

City of Elk Grove

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: **AT&T Valley Hi Country Club Antenna Addition (PLNG21-025)**

PROJECT LOCATION - SPECIFIC: **9596 Franklin Boulevard**

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER(S): **119-0162-093**

PROJECT LOCATION – CITY: **Elk Grove**

PROJECT LOCATION – COUNTY: **Sacramento**

PROJECT

DESCRIPTION: The AT&T Valley Hi Country Club Antenna Addition (the "Project") consists of a Minor Conditional Use Permit (MUP) to co-locate nine new wireless antennas on a 20' extension on top of an existing 67'-6" pine tree cellular tower (monopine) with two existing wireless telecommunications antenna arrays. Associated equipment will be installed to the west of the base of the tower.

LEAD AGENCY: **City of Elk Grove**
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LEAD AGENCY CONTACT: Antonio Ablog, (916) 627-3335

APPLICANT: New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC
 Matthew Moore (Representative)
 3 2009 V Street
 Sacramento, CA 95818

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)]
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption [15301]
- General Rule [Section 15061(b)(3)]
- Criteria for Subsequent EIR [Section 15162]

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 co-location of nine, new wireless antennas on a 20' extension on top of an existing 67'-6" pine tree cellular tower (monopine) with two existing wireless telecommunications antenna arrays. Associated equipment will be installed to the west of the base of the tower. The additional antennas will not introduce any new uses not already existing at the site. Furthermore, as evidenced by the Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Energy Compliance Report by EBI Consulting, the radio frequency emissions from the proposed AT&T antennas will be 0.16% of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) exposure limits at the nearest walking/working surface. The report noted that cumulatively, existing antennas considered, the radio frequency emissions from the tower will only be 0.71% of the FCC exposure limits at the nearest walking/working surface. 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.

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: _____
Antonio Ablog

Date: _____
September 20, 2021