

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH #

Project Title: Ash Hill Communication Site Project

Lead Agency: California Department of Fish and Wildlife Contact Person: Julia Karo
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 City: Ontario, CA Zip: 91764 County: San Bernardino

Project Location: County: San Bernardino City/Nearest Community: Ludlow
 Cross Streets: 8 miles east of Ludlow, south of I-40, in the Mojave Desert on south slope of Bristol Mountains Zip Code: _____
 Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): See ° Map ' _____" N / _____° _____' _____" W Total Acres: 8.93 (including access road)
 Assessor's Parcel No.: _____ Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Route 66 and I40 Waterways: _____
 Airports: _____ Railways: Burlington Northern Santa Fe Schools: _____

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) _____ Draft EIS Other: _____
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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other: Incidental Take Permit

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ Transportation: Type _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type _____ MW _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Educational: _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Recreational: _____ Other: Telecommunications Infrastructure Development
 Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducement
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Land Use
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

The project site is on federal land and is designatæed for Resource/Land Management.

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

The proposed project by InterConnect Towers, LLC (Applicant) aims to enhance cellular communication capability along Interstate 40 (I-40) in San Bernardino County, California. The project entails the construction of a multi-carrier communication site on Bureau of Land Management (BLM)-administered land. Key components of the project include a 196-foot communication tower, an equipment shelter, solar arrays, propane generators, and a secure perimeter fence. Upon completion of construction, any temporarily disturbed areas will be meticulously restored. The project area is northeast of National Trails Highway (Route 66) and north of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad. The facility is designed to accommodate a minimum of four national carriers and government agencies. An existing access road would be utilized to connect to the project site. The project is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and requires an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) for the protection of the Mojave desert tortoise. Additionally, an application for a Lake and Streambed Alteration (LSA) Agreement has been submitted. The primary objectives of the proposed project are to enhance coverage capabilities, meet telecommunication requirements, and ensure adherence to rigorous environmental standards.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>8</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date February 20, 2024 Ending Date March 21, 2024

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Heidi Calvert **Date:** 2/15/2024
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