

## EXHIBIT A – FINDINGS

### ***CEQA Exemption***

- A. The project qualifies for a Class 3 Categorical Exemption (pursuant to CEQA guidelines Section 15303) because the project is minor in nature, involves little site disturbance, will not require the removal of any native vegetation, and will visually blend with the existing monopole.

### ***Minor Use Permit***

- B. The proposed project or use is consistent with the San Luis Obispo County General Plan because the use is an allowed use and as conditioned is consistent with all of the General Plan policies.
- C. As conditioned, the proposed project or use satisfies all applicable provisions of Title 22 of the County Code. In particular, the proposed facility would be co-located at an existing communications facility, is designed to blend with the existing monopole, and is consistent with the visual expectations for the site.
- D. The establishment and subsequent operation or conduct of the use will not, because of the circumstances and conditions applied in the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of the general public or persons residing or working in the neighborhood of the use, or be detrimental or injurious to property or improvements in the vicinity of the use because the because the installation and operation of such a facility does not generate activity that presents a potential threat to the surrounding property and buildings. This project is subject to Ordinance and Building Code requirements designed to address health, safety and welfare concerns. The applicant supplied a report to evaluate the proposed communications facility for compliance with appropriate guidelines limiting human exposure to radio frequency (RF) electromagnetic fields. According to the RF report for this project (SiteSafe; August 7, 2015), the public exposure RF emissions limit from the proposed facility combined with the existing facility would be less than 5 percent of the applicable public exposure limit at ground level. The report concludes that the facility would operate within the FCC standards for RF emissions.
- E. The proposed project or use will not be inconsistent with the character of the immediate neighborhood or contrary to its orderly development because it will be collocated at an existing wireless communications facility and therefore will not conflict with or degrade the visual character of the surrounding area.
- F. The proposed project or use will not generate a volume of traffic beyond the safe capacity of all roads providing access to the project, either existing or to be improved with the project because the project is located off Cattle Drive, a local road constructed to a level able to handle any additional traffic associated with the project.