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# City of Elk Grove NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: City of Elk Grove  
Development Services-Planning  
8401 Laguna Palms Way  
Elk Grove, CA 95758

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PROJECT TITLE: **Verizon Wireless Master License Agreement for Small Cell Wireless Communications Facilities**

PROJECT LOCATION - SPECIFIC: City-Wide

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER(S): N/A

PROJECT LOCATION - CITY: **Elk Grove**

PROJECT LOCATION - COUNTY: **Sacramento**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Project consists of a Master License Agreement between the City of Elk Grove and Verizon Wireless for the installation of Small Cell Wireless Communications Facilities on City infrastructure.

LEAD AGENCY: **City of Elk Grove**  
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APPLICANT: Verizon Wireless  
180 Washington Valley Road  
Bedminister, New Jersey 07921

- EXEMPTION STATUS:  Consistent with a Community Plan or Zoning [Section 15183]
- Consistent with a Community Plan or Zoning [Section 15301]
- Consistent with a Community Plan or Zoning [Section 15303]

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

The California Environmental Quality Act (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).

Staff has analyzed the MLA and has determined that no further environmental review is necessary pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning for which an EIR was certified), Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), and Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures). The proposed Project consists of an MLA for the deployment of Small Cell Telecommunications Facilities that addresses the processing of permits individual small cell facilities; their operation and maintenance; and their location, design and technical specifications.

Title 23 of the Elk Grove Municipal Code is the primary implementation tool of the General Plan and describes the required entitlements and development standards for small cell facilities. The MLA is consistent with General Plan policies related to community infrastructure and development density. An EIR was certified by the City Council in 7 conjunction with the approval of the General Plan (SCH# 2017062058). Approval of MLA will not create a significant new impact inconsistent with the General Plan EIR. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15183, no further CEQA review is required for the approval of the proposed approvals of the amendments and the agreement.

Approval of the small cell wireless facilities that would be approved by the MLA, are also exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 and 15303. Section 15301 exempts from CEQA minor alteration to existing public or private structures. Similarly, Section 15303 exempts from CEQA the construction of small facilities, including the installation of small new equipment and facilities. Here, the MLA will authorize the installation of facilities at various sites within the City. The new facilities are to be installed on existing City light poles, and the new facilities will be less than 28 cubic feet, with the specifically proposed facilities being much less than half the size of the existing poles. Therefore, the approval of the MLA is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 and 15303.

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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