) Adversely affect community water service provider? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| j) Expose people to a risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding (e.g., dam failure, etc.), or inundation by seiche, tsunami or mudflow? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| k) Other: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Water

Setting. The project is an unmanned communication facility and does not require a water supply.

The topography of the project is gently sloping. The closest creek from the proposed development is within the parcel approximately 50 feet from the proposed project site. As described in the NRCS Soil Survey, the soil surface is considered to have low erodibility.

Projects involving more than one acre of disturbance are subject to preparing a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to minimize on-site sedimentation and erosion. When work is done in the rainy season, the County's Land Use Ordinance requires that temporary erosion and sedimentation measures to be installed.

DRAINAGE – The following relates to the project's drainage aspects:

- Within the 100-year Flood Hazard designation? No
- Closest creek? Unnamed Distance? Onsite
- Soil drainage characteristics: Moderately drained

For areas where drainage is identified as a potential issue, the Land Use Ordinance (LUO Sec. 22.52.110 or CZLUO Sec. 23.05.042) includes a provision to prepare a drainage plan to minimize potential drainage impacts. When required, this plan would need to address measures such as: constructing on-site retention or detention basins, or installing surface water flow dissipaters. This plan would also need to show that the increased surface runoff would have no more impacts than that caused by historic flows.

SEDIMENTATION AND EROSION – Soil type, area of disturbance, and slopes are key aspects to analyzing potential sedimentation and erosion issues. The project's soil types and descriptions are listed in the previous Agriculture section under "Setting". As described in the NRCS Soil Survey, the project's soil erodibility is as follows:

Soil erodibility: Moderate

A sedimentation and erosion control plan is required for all construction and grading projects (LUO Sec. 22.52.120, CZLUO Sec. 23.05.036) to minimize these impacts. When required, the plan is prepared by a civil engineer to address both temporary and long-term sedimentation and erosion impacts. Projects involving more than one acre of disturbance are subject to the preparation of a

Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), which focuses on controlling storm water runoff. The Regional Water Quality Control Board is the local extension who monitors this program.

Impact – Water Quality/Hydrology

With regards to project impacts on water quality the following conditions apply:

- ✓ Approximately 600 square feet of site disturbance is proposed and the movement of approximately 0 cubic yards of material;
- ✓ The project will be subject to standard County requirements for drainage, sedimentation and erosion control for construction and permanent use;
- ✓ The project is not on highly erodible soils, nor on moderate to steep slopes;
- ✓ The project is not within a 100-year Flood Hazard designation;
- ✓ All hazardous materials and/or wastes will be properly stored on-site, which include secondary containment should spills or leaks occur;

Water Quantity

Based on the project description, the proposed project will not use any water.

Conclusion. Based on the proposed amount of water to be used and the water source, no significant impacts from water use are anticipated.

15. LAND USE

Inconsistent Potentially Inconsistent Consistent Not Applicable

Will the project:

| | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) <i>Be potentially inconsistent with land use, policy/regulation (e.g., general plan [County Land Use Element and Ordinance], local coastal plan, specific plan, Clean Air Plan, etc.) adopted to avoid or mitigate for environmental effects?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) <i>Be potentially inconsistent with any habitat or community conservation plan?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) <i>Be potentially inconsistent with adopted agency environmental plans or policies with jurisdiction over the project?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) <i>Be potentially incompatible with surrounding land uses?</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) <i>Other:</i> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Land Use

Setting/Impact. Surrounding uses are identified on Page 2 of the Initial Study. The proposed project was reviewed for consistency with policy and/or regulatory documents relating to the environment and appropriate land use (e.g., County Land Use Ordinance, Local Coastal Plan, etc.). Referrals were sent to outside agencies to review for policy consistencies (e.g., CAL FIRE for Fire Code, APCD for Clean Air Plan, etc.). The project was found to be consistent with these documents (refer also to Exhibit A on reference documents used).

The project is not within or adjacent to a Habitat Conservation Plan area. The project is consistent or compatible with the surrounding uses as summarized on page 2 of this Initial Study.

