



**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: Verizon Wireless Use Permit

Project Number: UP2023-04

Project Location: The project is located on Assessor Parcel Number (017-060-068-000) at 101A
County Road 215 in Canby, CA. Township 42N, Range 14E, Section 36; 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

Phone Number: (530) 233-7651

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Applicant Chris Hatch with Epic Wireless Group LLC (representing Verizon Wireless) is requesting approval for the installation of a new 150' communications tower facility. The tower equipment will be coated with a non-glare color (Harvest Brown) and finish to blend the tower equipment with the surrounding environment. The project includes installation of (7) panel antennas and associated support equipment (RRU's and cabling) at 140' in elevation along with (2) microwave dishes and associated support equipment at 150' in elevation with space and structural capacity reserved for future antennas, dishes, and co-location equipment. The tower is designed at this elevation in order to support microwave transmission between other locations within the County along Hwy-299. The topography of the area interferes with line-of-sight communication and requires added elevation over a normal tower design of 120' typical to the area. The project includes a 30' x 30' ground space designed to accommodate the tower, equipment cabinets, power equipment and 30kw emergency backup generator. The fenced

compound will have a double access gate and vinyl slats installed and painted to match the tower to reduce the overall visibility of the facility. The existing access path to this location will be improved for all season fire department access with addition of road base and compaction. 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

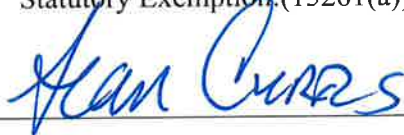
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: Modoc County Planning Department

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.

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: _____



Date: _____

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Title: Interim Planning Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant