



# 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: **T-Mobile – Big Horn Antenna Addition (PLNG21-049)**  
PROJECT LOCATION - SPECIFIC: 9296 E. Stockton Boulevard  
ASSESSOR’S PARCEL NUMBER(S): 116-0090-059-0000  
PROJECT LOCATION – CITY: **Elk Grove** PROJECT LOCATION – COUNTY: **Sacramento**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project consists of a Minor Conditional Use Permit (MUP) to co-locate four new wireless antennas on top of an existing 105’-0” lattice tower with eight existing wireless telecommunications facilities for a total of 12 antennas. Four remote radio units will be installed on new mounts while one new cabinet will be installed within the existing equipment lease area at the base of the tower. There will be no changes to the overall height of the tower.

LEAD AGENCY: **City of Elk Grove**  
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APPLICANT: T-Mobile West, LLC  
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- EXEMPTION STATUS:
- Ministerial [Section 21080(b); 15268];
  - Declared Emergency [Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];
  - Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)];
  - Preliminary Review [Section 15060(c)(3)]
  - Consistent With a Community Plan or Zoning [Section 15183(a)]
  - Categorical Exemption [Section 15332]
  - Criteria for Subsequent EIR [Section 15162]
  - Existing Facilities [Section 15301]

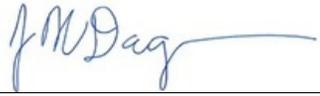
**REASONS WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT OR DOES NOT REQUIRE FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:**

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 15301 (Existing Facilities). Section 15301 applies to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination. The proposed Project consists of the addition of four new panels antennas on an existing 105’-0” tower. There will be no increase in the height of the tower. One new cabinet will be installed within the existing equipment lease area at the base of the tower. The additional antennas will not introduce any new uses not already existing at the site. Furthermore, the Radio Frequency Emissions Compliance Report prepared by Environmental Assessment Specialists, Inc. analyzed the proposed antennas in conjunction with the existing antennas and determined that the exposure potential would still be only 5.4% of the Maximum Permissible Exposure allowed by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC). 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 15301, and therefore, no further environmental review is required.

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 wireless facility will not be approved until the Applicant has received FCC approval. FCC license requirements include conformance with federal standards related to radio frequency exposure and imposing this condition ensures that the equipment will be designed and operated in conformance with such standards. Pursuant to Elk Grove Municipal Code (EGMC) Section 23.94.30(E), findings for denial shall not be based on the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions that comply with the FCC emission regulations.

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By:   
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Date: September 16, 2021  
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