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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Subject: Review of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for Use Permit 2020-0002, State Clearinghouse Number 2020089002, Shasta County

Dear Tara Petti:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) has reviewed the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) dated August 3, 2020, for the above-referenced project (Project). As a trustee for the State's fish and wildlife resources, the Department has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, and management of fish, wildlife, native plants, and their habitat. As a responsible agency, the Department administers the California Endangered Species Act and other provisions of the Fish and Game Code that conserve the State's fish and wildlife public trust resources. The Department offers the following comments and recommendations on this Project in our role as a trustee and responsible agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, California Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.

Project Description

The Project proposes *“the construction and operation of an unmanned wireless telecommunication facility, consisting of a 120-foot-tall monopine tower, a 64-square-foot equipment shelter, and a 30 kilowatt (kW) diesel back-up generator with a level 2 acoustic enclosure and 190-gallon fuel tank. The tower and all associated ground equipment will be located within a 30-foot by 40-foot lease area enclosed by a 6-foot tall chain-link fence with vinyl slats.”*

The Project is located at 85 feet from the northern property line of the 58.03- acre parcel, which is located at 7335 Churn Creek Road on Assessor's Parcel Number 055-130-019.

Comments and Recommendations

The Department commented on this Project via electronic mail on March 26, 2020, during the Early Consultation review period. The Department has the following comment and recommendations:

Nesting Birds

Mitigation Measure IV.d.2 states, *“The nesting bird survey shall be conducted within 14 days prior to commencement of ground-disturbing or other development activities.”* This

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measures should be changed to, “*The nesting bird survey shall be conducted within **seven (7) days prior to commencement of ground-disturbing or other development activities.***”

In addition, Mitigation Measure IV.d2 (a) should also change the section stating, “*does not commence within 14 days of the nesting bird survey...*” to “*does not commence within **seven (7) days of the nesting bird survey...***”

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Henderson, Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist), at (530) 598-7194, or by e-mail at amy.henderson@wildlife.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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