As described above (see Aesthetics) the proposed project is consistent with the screening requirements of the Telecommunications Ordinance because the proposed panel antennas will be painted to match and designed to blend with the existing PG&E tower. The proposed ground equipment will be screened from public view by a proposed 6-foot tall fence.

Mitigation/Conclusion. No inconsistencies were identified and therefore no additional measures above what will already be required were determined necessary.

16. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Potentially Significant | Impact can & will be mitigated | Insignificant Impact | Not Applicable |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|

Will the project:

- a) *Have the potential to 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 pre-history?*

| | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|

- b) *Have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a 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)*

| | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|

- c) *Have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?*

| | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|

For further information on CEQA or the County's environmental review process, please visit the County's web site at "www.sloplanning.org" under "Environmental Information", or the California Environmental Resources Evaluation System at: http://www.ceres.ca.gov/topic/env_law/ceqa/guidelines for information about the California Environmental Quality Act.

Exhibit A - Initial Study References and Agency Contacts

The County Planning Department has contacted various agencies for their comments on the proposed project. With respect to the subject application, the following have been contacted (marked with an) and when a response was made, it is either attached or in the application file:

| <u>Contacted</u> | <u>Agency</u> | <u>Response</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | County Public Works Department | In File** |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | County Environmental Health Services | Not Applicable |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | County Agricultural Commissioner's Office | Attached |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | County Airport Manager | Not Applicable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Airport Land Use Commission | Not Applicable |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Air Pollution Control District | Attached |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | County Sheriff's Department | Not Applicable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Regional Water Quality Control Board | Not Applicable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CA Coastal Commission | Not Applicable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CA Department of Fish and Wildlife | Not Applicable |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | CA Department of Forestry (Cal Fire) | Attached |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CA Department of Transportation | Not Applicable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Services District | Not Applicable |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Other <u>City of Paso Robles</u> | No comment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other _____ | |

**** "No comment" or "No concerns"-type responses are usually not attached**

The following checked () reference materials have been used in the environmental review for the proposed project and are hereby incorporated by reference into the Initial Study. The following information is available at the County Planning and Building Department.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project File for the Subject Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Design Plan |
| <u>County documents</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Plan Policies | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual Resource Summary Report |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Framework for Planning (Coastal/Inland) | <input type="checkbox"/> Circulation Study |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Plan (Inland/Coastal), includes all maps/elements; more pertinent elements: | <u>Other documents</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture Element | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clean Air Plan/APCD Handbook |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation & Open Space Element | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional Transportation Plan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Element | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uniform Fire Code |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing Element | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality Control Plan (Central Coast Basin – Region 3) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise Element | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archaeological Resources Map |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation Element/Project List | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area of Critical Concerns Map |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety Element | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Biological Importance Map |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use Ordinance (Inland/Coastal) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CA Natural Species Diversity Database |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building and Construction Ordinance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fire Hazard Severity Map |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Facilities Fee Ordinance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood Hazard Maps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Real Property Division Ordinance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey for SLO County |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing Fund | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GIS mapping layers (e.g., habitat, streams, contours, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Airport Land Use Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Wise Plan | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South County Area Plan/South County sub area and Update EIR | |



ATTACHMENT 4

In addition, the following project specific information and/or reference materials have been considered as a part of the Initial Study:

1. Photo simulation of the proposed project from Meadowlark Road; Artistic Engineering; no date
2. Statement of Hammett and Edison, Noise Evaluation; February 9, 2015

Exhibit B - Mitigation Summary Table

San Joaquin Kit Fox

Your project will impact 0.14 acres of San Joaquin kit fox habitat. Based on the results of previous Kit Fox Habitat Evaluations that have been conducted for the Paso Robles area, Bob Stafford from the Department of Fish and Game (Department) has determined that the standard mitigation ratio for projects on parcels less than 40 acres in size has been established as 2:1. This means that all impacts be mitigated at a ratio of 2 acres conserved for each acre impacted. You agreed to accept the standard mitigation ratio of 2:1 for your project. Total compensatory mitigation required for your project is 0.28 acres, based on 2 times 0.14 acres impacted. The mitigation options identified in BR-1 through BR-11 apply to the proposed project only; should your project change, your mitigation obligation may also change, and a reevaluation of your mitigation measures would be required.

