

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Conditional Use Permit 2024-06; Telecom Plan Update 2024-02/Verizon-Sequoia-Lone Pine

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Project Location: Lone Pine, Inyo County
City County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The applicant has applied for a Conditional Use Permit and Telecom Plan Update to install a 105-foot monopole telecommunications tower to house six 6-foot panel antennas, three 3-foot panel antennas, along with six remote radio units, two surge suppressors and two 4-foot microwave dishes. The project includes three cabinets, one GPS antenna, five service lights, a fiber teleco box, two surge suppressors and a 30KW backup generator on concrete pads within a 900 square feet lease area contained within an eight-foot chain link fence. Fiber will come through approximately 750 feet of underground trenching. The project is to increase the capacity of the existing Verizon Wireless network in the area, as well as offload usage on an existing site and add capacity to the outdoor recreation areas to the west of the site which includes Mount Whitney Portal. The proposed project site is located at 1203 Lubken Canyon Road, Lone Pine, CA, on property owned by Scott and Mary Kemp, with Tax Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 026-150-30.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Potential glare from the monopole tower is to be mitigated by application of low finish polish. Although the *Sidalcea covillei* (Owens Valley Checkerbloom), a sensitive plant species, was not identified on the site during the survey, the potential habitats were identified on the Project site. Conditions will be added to the project to mitigate possible impacts for the Owens Valley Checkerbloom by conducting a botanical survey during the blooming period to determine the presence or absence of the species and if identified within the project are and cannot be avoided, necessary permits shall be obtained before proceeding. A wetland area and wetland delineation shall be conducted prior to construction. Construction activity should avoid the avian nesting season (February- August). If construction activity must occur during the nesting season, a qualified biologist shall perform a pre-construction clearance survey to determine the presence/absence of nesting activity onsite and in the vicinity of the project site. The survey shall address impacts to nesting birds per the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. If no nesting activity is observed, no further action is required. If nesting activity is observed on or in the immediate vicinity of the project site, construction activity may proceed after the nestlings have fledged. If the facility must be installed in the vicinity of an active nest, a biological monitor shall be present during all construction activities. Construction activity shall be conducted at the discretion of the monitor to ensure that it does not directly or indirectly cause a nest to fail.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.