



**County of Modoc
Planning Department**

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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

To: Modoc County Clerk Office of Planning and Research
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From: Modoc County Planning Department
203 W. 4th St.
Alturas, CA. 96101

Project Title: Epic Wireless Use Permit

Project Number: UP2023-02

Project Location: The project site is located approximately 5 miles northwest of Alturas off Hwy 299 and County Road 73 (APN 022-010-064). Township 42N, Range 12E, Section 7; M.D.B. &M.

Project Location City: **Project Location County:** Modoc

Lead Agency: Modoc County Planning Department

Applicant(s): Epic Wireless Group, LLC

Lead Agency Contact Person: Sean Curtis, Interim Planning Director

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Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Verizon is proposing a 20' extension of the existing 99' communications tower facility that would extend the tower and equipment to ~120' in total elevation. The project includes installation of (9) panel antennas and associated support equipment (RRU's and cabling) at 109' in elevation along with (2) microwave dishes and associated support equipment at 119' in elevation.

The project includes a separate 18' x 20' ground space designed to accommodate equipment cabinets, power equipment and 30kw emergency backup generator. The fenced compound will have a double access gate. No improvements will be made to the existing access path as the project location is already accessible and open to use.

The primary purpose of the facility is local emergency service and cell phone communications within a ~2-mile radius of the project location. The tower will also support local data connectivity which will include high speed data and third-party internet services provided by

companies that operate on Verizon's broadband spectrum. Additional Microwave antennas will be permitted for local connectivity to other local facilities and connection to the base network required for operation of the facility in the absence of local fiber optic cables.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Modoc County Planning Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: Modoc County Planning Department

Reasons Why the Project is Exempt: This project is exempt under Section 15061(b)(3) the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and Section 15301 Existing Facilities: Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures including existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services and

Exemption Status:

- Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Common Sense (Section 15061(b)(3))
- Categorical Exemption: 15301(Existing Facilities)
- Statutory Exemption:(15261(a))

Signature: _____

Joan Curtis

Date: _____

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Title: Interim Planning Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant