

## **Negative Declaration & Notice Of Determination**

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING 976 OSOS STREET • ROOM 200 • SAN LUIS OBISPO • CALIFORNIA 93408 • (805) 781-5600

DATE: September 21, 2017

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION NO. ED16-316** 

**PROJECT/ENTITLEMENT:** Antiquity Capital, LLC and AT&T Mobility Conditional Use Permit; DRC2016-00048

**APPLICANT NAME:** AT&T Mobility **Email:** jc.ambrose@yahoo.com

ADDRESS: 1425 Edinger Ave., 3rd Floor, Tustin, CA 92780

CONTACT PERSON: Jerry Ambrose Telephone: (805) 637-7407

**PROPOSED USES/INTENT:** A request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow for the construction and operation of a new wireless communications facility consisting of twelve (12) panel antennas, twenty four (24) Remote Radio Units, two (2) microwave dishes, and five (5) surge suppressors, all installed on a new 60' tall artificial pine tree, within a 400 square foot lease area, surrounded by a 7' tall wood panel fence. The project includes an approximately 340 square foot equipment enclosure benched into a downward sloping portion of the existing north facing hillside, located approximately 78 feet northwest of the proposed monopine. The equipment enclosure would be located within a 750 square foot lease area. The proposed project results in the disturbance of approximately 9,000 square feet (including utility trenching and access road improvements) on an approximate 22 acre parcel. The proposed project is within the Rural Lands land use category

**LOCATION:** 9280 Huer Huero Road, Creston, CA 93411. The site is approximately 1/2 mile southeast of Highway 58 (Calf Canyon Highway), approximately 6 miles southeast of the Creston Village Reserve Line. The site is in the Las Pilitas Inland sub area of the North County planning area.

**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 🄀

OTHER POTENTIAL PERMITTING AGENCIES: N/A, ,

**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 AT4:30 p.m. (2 wks from above DATE)					
20-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD begins at the time of public notification					
<b>Notice of Determinat</b>	ion s	State Clearinghouse	No		
Responsible Agency appr	n Luis Obispo County roved/denied the above describ rminations regarding the above	ed project on	Lead Agency , and		
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.					
	Cody Scheel (cscheel@co.slo.ca.	us)	County of San Luis Obispo		
Signature	Project Manager Name	Date	Public Agency		



## Initial Study Summary – Environmental Checklist

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Project Title & No. Antiquity Capital, LLC and AT&T Mobility Conditional Use Permit ED16-316 (DRC2016-00048)

<b>ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:</b> 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.						
Agr Air Biol	sthetics icultural Resources Quality logical Resources tural Resources	Geology and Soils Hazards/Hazardous Materials Noise Population/Housing Public Services/Utilities	Recreation Transportation/Circulation Wastewater Water /Hydrology Land Use			
DETER	RMINATION: (To be com	pleted by the Lead Agency)				
On the	basis of this initial evalua	ation, the Environmental Coordinator	finds that:			
	The proposed project (NEGATIVE DECLARAT	COULD NOT have a significant ef ION will be prepared.	fect on the environment, and a			
	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.					
		MAY have a significant effect ACT REPORT is required.	on the environment, and an			
	unless mitigated" impact analyzed in an earlier of addressed by mitigation	MAY have a "potentially significant ton the environment, but at least or document pursuant to applicable less measures based on the earlier ar ENTAL IMPACT REPORT is requiraddressed.	ne effect 1) has been adequately gal standards, and 2) has been halysis as described on attached			
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	cheel (cscheel@co.slo.ca.us ed by (Print)	Signature	9/14/17 Data			
Reviewed by (Print)  Signature  Signature  Fillen Carroll,  Provironmental Coordinator  Signature  (for)  Date						

## **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: A request by Antiquity Capital, LLC and AT&T Mobility for a Conditional Use Permit to allow for the construction and operation of a new wireless communications facility consisting of twelve (12) 8' tall panel antennas, twenty four (24) Remote Radio Units (RRUs), two (2) 6' diameter microwave dishes, and five (5) surge suppression units, all installed on a new 60' tall artificial pine tree ("monopine"), located within a 400 square foot lease area, surrounded by a 7' tall wood panel fence. The project also includes an approximately 340 square foot equipment enclosure benched into a downward sloping portion of the existing north facing hillside, located approximately 78 feet northwest of the proposed monopine. The equipment enclosure is surrounded by 3.5' to 7' tall wood panel fence, located within a second 750 square foot lease area. The proposed project will result in the disturbance of approximately 9,000 square feet (including utility trenching and access road improvements) on an approximate 22-acre parcel. The proposed project is within the Rural Lands land use category and is located at 9280 Huer Huero Road, approximately 1/2 mile southeast of Highway 58 (Calf Canyon Highway), approximately 6 miles southeast of the Creston Village Reserve Line. The site is in the Las Pilitas sub area of the North County planning area.

**ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER(S):** 070-172-042 & 043

Latitude: 35° 26' 5" N Longitude: 120° 29' 9" W SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT # 5

## **B. EXISTING SETTING**

PLAN AREA: North County SUB: Las Pilitas COMM: Rural

LAND USE CATEGORY: Rural Lands

**COMB. DESIGNATION: None** 

PARCEL SIZE: 37 acres

TOPOGRAPHY: Gently sloping to steeply sloping

**VEGETATION**: Shrubland & grassland, Forest & woodland

**EXISTING USES**: Undeveloped

**SURROUNDING LAND USE CATEGORIES AND USES:** 

North: Rural Lands; RV Park	East: Rural Lands; residential
South: Rural Lands; residential	West: Rural Lands; residential

## 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.



## COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST

1.	AESTHETICS Will the project:	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
a)	Create an aesthetically incompatible site open to public view?				
b)	Introduce a use within a scenic view open to public view?			$\boxtimes$	
c)	Change the visual character of an area?				
d)	Create glare or night lighting, which may affect surrounding areas?				
e)	Impact unique geological or physical features?			$\boxtimes$	
f)	Other:				

## **Aesthetics**

**Setting.** The project site is located approximately 1,300 feet east of Huer Huero Road, approximately 1/2 mile southeast of Highway 58 (Calf Canyon Highway). The proposed facility is located at an elevation of approximately 1,650 feet above sea level. The proposed monopine will be visible from an approximate 1,000-foot stretch of Huer Huero Road. No portion of the project will be visible from other public viewing areas. The surrounding area is distinctly rural in character with a majority of large parcel sizes (a range of approximately 10 to 60 acres). Topography in the area consists of rolling hills.

The natural vegetation patterns of the area are predominately grasslands, oak and pine woodland, with shrubs and herbaceous plant life. Typical of much of the region, the undeveloped portions of the proposed project site is covered with the natural vegetation patterns of the area. The surrounding area is a mix of recreation, agriculture uses (mostly grazing and equestrian facilities) and rural residences. The project property is undeveloped, but includes an existing road that provides access from Huer Huero Road, up to the ridgeline/project site to the east. Scattered residences and equestrian facilities are visible in the immediate vicinity of the project site.

## 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 disquised 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 applicant proposes to place a 60' tall monopine within a 20' x 20' lease area, surrounded by a 7' tall wood panel perimeter fence. The proposed monopine would support twelve 8' tall panel antennas, twenty-four RRUs, two 6' diameter microwave dishes, five surge suppression units, and associated mounting equipment and hardware. The project also includes a 22.5' x 15' equipment enclosure and associated ground mounted equipment benched into a downward sloping portion of the existing north facing hillside, located approximately 78 feet northwest of the proposed monopine.

The proposed project could have a potentially significant impact on visual resources since it would introduce a new use that is visually incompatible with the character of the surrounding rural residential and agricultural landscape. The applicant submitted photo-simulations of the proposed facility from key viewing angles along Huer Huero Road. The photo-simulations demonstrate that the site will be visible from views along Huer Huero Road. However, since the facility is designed to appear like an artificial pine tree, it would blend with the surrounding landscape (particularly, the existing pine trees in the immediate vicinity) and would not attract attention. The proposed perimeter fence is in character with the surrounding rural / agricultural setting since it is a wooden fence painted a non-reflective earth tone color. The project design is consistent with the goals of the County's communications facilities ordinance.

Mitigation/Conclusion. Although the proposed communications facility is not a use that is inherently compatible with the character of the surrounding rural / agricultural landscape, the proposed project is a stealth design that would blend with existing natural features of the landscape (particularly, the existing pine trees in the immediate vicinity). Since the proposed facility would visually blend with the landscape, it would not be readily discernible as a wireless communications facility. This is consistent with the visual screening standard for wireless communications facilities which requires facilities to either be completely screened by vegetation or disguised to resemble natural or built features of the landscape. In order to reduce visual impacts, the project is subject to mitigation measures that require the applicant to use the most realistic appearing artificial pine tree structure, with an organic and asymmetrical form and realistic bark texture and foliage colors. In addition, the applicant is

required to submit material and color test samples of all visual elements of the monopine. These measures, discussed in detail in the mitigation summary table (Exhibit B), would reduce the project's potential visual impacts to a level of insignificance.

2. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES Will the project:	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
<ul> <li>a) Convert prime agricultural land, per NRCS soil classification, to non- agricultural use?</li> </ul>				
<ul><li>b) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance to non-agricultural use?</li></ul>				
c) Impair agricultural use of other property or result in conversion to other uses?				
<ul> <li>d) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or Williamson Act program?</li> </ul>				
e) Other:				
Agricultural Resources				
<b>Setting</b> . Project Elements. The following areafor agricultural production:	-specific elem	ents relate to	the property's	importance
Land Use Category: Rural Lands	Historic/E	xisting Commer	<u>cial Crops</u> : Non	е
<u>State Classification</u> : Farmland of Statewide Importance, Not prime farmland	e <u>In Agricul</u> Preserv		? Yes, La Pan	za AG
	<u>Under Wil</u>	liamson Act cor	ntract? No	

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

<u>Cieneba coarse sandy loam</u> (30 -75 % slope). This steeply to very steeply sloping soil is considered not well drained. The soil has moderate erodibility and low shrink-swell characteristics, as well as having potential septic system constraints due to: steep slopes, shallow depth to bedrock. The soil is considered Class VIII without irrigation and Class is not rated when irrigated.

Cieneba-Vista coarse sandy loams, (30 - 50 % slope) .

<u>Cieneba</u>. This steeply sloping, shallow coarse loamy soil is considered not well drained. The soil has moderate erodibility and low shrink-swell characteristics, as well as having potential septic system constraints due to: steep slopes, shallow depth to bedrock. The soil is considered Class VII without irrigation and Class is not rated when irrigated.

<u>Vista</u>. This steeply sloping, shallow coarse loamy soil is considered not well drained. The soil has moderate erodibility and low shrink-swell characteristics, as well as having potential septic system constraints due to: steep slopes, shallow depth to bedrock. The soil is considered Class VII without irrigation and Class is not rated when irrigated.

- Metz loamy sand (0 5 % slope). This nearly level to gently sloping sandy bottom soil is considered well drained. The soil has low erodibility and low shrink-swell characteristics, as well as having potential septic system constraints due to: flooding. The soil is considered Class IV without irrigation and Class III when irrigated.
- Vista coarse sandy loam (9 15 % slope). This moderately sloping coarse loamy soil is considered not well drained. The soil has moderate erodibility and low shrink-swell characteristics, as well as having potential septic system constraints due to: shallow depth to bedrock. The soil is considered Class IV without irrigation and the Class is not rated when irrigated.

VII without irrigation and Class is not rated when irrigated.

Vista-Cieneba coarse sandy loams (15 - 30 % slope).

Vista. This moderately sloping coarse loamy soil is considered not well drained. The soil has moderate erodibility and low shrink-swell characteristics, as well as having potential septic system constraints due to: steep slopes, shallow depth to bedrock. The soil is considered Class VI without irrigation and Class is not rated when irrigated.

Cieneba. This moderately sloping coarse loamy soil is considered not well drained. The soil has moderate erodibility and low shrink-swell characteristics, as well as having potential septic system constraints due to: steep slopes, shallow depth to bedrock. The soil is considered Class VI without irrigation and the Class is not rated when irrigated

Impact. The project is located in a predominantly non-agricultural area with no agricultural activities occurring on the property or immediate vicinity. No significant impacts to agricultural resources are anticipated.

**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)	Violate any state or federal ambient air quality standard, or exceed air quality emission thresholds as established by County Air Pollution Control District?				
b)	Expose any sensitive receptor to substantial air pollutant concentrations?				
c)	Create or subject individuals to objectionable odors?				
d)	Be inconsistent with the District's Clean Air Plan?				
e)	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?				

3.	AIR QUALITY Will the project:	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
GI	REENHOUSE GASES				
f)	Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?				
g)	Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?				
h)	Other:				

## 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.

**Impact.** As proposed, the project will result in the disturbance of approximately 9,000 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 consists of the installation of an unmanned wireless telecommunications 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. No significant impacts are anticipated and no mitigation measures are necessary.

4.	BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES Will the project:	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
a)	Result in a loss of unique or special status species* or their habitats?				
b)	Reduce the extent, diversity or quality of native or other important vegetation?				

4. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES Will the project:	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
c) Impact wetland or riparian habitat?				$\boxtimes$
d) Interfere with the movement of resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, or factors, which could hinder the normal activities of wildlife?				
e) 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?				
f) Other:				

<sup>\*</sup> Species – as defined in Section15380 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: Shrubland & grassland, Forest & woodland

Name and distance from blue line creek(s): Tributary to the East Branch Huer Huero Creek, approximately 200 feet to the northeast of the project site.

Habitat(s): none

Site's tree canopy coverage: Less than 10%

The Natural Diversity Database (or other biological references) identified the following species potentially existing within approximately one mile of the proposed project:

## Vegetation:

Hardham's evening-primrose (Camissoniopsis hardhamiae) List 1B

The potential for the Hardham's evening-primrose (*Camissoniopsis hardhamiae*) has been identified about 0.6 miles to the southeast. This annual herb is found generally on sandy, decomposed carbonate soils (or burned areas) in cismontane woodland and chaparral areas at elevations between 240 and 610 meters (790 to 2,000 feet). It has a blooming period of April-May. The CNPS considers this plant rare in California (List 1B, RED 3-2-3).

Hooked popcornflower (Plagiobothrys uncinatus) List 1B

The potential for the hooked popcornflower (*Plagiobothrys uncinatus*) has been identified about 0.7 miles to the southeast. This annual herb is found generally in chaparral, cismontane woodland, and valley and foothill grassland areas at elevations between 300 and 730 meters (985 to 2,400 feet). It has a blooming period of April-May. The CNPS considers this plant rare in California (List 1b, RED 2-2-3).

San Luis Obispo mariposa lily (Calochortus simulans) List 1B

The potential for the San Luis Obispo mariposa lily (*Calochortus simulans*) has been identified about 0.7 miles to the west. This perennial herb is endemic to San Luis Obispo and Santa

Barbara County. The San Luis Obispo mariposa lily is found on dry, serpentine soils in chaparral, cismontane woodland, lower montane coniferous forest, and valley and foothill grasslands between the 395 to 1100-meter elevations (1,296 to 3,609 feet). This species blooms from April to May. The California Native Plant Society (CNPS) considers this species rare (List 1B, RED 2-1-3).

Yellow-flowered eriastrum (Eriastrum luteum) List 1B

The project is potentially within an area known to support the yellow-flowered eriastrum (Eriastrum luteum). This annual herb is found on sandy or gravelly soils in chaparral, cismontane woodland, and broadleaved upland forest areas between the 290 and 1000-meter elevations (950 to 3,280 feet). The typical blooming period is May-June. The yellow-flowered eriastrum is considered rare by CNPS (List 1B, RED 2-2-3).

## Wildlife:

California glossy snake (Arizona elegans occidentalis)

The potential for the California glossy snake (Arizona elegans occidentalis) has been identified about 0.9 miles to the northeast. The California glossy snake (Arizona elegans occidentalis) inhabits arid scrubland, rocky washes, grasslands and chaparral. The California glossy snake is nocturnal and lives in burrows, and hides underground during the daytime. Typically lays 3-23 eggs in June and July, eggs most likely hatch in late summer and early fall. Average length is 3-4 feet. They are non-poisonous.

**Impact.** The proposal involves constructing a monopine and associated ground equipment within lease areas of approximately 400 and 750 square-feet each, minor access road improvements, and associated trenching. The project lease areas are vegetated with ruderal grasses, and are mostly disturbed by the existing graded access road located on the ridge line of the hilltop. The project would not impact any nearby creeks or tributaries, and the project site does not support any sensitive native vegetation, significant wildlife habitats, or special status species.

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

5.	CULTURAL RESOURCES Will the project:	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
a)	Disturb archaeological resources?				
b)	Disturb historical resources?				
c)	Disturb paleontological resources?				
d)	Cause a substantial adverse change to a Tribal Cultural Resource?				
e)	Other:				
Cul	tural Resources				

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

In July, 2015, the legislature added the new requirements to the CEQA process regarding tribal cultural resources in Assembly Bill 52 (Gatto, 2014). By including tribal cultural resources early in the CEQA process, the legislature intended to ensure that local and Tribal governments, public agencies, and project proponents would have information available, early in the project planning process, to identify and address potential adverse impacts to tribal cultural resources. By taking this proactive approach, the legislature also intended to reduce the potential for delay and conflicts in the environmental review process.

In order to meet AB52 Cultural Resources requirements, outreach to four Native American tribes groups had been conducted (Northern Salinan, Xolon Salinan, Yak Tityu Tityu Northern Chumash, and the Northern Chumash Tribal Council). Comments were received from one of the tribal groups (the Xolon Salinan Tribe) on January 10, 2017. The comments mention that the Tribe does not know of any specific sensitive sites within these area, however they would like to be contacted, if any cultural resources are un-earthed throughout the duration of the project.

The project is not within 300 feet of a perennial water body. Potential for the presence or regular activities of the Native American increases in close proximity to reliable water sources.

**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. Per AB52, tribal consultation was performed and no resources were identified. Impacts to historical or paleontological resources are not expected.

**Mitigation/Conclusion.** County land Use Ordinance Section 22.10.040 includes a provision that construction work cease in the event resources are unearthed with work allowed to continue once the issue is resolved. No significant cultural resource impacts are expected to occur, and no mitigation measures above what are already required by ordinance are necessary.

6.	GEOLOGY AND SOILS Will the project:	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
a)	Result in exposure to or production of unstable earth conditions, such as landslides, earthquakes, liquefaction, ground failure, land subsidence or other similar hazards?				
b)	Be within a California Geological Survey "Alquist-Priolo" Earthquake Fault Zone", or other known fault zones*?				
c)	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?				
d)	Include structures located on expansive soils?			$\boxtimes$	
e)	Be inconsistent with the goals and policies of the County's Safety Element relating to Geologic and Seismic Hazards?				

6.	GEOLOGY AND SOILS Will the project:	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
f)	Preclude the future extraction of valuable mineral resources?		mitigated	$\boxtimes$	
a)	Other:				
•	er Division of Mines and Geology Special Publicati	ion #42			
	t <b>ting.</b> The following relates to the project's o		ts or conditions	<u>.</u>	
00.	Topography: Gently sloping to steeply slop		o or corramond	,.	
	Within County's Geologic Study Area?: No	•			
	Landslide Risk Potential: Low				
	Liquefaction Potential: Low				
	Nearby potentially active faults?: No Dis	stance? Not ar	onlicable		
	Area known to contain serpentine or ultram	•	•		
	Shrink/Swell potential of soil: Low				
	Other notable geologic features? None				
Ge	ology and Soils				
Sec pre imp	sedimentation and erosion control plan is rec. 22.52.120, CZLUO Sec. 23.05.036) to pared by a civil engineer to address both pacts.  Dact. As proposed, the project will result in	minimize these temporary an	e impacts. W d long-term s	hen required, edimentation a	the plan is nd erosion
-	significant impacts are expected to occur.				4
req the	igation/Conclusion. Under Chapter 18 uired to submit a soils engineering report wi recommendations of the report. There is ruired by ordinance or codes are needed.	th the construc	tion permit ap	plication and to	implement
7.	HAZARDS & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - Will the project:	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
a)	Create a hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				
b)	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?

7.	HAZARDS & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - Will the project:	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within ¼-mile of an existing or proposed school?				
d)	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?				
e)	Impair implementation or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response or evacuation plan?				
f)	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?				
g)	Increase fire hazard risk or expose people or structures to high wildland fire hazard conditions?				
h)	Be within a 'very high' fire hazard severity zone?				
i)	Be within an area classified as a 'state responsibility' area as defined by CalFire?				
j)	Other:				

## **Hazards and Hazardous Materials**

**Setting.** The project is not located in an area of known hazardous material contamination. The project is not within the Airport Review area.

With regards to potential fire hazards, the subject property is within the very high Fire Hazard Severity Zone. Based on the County's fire response time map, it will take approximately 10-15 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 proposed project will include lead acid batteries within the equipment cabinets. Other than the lead acid batteries, 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. Furthermore, the Department of Environmental

Health reviewed the proposed project, and as a standard condition of approval, the applicant will be required to submit to the Department of Environmental Health a hazardous materials business plan.

The applicant supplied a Radio Frequency (RF) report to evaluate the proposed communications facility for compliance with appropriate guidelines limiting human exposure to radio frequency electromagnetic fields. According to the RF report for this project (EBI Consulting; November 28, 2016), the maximum level of RF emissions from the proposed facility at the nearest walking/working surfaces to the AT&T antennas would be equivalent to 2.1 percent of the applicable public exposure limit. These results include several "work-case" assumptions and therefore are expected to overstate actual power density levels.

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

8.	NOISE  Will the project:	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
a)	Expose people to noise levels that exceed the County Noise Element thresholds?				
b)	Generate permanent increases in the ambient noise levels in the project vicinity?				
c)	Cause a temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise in the project vicinity?				
d)	Expose people to severe noise or vibration?				
e)	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?				
f)	Other:				

## Noise

Setting. The proposed unmanned wireless communications facility is not considered a sensitive noise receptor. The nearest sensitive noise receptor to the site is an existing residence which is located approximately 750 feet to the northeast.

Impact. Based on the Noise Element's projected future noise generation from known stationary and vehicle-generated noise sources, the project is within an acceptable threshold area. As a standard condition of approval to ensure the project will not conflict with any sensitive noise receptors, HVAC units, if installed as part of the equipment, shall be sound attenuated to meet applicable County and State exterior noise standards. The project shall be maintained in compliance with the County Noise Element (including any future emergency generators). 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



9.	POPULATION/HOUSING Will the project:	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
a)	Induce substantial growth in an area either directly (e.g., construct new homes or businesses) or indirectly (e.g., extension of major infrastructure)?				
b)	Displace existing housing or people, requiring construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				
c)	Create the need for substantial new housing in the area?				
d)	Other:				
Po	pulation/Housing				
Inverse process	tting In its efforts to provide for affordable estment Partnerships (HOME) Program and gram, which provides limited financing to punty. The County's Inclusionary Housing Ord njunction with both residential and nonresider	d the Communication of the Com	nity Developm g to affordable s provision of ent and subdiv	nent Block Gra e housing thro new affordable isions.	nt (CDBG) ughout the housing in
	<b>pact</b> . The project will not result in a need to place existing housing.	for a significar	nt amount of r	new housing, a	nd will not
	igation/Conclusion. No significant population asures are necessary.	on and housin	g impacts are	anticipated. No	mitigation
10	D. 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)	Fire protection?				
b)	Police protection (e.g., Sheriff, CHP)?				
c)	Schools?				
d)	Roads?				
e)	Solid Wastes?				$\boxtimes$
f)	Other public facilities?				$\boxtimes$
g)	Other:				

**Setting.** The project area is served by the following public services/facilities:

Police: County Sheriff Location: Templeton (Approximately 20 miles to the North) Fire: Cal Fire (formerly CDF) Hazard Severity: Very High Response Time: 10-15 minutes Location: Creston (Approximately 7 miles to the north)

School District: Atascadero Unified School District.

#### **Public Services**

For additional information regarding fire hazard impacts, go to the 'Hazards and Hazardous Materials' section

Impact. The proposed project involves the construction of an unmanned wireless communications facility. The proposed project is not located within a Road Fee area. No significant project-specific impacts to utilities or public services were identified.

Mitigation/Conclusion. The project was reviewed by Cal Fire for consistency with the Uniform Fire Code and will be required to prepare a fire safety plan. The project will not increase demands for police, fire, or school facilities and therefore no additional mitigation is needed.

11.	RECREATION	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
	Will the project:	<b>-</b>	mitigated		<b>4 1</b>
a)	Increase the use or demand for parks or other recreation opportunities?				
b)	Affect the access to trails, parks or other recreation opportunities?				
c)	Other				

## Recreation

Setting. The County's Parks and Recreation Element does not show that a potential trail goes through the proposed project. The project is not proposed in a location that will affect any trail, park, recreational resource, coastal access, and/or Natural Area.

(SUBDIVISIONS ONLY) Prior to map recordation, county ordinance requires the payment of a fee (Quimby) for the improvement or development of neighborhood or community parks.

Impact. The proposed project will not create a significant need for additional park, Natural Area, and/or recreational resources.

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

12	. TRANSPORTATION/CIRCULATION	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
	Will the project:	Olgimicant	mitigated	impact	Арріїсавіс
a)	Increase vehicle trips to local or areawide circulation system?				
b)	Reduce existing "Level of Service" on public roadway(s)?				
c)	Create unsafe conditions on public roadways (e.g., limited access, design features, sight distance, slow vehicles)?				
d)	Provide for adequate emergency access?				
e)	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.)?				
f)	Conflict with an applicable congestion management program?				
g)	Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?				
h)	Result in a change in air traffic patterns that may result in substantial safety risks?				
i)	Other:				

## **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 road, Huer Huero Road, 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**. After construction, the proposed unmanned wireless communications facility is estimated to generate about one vehicle trip every six to eight weeks for routine maintenance. 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	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
	Will the project:		mitigated		
	a) Violate waste discharge requirements or Central Coast Basin Plan criteria for wastewater systems?				
	b) Change the quality of surface or ground water (e.g., nitrogen-loading, day- lighting)?				
	c) Adversely affect community wastewater service provider?				
	d) Other:				
,	Wastewater				
	<b>Setting/Impact</b> . The proposed project consist would not generate wastewater or require wast			mmunications f	acility and
	Mitigation/Conclusion. Given that the proposition be less than significant and no mitigation meas	•	•	astewater, impa	acts would
14	I. WATER & HYDROLOGY	Potential Significa		Insignifican	t Not Applicable
	Will the project:	_	mitigated	•	
QL	JALITY				
a)	Violate any water quality standards?				
b)	Discharge into surface waters or otherwise alter surface water quality (e.g., turbidity, sediment, temperature, dissolved oxygen, etc.)?	•			
c)	Change the quality of groundwater (e.g., saltwater intrusion, nitrogen-loading, etc.):	?			
d)	Create or contribute runoff water which we exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide additional sources of polluted runoff?				
e)	Change rates of soil absorption, or amoun direction of surface runoff?	t or			
f)	Change the drainage patterns where substantial on- or off-site sedimentation/ erosion or flooding may occur?				
g)	Involve activities within the 100-year flood zone?				

1	4. WATER & HYDROLOGY  Will the project:	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
Q	UANTITY				
h	Change the quantity or movement of available surface or ground water?				
i)	Adversely affect community water service provider?				
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?				
k)	Other:				

## Water

**Setting.** The proposed unmanned wireless communications facility does not propose any water usage.

The topography of the project is gently sloping to steeply sloping. The closest creek from the proposed development is approximately 200 feet to the northeast. As described in the NRCS Soil Survey, the soil surface is considered to have low to moderate erodibility.

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

Within the 100-year Flood Hazard designation? No

Closest creek? Tributary to the East Branch Huerhuero Creek Distance? Approximately 200 feet to the northeast

Soil drainage characteristics: Well drained to not well 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: Low to 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 9,000 square feet of site disturbance;
- ✓ 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;
- ✓ The project is more than 100 feet from the closest creek or surface water body;

## **Water Quantity**

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

Mitigation/Conclusion. As specified above for water quality, existing regulations and/or required plans will adequately address surface water quality impacts during construction and permanent use of the project. No additional measures above what are required or proposed are needed to protect water quality, and no significant impacts from water use are anticipated.

15. LAND U		Inconsistent	Potentially Inconsistent	Consistent	Not Applicable
policy/regu [County La Ordinance] plan, Clean	lly inconsistent with land use, lation (e.g., general plan nd Use Element and , local coastal plan, specific Air Plan, etc.) adopted to avoid for environmental effects?				
•	lly inconsistent with any ommunity conservation plan?				
agency env	Illy inconsistent with adopted rironmental plans or policies ction over the project?				
, .	lly incompatible with g land uses?				
e) Other:					

## **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, Environmental Health for Hazardous Business Plan, etc.). The project was found to be consistent with these documents (refer also to Exhibit A on reference documents used).

