



CAL FIRE Chalk Mountain Communications Tower and Facilities Replacement Project

Proposed by California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)
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Notice of Availability of Draft EIR

Public Informational Workshop

Wednesday February 16, 2022, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

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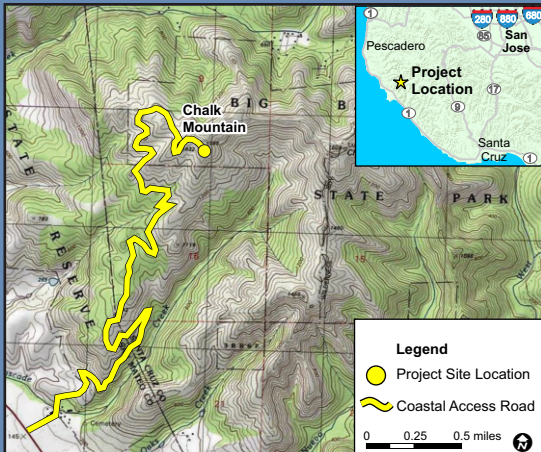
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A hardcopy of the Draft EIR is available at the
Half Moon Bay Library at
620 Correas St, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019.

The California Department of General Services (DGS) on behalf of the CAL FIRE has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed CAL FIRE Chalk Mountain Communications Tower and Facilities Replacement Project. CAL FIRE proposes to construct and operate replacement facilities at its existing Chalk Mountain Communication site. The Project includes installation of an up to 80-foot tall replacement telecommunications tower with MIMO technology equipment, very high frequency (VHF) and ultra high frequency (UHF) radio antennas, and supporting facilities. CAL FIRE would remove existing outdated supporting facilities, as well as a 35-foot-tall emergency repeater that was temporarily installed when the existing 60-foot wood pole burned in the CZU August Lightning Complex fire in 2020.

The Draft EIR details the project, evaluates and describes the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of the proposed project and alternatives, identifies those impacts that could be significant, and presents mitigation measures, which, if adopted by CAL FIRE could avoid or minimize these impacts.

The Initial Study found that the proposed Project could potentially have significant impacts in the following issue areas: Aesthetics, Biological Resources, and Land Use and Planning, and these potential impacts have been evaluated further in the Draft EIR. For all other impacts, the proposed Project's potential effects were determined to be either less than significant or no impact would result. The focused Draft EIR analysis determined that with implementation of the Applicant Proposed Measures (APMs), no significant unmitigated impacts were identified that would result from Project implementation.



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<http://www.aspeneq.com/cal-fire-chalk-mountain-project/>

Comments may be emailed or mailed and must be received by (emailed)
or postmarked by (mailed) Monday March 21, 2022.