BR-1 Prior to issuance of grading and/or construction permits, the applicant shall submit evidence to the County of San Luis Obispo, Department of Planning and Building, Environmental and Resource Management Division (County) (see contact information below) that states that one or a combination of the following three San Joaquin kit fox mitigation measures has been implemented:

- a. Provide for the protection in perpetuity, through acquisition of fee or a conservation easement of 0.28 acres of suitable habitat in the kit fox corridor area (e.g. within the San Luis Obispo County kit fox habitat area, northwest of Highway 58), either on-site or off-site, and provide for a non-wasting endowment to provide for management and monitoring of the property in perpetuity. Lands to be conserved shall be subject to the review and approval of the California Department of Fish and Game (Department) and the County.

This mitigation alternative (a.) requires that all aspects of this program must be in place before County permit issuance or initiation of any ground disturbing activities.

- b. Deposit funds into an approved in-lieu fee program, which would provide for the protection in perpetuity of suitable habitat in the kit fox corridor area within San Luis Obispo County, and provide for a non-wasting endowment for management and monitoring of the property in perpetuity.

Mitigation alternative (b) above, can be completed by providing funds to The Nature Conservancy (TNC) pursuant to the Voluntary Fee-Based Compensatory Mitigation Program (Program). The Program was established in agreement between the Department and TNC to preserve San Joaquin kit fox habitat, and to provide a voluntary mitigation alternative to project proponents who must mitigate the impacts of projects in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The fee, payable to "The Nature Conservancy", would total \$700.00. This fee is calculated based on the current cost-per-unit of \$2500 per acre of mitigation, which is scheduled to be adjusted to address the increasing cost of property in San Luis Obispo County; your actual cost may increase depending on the timing of payment. This fee must be paid after the Department provides written notification about your mitigation options but prior to County permit issuance and initiation of any ground disturbing activities.

- c. Purchase 0.28 credits in a Department-approved conservation bank, which would provide for the protection in perpetuity of suitable habitat within the kit fox corridor area and provide for a non-wasting endowment for management and monitoring of the property in perpetuity.

Mitigation alternative (c) above, can be completed by purchasing credits from the Palo Prieto Conservation Bank (see contact information below). The Palo Prieto Conservation Bank was established to preserve San Joaquin kit fox habitat, and to provide a voluntary mitigation alternative to project proponents who must mitigate the impacts of projects in

accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The cost for purchasing credits is payable to the owners of The Palo Prieto Conservation Bank, and would total \$700.00. This fee is calculated based on the current cost-per-credit of \$2500 per acre of mitigation. The fee is established by the conservation bank owner and may change at any time. Your actual cost may increase depending on the timing of payment. Purchase of credits must be completed prior to County permit issuance and initiation of any ground disturbing activities.

Monitoring: Required prior to issuance of a grading and/or construction permit. Compliance will be verified by the County Division of Environmental and Resource Management.

BR-2 **Prior to issuance of grading and/or construction permits**, the applicant shall provide evidence that they have retained a qualified biologist acceptable to the County. The retained biologist shall perform the following monitoring activities:

- a. **Prior to issuance of grading and/or construction permits and within 30 days prior to initiation of site disturbance and/or construction**, the biologist shall conduct a pre-activity (i.e. pre-construction) survey for known or potential kit fox dens and submit a letter to the County reporting the date the survey was conducted, the survey protocol, survey results, and what measures were necessary (and completed), as applicable, to address any kit fox activity within the project limits.
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Date: June 4, 2015

**DEVELOPER'S STATEMENT FOR
PG&E/Verizon
DRC2014-00107**

The applicant agrees to incorporate the following measures into the project. These measures become a part of the project description and therefore become a part of the record of action upon which the environmental determination is based. All development activity must occur in strict compliance with the following mitigation measures. These measures shall be perpetual and run with the land. These measures are binding on all successors in interest of the subject property.

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The following mitigation measures address impacts that may occur as a result of the development of the project.