The proposed project is subject to the following Planning Area Standard(s) as found in the County's LUO:

1. LUO Section 22.94.050 – Las Pilitas sub-area Standards

The proposed project complies with this standard.

Although the proposed communications facility is not a use that is inherently compatible with the visual character of the surrounding residential and agrarian landscape, the proposed project is a stealth design that would blend with the surrounding landscape. Since the proposed facility would visually blend with the landscape, it would not be readily discernable as a wireless communications facility. This is consistent with the visual screening standards for wireless communications facilities (Section 22.30.180(C)(3)(d)) which requires new facilities to either be completely screened by vegetation or disguised to resemble natural or built features of the landscape. A drainage plan will be required at time of construction permit application.

**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 Will the project:	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
a)	Have the potential to degrade the qua habitat of a fish or wildlife species, ca sustaining levels, threaten to eliminat or restrict the range of a rare or endar examples of the major periods of	nuse a fish or v e a plant or an	vildlife popula imal commur	ation to drop b nity, reduce the	elow self- e number
	California history or pre-history?				
b)	Have impacts that are individually lim ("Cumulatively considerable" means a considerable when viewed in connect other current projects, and the effects	that the incrention with the ef	nental effects	of a project ar	
	of probable future projects)			$\boxtimes$	
c)	Have environmental effects which will beings, either directly or indirectly?	l cause substa	ntial adverse	effects on hui	man
Cou Env	further information on CEQA or the County's web site at "www.sloplanning.org" ironmental Resources Evaluation System California Environmental Quality Act	under "Environ	mental Inform	ation", or the	California

## **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  $\boxtimes$ ) and when a response was made, it is either attached or in the application file:

<u>Cor</u>	<u>ntacted</u> <u>Agency</u>		<u>Response</u>
	County Public Works Department		Attached
	County Environmental Health Services	3	None
	County Agricultural Commissioner's O	ffice	Not Applicable
$\Box$	County Airport Manager		Not Applicable
$\Box$	Airport Land Use Commission		Not Applicable
同	Air Pollution Control District		Not Applicable
П	County Sheriff's Department		Not Applicable
П	Regional Water Quality Control Board		Not Applicable
П	CA Coastal Commission		Not Applicable
Ħ	CA Department of Fish and Wildlife		Not Applicable
Ħ	CA Department of Forestry (Cal Fire)		Not Applicable
Ħ	CA Department of Transportation		Not Applicable
Ħ	Community Services District		Not Applicable
$\forall$	Other <u>Cal Fire / County Fire</u>		Attached
H	Other Other		Not Applicable
Ш	** "No comment" or "No concerns"-type resp	onses	• •
	posed project and are hereby incorporated by rmation is available at the County Planning and Project File for the Subject Application		
	nty documents		Specific Plan
	Coastal Plan Policies		Annual Resource Summary Report
$\boxtimes$	Framework for Planning (Coastal/Inland) General Plan (Inland/Coastal), includes all	□ Oth	Circulation Study er documents
	maps/elements; more pertinent elements:	$\boxtimes$	Clean Air Plan/APCD Handbook
	Agriculture Element	$\boxtimes$	Regional Transportation Plan
	☐ Conservation & Open Space Element ☐ Economic Element	$\boxtimes$	Uniform Fire Code Water Quality Control Plan (Central Coast
	Housing Element		Basin – Region 3)
	Noise Element	$\boxtimes$	Archaeological Resources Map
	Parks & Recreation Element/Project List		Area of Critical Concerns Map
$\square$	Safety Element     Land Use Ordinance (Inland/Coastal)	$\boxtimes$	Special Biological Importance Map CA Natural Species Diversity Database
	Building and Construction Ordinance		Fire Hazard Severity Map
	Public Facilities Fee Ordinance	$\square$	Flood Hazard Maps
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	Real Property Division Ordinance		Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil
	Affordable Housing Fund		Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey for SLO County
			Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil

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

EBI Consulting, *Radio Frequency Report,* November 28, 2016 Eukon Group, *Photo-Simulations,* June 21, 2017

## **Exhibit B - Mitigation Summary Table**

Per Public Resources Code Section 21081.6, the following measures also constitute the mitigation monitoring and/or reporting program that will reduce potentially significant impacts to less than significant levels. These measures will become conditions of approval (COAs) should the project be approved. The Lead Agency (County) or other Responsible Agencies, as specified in the following measures, are responsible to verify compliance with these COAs.

## **Aesthetics (Visual Resources)**

- **VR-1.** At the time of application for construction permits, the construction drawings shall reflect the following specifications:
  - a. The monopine shall be designed and constructed to appear as an organic, non-symmetrical form, with varying branch lengths and shapes and "needle" clusters installed in random, seemingly natural-occurring patterns. The branches lengths shall taper up the monopine "trunk" and the longest (lowest) branches shall begin at an elevation no higher than 20 feet above the base of the trunk. Overall branch count density shall be equivalent to at least three branches per foot. Realistic bark texture shall run the entire length of the tree pole.
  - b. The monopine "needles" shall not be all one color. Varying shades of hues shall be used appropriately to replicate a living plant. Monopine colors shall be field matched with the existing on-site mature pine trees.
  - c. Plans, specifications and estimates shall require the submittal of material and color test samples of all visible elements of the monopine to the County Department of Planning and Building for review and approval. The plans, specifications and estimates and construction schedule shall provide for revisions and corrections to the test samples prior to preparation of the final plans.
  - d. Antennas shall be hidden and not extend beyond the ends of the artificial branches. Antennas and associated support arms and hardware shall be textured and or colored to blend with the monopine branches and needles.
- VR-2. At the time of application for construction permits, the applicant shall submit accurate, scaled engineering and architectural drawings of the monopine exactly as proposed. Plans shall not include generic illustrations of a monopine. The drawings shall include elevations and plan views. Once approved, monopine plans shall be specifically used (in conjunction with approved color and material samples and other related documents) as a basis for assessing condition compliance during construction. The plans, specifications and estimates and construction schedule shall provide for revisions and corrections to the monopine engineering and architectural plans prior to preparation of the final plans.
- VR-3. Prior to issuance of a construction permit, the applicant shall submit material and color test samples of all visible elements of the monopine to the County Department of Planning and Building for review and approval. This submittal shall include both photographs of actual existing monopine trees constructed by the selected vendor, as well as physical samples of the faux foliage and branch materials to be used. The faux pine tree shall be constructed of the highest quality, most durable and realistic appearing faux foliage and branches. The color of the faux foliage shall be field matched with the existing pine trees on site.

