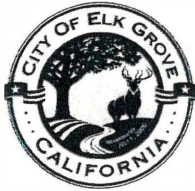


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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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PROJECT TITLE: **AT&T Wireless-Windy Cove Drive Collocation (PLNG19-017)**  
PROJECT LOCATION - SPECIFIC: **4140 Windy Cove Drive**  
ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER(S): **119-1560-072**  
PROJECT LOCATION - CITY: **Elk Grove** PROJECT LOCATION - COUNTY: **Sacramento**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project consists of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to install three (3) new wireless antennas on an existing Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) lattice tower. Associated equipment will be located in the existing equipment lease area within the footprint of the lattice tower and the overall height of the tower will increase from 77'-5" to 82'-5" (5-foot increase).

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APPLICANT: **SAC Wireless of California, INC.**  
Mike Dolan (Representative)  
540 W. Madison Street  
Chicago, IL 60661

EXEMPTION STATUS:  Ministerial [Section 21080(b); 15268];  
 Declared Emergency [Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];  
 Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)];

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- Preliminary Review [Section 15060(c)(3)]
- Consistent With a Community Plan or Zoning [Section 15183(a)]
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption [Section 15332]
- Criteria for Subsequent EIR [Section 15162]
- Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan (Section 15182)
- Existing Facilities [Section 15301]
- New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures [Section 15303]

**REASONS WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT OR DOES NOT REQUIRE FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:**

CEQA requires analysis of agency approvals of discretionary "projects." A "project," under CEQA, is defined as "the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment" (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378). The proposed Project is a project under CEQA.

The Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures). This exemption provides for the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. This includes water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions (State CEQA Guidelines 15303[d]). The proposed expansion of wireless telecommunication facilities can be considered a utility extension.

The proposed Project consists of six antennas placed on a 12-foot extension to an existing PG&E transmission tower. Ground equipment will be located in a 32' x 32' lease space at the base of the tower surrounded by a 6-foot high wood fence. All public services and facilities are available and the area is not considered environmentally sensitive. Staff reviewed the proposed Project and did not find any evidence that special circumstances exist that would create a reasonable possibility that the proposed Project will have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, the proposed Project qualifies for the exemption under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15303.

As part of the FCC licensing process, the Applicant will be required to comply with all safety standards, including those governing radio waves, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process. Conditions of Approval ensure that building permits for the equipment facility and co-located equipment will not be approved until the Applicant has received FCC approval. Adding this condition also addresses concerns about the potential for electromagnetic radiation affecting nearby homes and businesses. Since FCC license requirements include conformance with federal standards, imposing this condition ensures that the equipment will be designed and operated safely. In addition, pursuant to federal law (47 USC § 332) the City may not regulate the placement, construction, and modification of personal wireless service facilities on the basis of the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions to the extent that such facilities comply with the Federal Communications Commission's regulations concerning such emissions.

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