San Joaquin Kit Fox

Your project will impact 0.14 acres of San Joaquin kit fox habitat. Based on the results of previous Kit Fox Habitat Evaluations that have been conducted for the Paso Robles area, Bob Stafford from the Department of Fish and Game (Department) has determined that the standard mitigation ratio for projects on parcels less than 40 acres in size has been established as 2:1. This means that all impacts be mitigated at a ratio of 2 acres conserved for each acre impacted. You agreed to accept the standard mitigation ratio of 2:1 for your project. Total compensatory mitigation required for your project is 0.28 acres, based on 2 times 0.14 acres impacted. The mitigation options identified in BR-1 through BR-11 apply to the proposed project only; should your project change, your mitigation obligation may also change, and a reevaluation of your mitigation measures would be required.

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This mitigation alternative (a.) requires that all aspects of this program must be in place before County permit issuance or initiation of any ground disturbing activities.

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The applicant understands that any changes made to the project description subsequent to this environmental determination must be reviewed by the Environmental Coordinator and may require a new environmental determination for the project. By signing this agreement, the owner(s) agrees to and accepts the incorporation of the above measures into the proposed project description.



Signature of Owner(s)

Date 06/01/2015

RADHA SHARMA

Name (Print)



MEADOWLARK
 3293 MEADOWLARK RD, PASO ROBLES, CA 93446
 LOCATION NUMBER: 295279

PG&E INFO
 SAP # 40690258
 SITE # MEADOWLARK
 TOWER # 20/82
 LINE NAME: - TEMPLETON-GATES, 230KV

MEADOWLARK
 295279
 3293 MEADOWLARK RD
 PASO ROBLES, CA 93446



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| VERIZON WIRELESS EQUIPMENT ENGINEER: | | VERIZON WIRELESS REAL ESTATE: | |
| SIGNATURE _____ | DATE _____ | SIGNATURE _____ | DATE _____ |
| VERIZON WIRELESS CONSTRUCTION: | | VERIZON WIRELESS RF ENGINEER: | |
| SIGNATURE _____ | DATE _____ | SIGNATURE _____ | DATE _____ |
| PROPERTY OWNER: | | SEQUOIA DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - LEASING | |
| SIGNATURE _____ | DATE _____ | SIGNATURE _____ | DATE _____ |
| SEQUOIA DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - CONSTRUCTION | | SEQUOIA DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - ZONING | |
| SIGNATURE _____ | DATE _____ | SIGNATURE _____ | DATE _____ |

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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 - (6) (P) ANTENNAS
 - (6) (P) RRUS-32 UNITS
 - (6) (P) RAYCAP 3.315 UNITS (3) (P) ANTENNAS & (3) (P) SHELTER
 - A (P) 300W DIESEL GENERATOR W/ UL2085 RATED TANK
 - A (P) MW USH
 - (3) (P) IMA'S

PROJECT INFORMATION

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|-----------------------|---|---------------|---------------------------|
| SITE NAME: | MEADOWLARK | SITE #: | 295279 |
| COUNTY: | SAN LUIS OBISPO | JURISDICTION: | COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO |
| APN: | 020-301-027 | POWER: | PG&E |
| SBE#: | - | TELEPHONE: | AT&T |
| SITE ADDRESS: | 3293 MEADOWLARK RD PASO ROBLES, CA 93446 | | |
| CURRENT ZONING: | AG - AGRICULTURE | | |
| CONSTRUCTION TYPE: | V-B | | |
| OCCUPANCY TYPE: | UNMANNED COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY | | |
| PROPERTY OWNER: | PG&E-BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT 245 WARET ST MAY CODE N160 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105 | | |
| PG&E PROJECT MANAGER: | ATTN: JULIE STANLEY (661) 342-7630 | | |
| APPLICANT: | VERIZON WIRELESS 2785 MITCHELL DR, BLDG 9 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94588 | | |
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| CONSTRUCTION CONTACT: | SEQUOIA DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ATTN: PETE SHUBEN (714) 478-3197 | | |

VICINITY MAP



DRIVING DIRECTIONS

- FROM: 2785 MITCHELL DR, WALNUT CREEK, CA 94588
 TO: 3293 MEADOWLARK RD, PASO ROBLES, CA 93446
1. HEAD NORTHEAST ON MITCHELL DR TOWARD OAK GROVE RD 30 FT
 2. TURN RIGHT ONTO OAK GROVE RD 0.4 MI
 3. TAKE THE 2ND RIGHT ONTO YONACIO VALLEY RD 3.4 MI
 4. YONACIO VALLEY RD TURNS SLIGHTLY RIGHT AND BECOMES HILLSIDE AVE 0.1 MI
 5. TURN LEFT ONTO I-680 S RAMP TO SAN JOSE 0.3 MI
 6. MERGE ONTO I-680 S 45.6 MI
 7. TAKE THE EXIT ONTO US-101 TOWARD LOS ANGELES 153 MI
 8. TAKE THE CA-46 E EXIT TOWARD HESLO/BAKERSFIELD 0.2 MI
 9. TURN LEFT ONTO CA-46 E 1.5 MI
 10. TURN RIGHT ONTO CORKEN HILL RD 1.6 MI
 11. TURN LEFT ONTO CRISTON RD 1.5 MI
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 ESTIMATED TIME: 3 HOUR 15 MINUTES ESTIMATED DISTANCE: 209 MILES

CODE COMPLIANCE

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- 2013 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, PART 1, TITLE 24 C.C.R.
- 2013 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE (CBC), PART 2, TITLE 24 C.C.R.
- (2012 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE VOLUMES 1-2 AND 2013 CALIFORNIA AMENDMENTS)
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- ANSI/ISA-18.2-2005

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DISABLED ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

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SHEET INDEX

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APPROVAL

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DRAWN BY: C. CODY
 CHECKED BY: L. HOUGHTBY
 APPROVED BY: _____
 DATE: 02/20/15

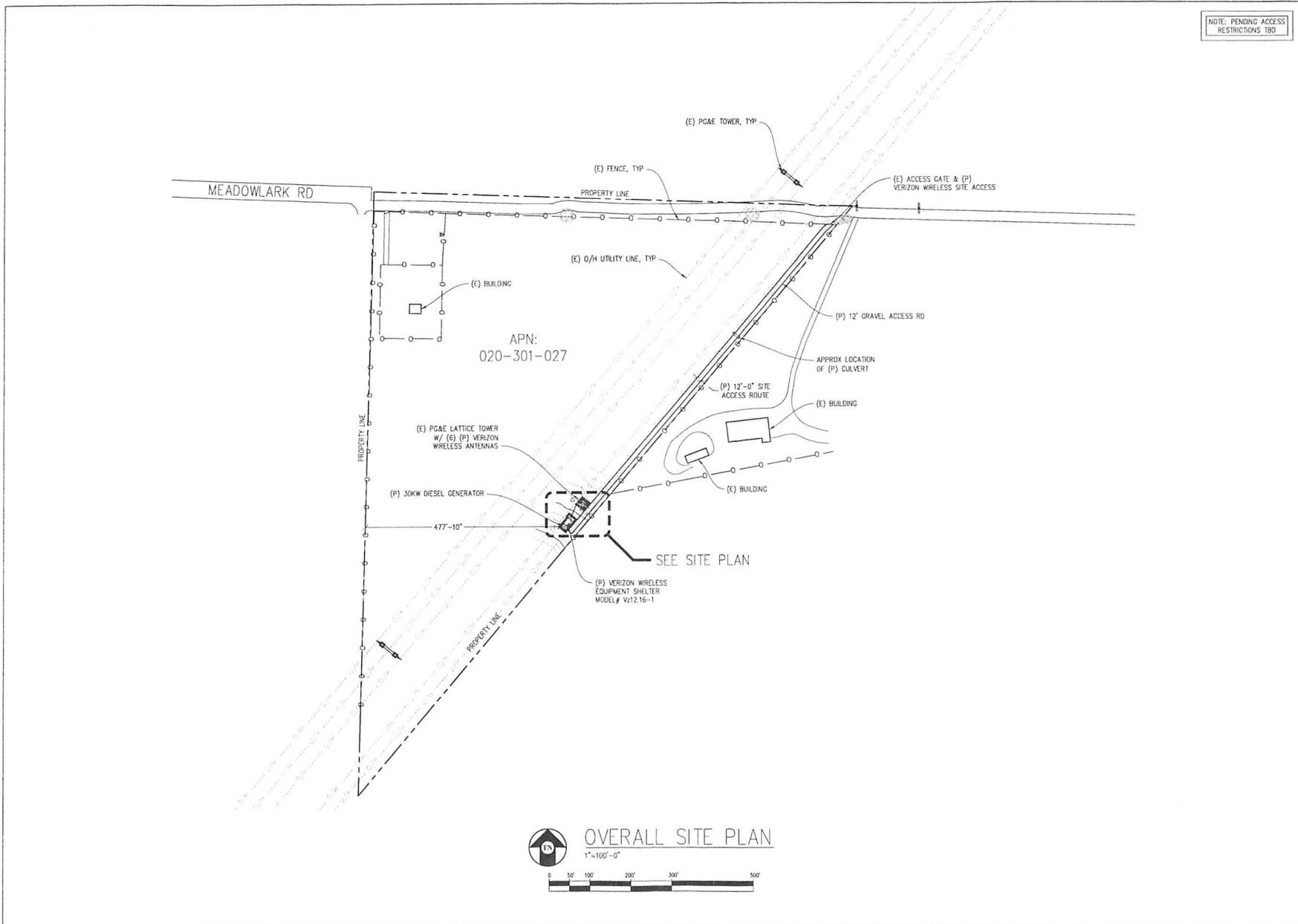
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ISSUE STATUS

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| | 10/23/14 | 20 30% A.V. | |
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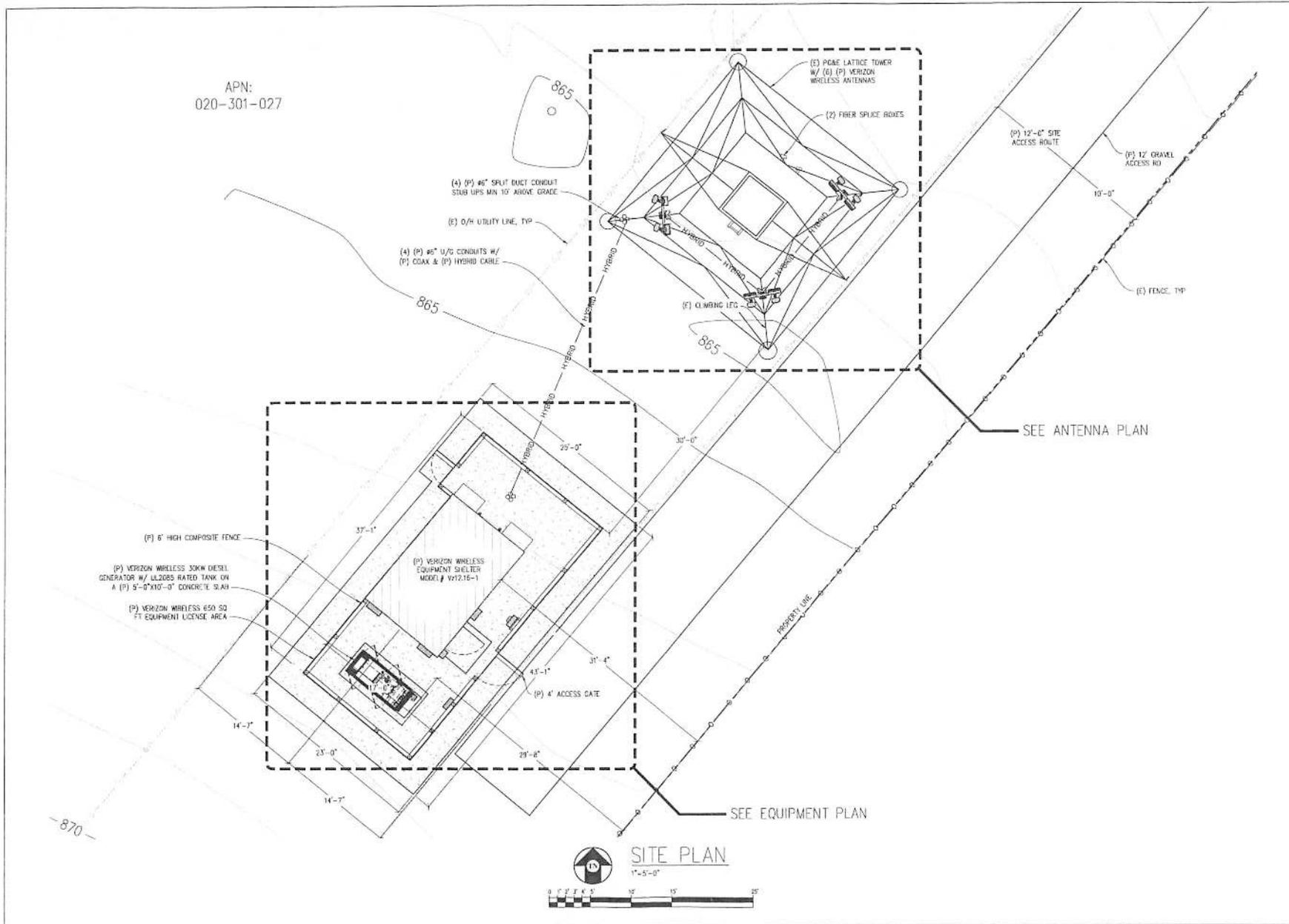