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## DEVELOPER'S STATEMENT FOR ANTIQUITY CAPITAL, LLC & AT&T MOBILITY CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT DRC2016-00073

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.

**Note:** The items contained in the boxes labeled "Monitoring" describe the County procedures to be used to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures.

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

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**Monitoring:** (Visual Recourse Measures VR-1 to VR-3-1) Required at the time of application for construction permits. Compliance will be verified by the County Department of Planning and Building.

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 Agent(s)

Name (Print)

Date

DRC2016-000448 – ANTQUITY CAPITAL, LLC & AT&T MOBILITY – VICINITY MAP

DRC2016-000448 – ANTQUITY CAPITAL, LLC & AT&T MOBILITY – LAND USE CATEGORIES

DRC2016-000448 – ANTQUITY CAPITAL, LLC & AT&T MOBILITY – AERIAL VIEW

DRC2016-000448 – ANTQUITY CAPITAL, LLC & AT&T MOBILITY – OVERALL SITE PLAN

DRC2016-000448 – ANTQUITY CAPITAL, LLC & AT&T MOBILITY – LEASE AREA SITE PLAN

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DRC2016-000448 – ANTQUITY CAPITAL, LLC & AT&T MOBILITY – COVERAGE MAP

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Date: December 14, 2016

To: Cody Scheel, Project Planner

From: Glenn Marshall, Development Services

Subject: Public Works Comments on DRC2016-00048 AT&T CUP, Huer Huero Rd,

Creston, APN 070-172-042.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information on the proposed subject project. It has been reviewed by several divisions of Public Works, and this represents our consolidated response.

## **Public Works Comments:**

- A. The proposed project is within a drainage review area. Drainage plan is required and it will be reviewed at the time of Building Permit submittal by Public Works. The applicant should review Chapter 22.52.110 or 23.05.040 of the Land Use Ordinance prior to future submittal of development permits.
- B. The project appears to not meet the applicability criteria for Storm Water Management (it creates or replaces less than 2500 sf of impervious area). Therefore, no Storm Water Control Plan is required.

## **Recommended Project Conditions of Approval:**

## Drainage

- 1. At the time of application for construction permits, the applicant shall submit complete drainage plans for review and approval in accordance with Section 22.52.110 (Drainage) or 23.05.040 (Drainage) of the Land Use Ordinance.
- 2. At the time of application for construction permits, the applicant shall submit complete erosion and sedimentation control plan for review and approval in accordance with 22.52.120.

## Storm Water Control Plan

3. At the time of application for construction permits, the applicant shall demonstrate whether the project is subject to the LUO Section for Storm Water Management. Applicable projects shall submit a Storm Water Control Plan (SWCP) prepared by an appropriately licensed professional to the County for review and approval. The SWCP shall incorporate appropriate BMP's, shall demonstrate compliance with Storm Water Quality Standards and shall include a preliminary drainage plan, a preliminary erosion and

sedimentation plan. The applicant shall submit complete drainage calculations for review and approval.

- 4. At the time of application for construction permits, if necessary, the applicant shall submit a draft "Private Storm Water Conveyance Management and Maintenance System" exhibit for review and approval by the County.
- 5. **Prior to issuance of construction permits**, if necessary, the applicant shall record with the County Clerk the "Private Storm Water Conveyance Management and Maintenance System" to document on-going and permanent storm drainage control, management, treatment, disposal and reporting.

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## Re: DRC2016-00048 AT&T MOBILITY, North County E-Referral, Conditional Use Permit, Creston

## Michael Stoker

Thu 12/22/2016 10:04 AM

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## Cody,

Please find buildings comments for DRC2016-00048 attached. Please let me know if you have any questions.

In regards to this preliminary review, a building permit is required. The drawings specify the work to be completed consists of a 85-ft high antenna support structure (disguised as a pine tree) with a small mounted equipment enclosure and generator. A California State licensed design professional (Architect/Engineer) shall prepare plans in compliance with current codes adopted by the County of San Luis Obispo (2013 California Building Standards Codes and Title 19 of the SLO County Codes).

While a thorough plan review will be conducted at the time of the building permit application, the following items are noted to assist design review;

- 1) Provide isometric / single line drawings for the electrical elements to verify compliance with the 2013 versions of the California Electrical Code.
- 2) Provide complete structural plans (foundation, framing, welding, bolt connections, etc) and supporting documentation (calculations, specifications, ICC ES-reports, etc) for the new structures located on the site to verify compliance with the 2013 CBSC and referenced standards.
- 3) Provide details for anchorage for all equipment. For equipment weighing more than 400 lbs, provide calculations for seismic anchorage in accordance with ASCE 7-10, Chapter 13.
- 4) Specify post-installed anchorage (expansion or epoxy anchors). Indicate manufacturer's name and ICC report number. Anchors shall be approved for installation into cracked concrete.
- 5) Provide an equipment schedule on the plans and supporting documentation with approved listings.
- 6) Provide the specification and installation instruction for the generator.
- Provide a list of required special inspection on the cover sheet of the plans as required by CBC, including Chapter 17. Also, the special inspector performing the inspection will need to be listed on the cover sheet and Statement of qualifications provided to the County of San Luis Obispo for review and approval.

Note: the complete application for the building permit which includes plans and supporting documentation will need to be submitted before December 31, 2016 in order to comply with the 2013 California Building Standard Codes. All application accepted on or after January 1, 2017 will need to comply with the 2016 California Building Standard Codes.



