

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Recorder/County Clerk
1600 Pacific Highway, M.S. A33
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: County of San Diego
Planning & Development Services, M.S. O650
Attn: Project Planning Division Section Secretary

SUBJECT: **FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152**

Project Name: Gopher Canyon Creek Wireless Telecommunication Facility Major Use Permit; PDS2023-MUP-08-031W1; PDS2022-ER-00-08-003D

Project Location: 29505 Hoxie Ranch Road in the Bonsall Community Plan area, within unincorporated San Diego County. APN: 170-191-15-00

Project Applicant: Sequoia Deployment Services/Verizon; 1 Spectrum Pointe Drive Suite 130, Lake Forest, CA 92630; (562) 309-5577

Project Description: The project is a Major Use Permit Modification (MUP Modification) to modify and continue operating an existing wireless telecommunication facility. The project proposes to remove and relocate antennas from an existing faux chimney facility to an existing 30-foot-tall faux water tank facility. The project proposes to modify the faux water tank by installing a 15-foot extension, thereby increasing the total height of the facility to 45 feet. The wireless telecommunication facility is defined as a high visibility facility and will have a term limit of 15 years pursuant to Section 6985(C)(11) of the Zoning Ordinance. The facility was originally approved on September 24, 2010, and is set to expire on September 24, 2025. This project includes the request to extend the facility expiration date to October 18, 2039.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Bianca Lorenzana Telephone Number: (619) 510-2146

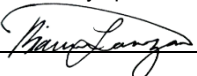
Date Form Completed: December 6, 2024

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Planning Commission has approved the above-described project on December 6, 2024 (3) and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

- Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)
 - Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]
 - Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]
 - Statutory Exemption. C Section:
 - Categorical Exemption. G Section: 15301
 - G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.
 - G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan
 - G 15183 – Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning
 - Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.
- Mitigation measures were were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
- A Mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was was not adopted for this project.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: Pursuant to Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Project is exempt from CEQA because it consists of a minor alteration of an existing facility. The project proposes an addition to an existing faux water tank wireless telecommunication facility that will not result in an increase of more than 50 percent of the original floor area, or 2,500 square feet. It has been determined that the Project site is not in an environmentally sensitive location, will not have a cumulative effect on the environment, is not on a hazardous waste site, will not cause substantial change in the significance of a historical resource, and will not result in damage to a scenic highway.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature:  Telephone: (619) 510-2146

Name (Print): Bianca Lorenzana Title: Land Use/Environmental Planner III

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.