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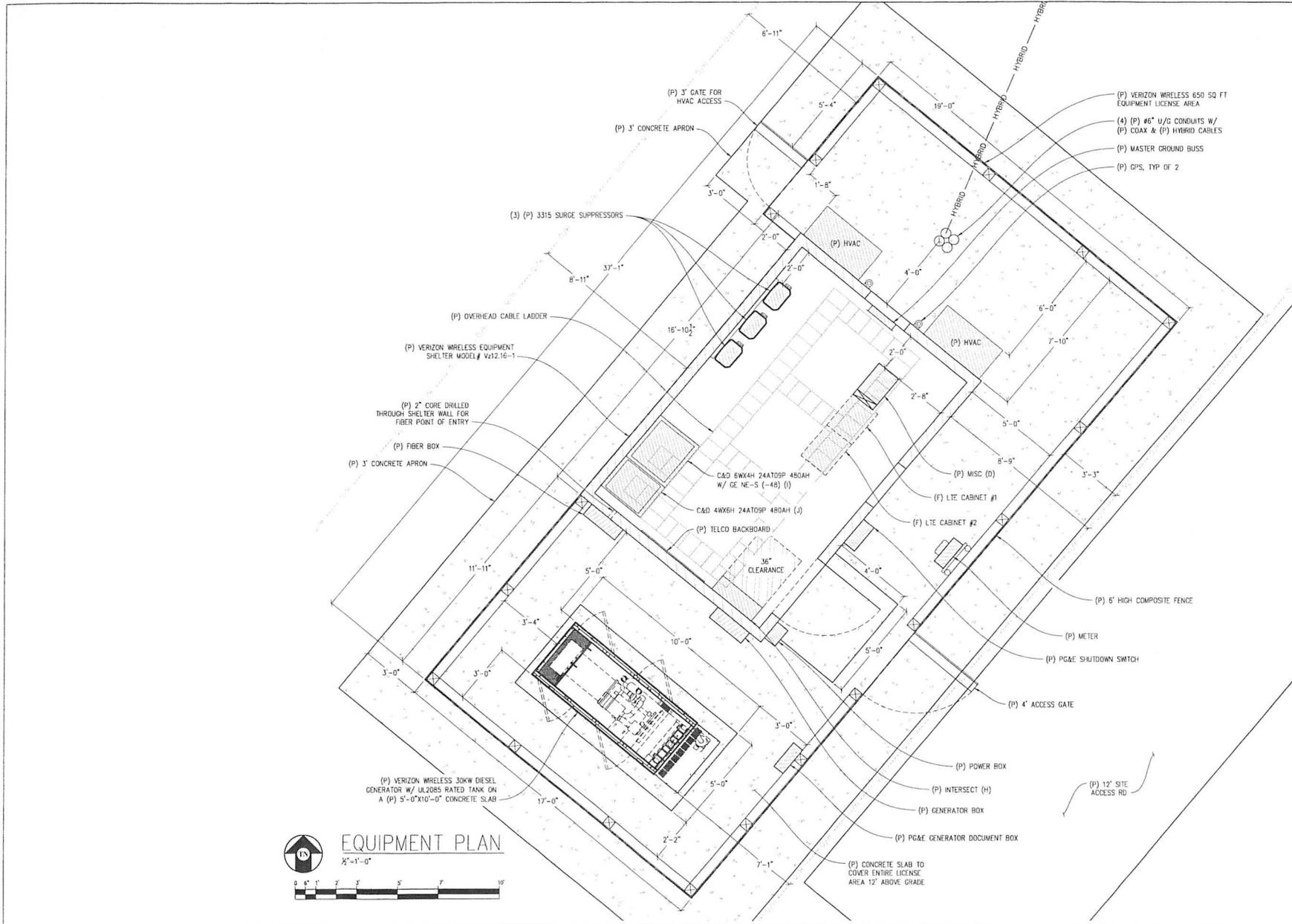
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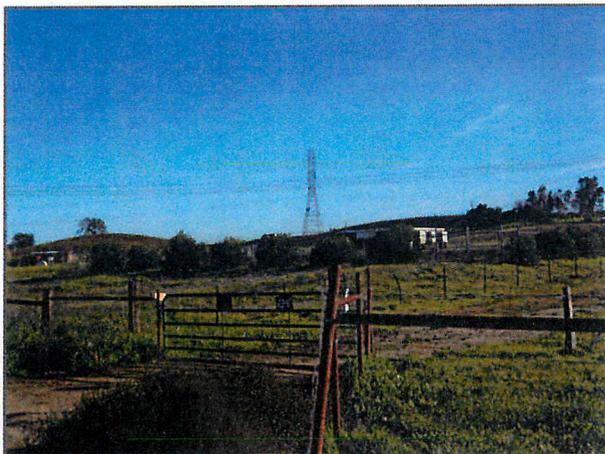