Scott M. Jalbert, Unit Chief

December 28, 2016

County of San Luis Obispo Department of Planning & Building County Government Center San Luis Obispo, CA. 93408

Subject: DRC2016-00048 - AT&T Mobility

Proposed Conditional Use Permit for an 85-foot tall antenna support structure to be disguised as a faux pine tree. The proposal includes a small ground mounted equipment enclosure and generator.

The project site is located at 9280 Huer Huero Road near Santa Margarita, CA. (A.P.N. #070-172-042 and 043)

Mr. Scheel,

CAL FIRE/San Luis Obispo County Fire Department recently conducted a review of the referral information and site/antenna layout plans provided for the proposed wireless communications facility at the address/site given above. The project site is located within *State Responsibility Area* (SRA) having a "Very High" Fire Hazard Severity Zone rating.

The proposed wireless communications facility has an approximate **15** minute response time from the nearest CAL FIRE/County Fire station (#40- Parkhill).

The project and applicant shall comply with the 2013 CA. Building Code (C.B.C), the 2013 CA. Fire Code (C.F.C.), the Public Resources Code (P.R.C.) and any other applicable fire/building codes.

The following are requirements that must be satisfied prior to final inspection:

- The existing dirt access road/driveway providing access from Huer Huero Road
  to the proposed project site must be improved to provide a minimum edge to
  edge all-weather driving surface of no less than 20-feet wide. All portions of this
  existing dirt roadway exceeding a 12% grade must be paved or chip-sealed and
  no portion shall exceed a 16% grade.
- Vertical (overhead) clearance of 13'6" is required at the project site.

- A turnaround is required to be located at the project site. The turnaround shall be placed prior to the gate/fence at the proposed cell site.
- A fuel reduction zone (area) shall be required near the project site. CAL FIRE/ County Fire will work with the applicant and the San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning and Building to ensure adequate "defensible space" from wildland fire threat while working to satisfy any possible visual screening requirements.
- Access to all associated equipment shall be controlled by means of a locked gate or fence.
- The locked gate(s) must provide adequate means of emergency access. This department shall require a "Knox" key switch or box to ensure efficient access during emergencies.
- A minimum 3-A:40-B:C rated fire extinguisher is required adjacent to the vaults/structures.

If I may provide additional assistance or information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (805)543-4244, extension 3425.

Sincerely,

Clinton I. Bullard Fire Inspector

C: Ambrose, Agent



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# XOLON SALINAN TRIBE

The Xolon Salinan Tribe are the People who have been referred to as the Salinan Indians from Missions San Miguel, San Antonio and Soledad. We have always called ourselves "Xolon Indians." The Federal government called us the "Salinans," because of the Salinas River that runs through most of our ancient territory; hence, we now call ourselves "The Xolon Salinan Tribe," so that everyone will know who we are. Our ancient People lived (documented) along the Central Coast of California, from the northern part of San Luis Obispo – to the Big Sur area to the north – and inland to the Temblor Range. There have been erroneous writings, regarding Natives observed living along the coast, claiming that this area was inhabited by Indians called the "Playanos." This is incorrect. It was the Salinan People – our families – who would go there on a seasonal basis to fish and collect shells for regalia and trade.

January 10, 2017

Re: SLO PLANNING & BUILDING, Re: AT&T Mobility projects, DRC2016-00045, DRC2016-00046, DRC2016-00047- Paso Robles, Ca. DRC2016-00048 - Creston, Ca., DRC2016-00049 - Santa Margarita, Ca.

Good Day,

Based on the information provided and reviewed, this area falls within the Xolon Salinan traditional and cultural affiliation boundaries.

We do not know of any specific sensitive sites within these areas, however we would like to be contacted, if any cultural resources are unearthed throughout the duration of these projects.

If you have any further questions, please contact us.

Please note our email address has changed to:

xolon.salinan.heritage@gmail.com

Best Regards,

Karen R. White, Council Chair Xolon Salinan Tribe 831.238.1488 Chairperson: Sheila Lyons, 805-239-0917, P.O. Box 174 Creston CA 93432, salyons@airspeedwireless.net

**Date:** March 22, 2017

## From: Creston Advisory Body

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## To: San Luis Obispo County Department of Building and Planning

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## **Project Specifics:**

DRC2016-00048 AT&T Mobility – Proposed CUP for an 85 ft high antenna support structure (disguised as a pine tree), with small ground mounted equipment enclosure and generator, 9280 Huer Huero Rd. in Creston APN: 070-172-042-043.

**Dates:** Reviewed by CAB on 3/15/2017.

## **Specific Issues:**

- a. Are there any objections from neighbors in the area? No. All neighbors with whom we were able to obtain feedback either are in favor of the project, hoping for better reception in the area, or have no objections.
- b. CAB asked whether there were any other antenna in the area? No. Closest we know of is off Hwy 41, many miles from the project proposed site.
- c. Will there be noise from the electric generator? The generator will be blocked from view with a fenced in structure which should also cut down on the noise.
- d. Will the proposed pine tree design be acceptable to the neighbors? It is suggested that the structure be a water tower instead of a pine tree (see the antenna mentioned in item b. above, situated along Hwy 41 heading out of Creston towards Shandon). The pine tree structures all tend to be too thinly filled in. They need many more pine needles and they look too fake.

#### **Conclusions:**

There appeared to be no concerns about there being any negative impact on the neighboring properties or community at large except for appearance. A water tower would be preferential to a pine tree. Therefore, CAB voted unanimously to recommend approval of the application to erect an AT&T antenna.

## **Final Vote:**

7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abser	in favor	1	7
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**Signatures:** (may be more than one area affected)

CAB Area 4 Re	p. Drew Sweeney	Drew Sweeney		
Chairparcan	Shoila Lyons	Shoila Lyons		
Chairperson,	Shella Lyons	Sheila Lyons		