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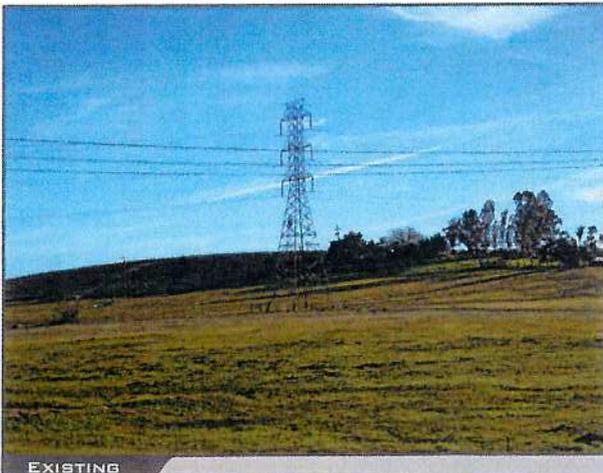


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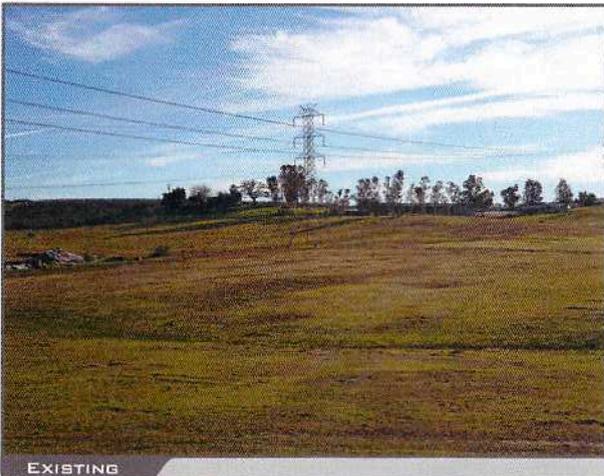


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