

CUP23-0010 Verizon EDH Communications Facility

Initial Study/Negative Declaration

Errata Sheet

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Introduction

This Errata presents, in ~~strike through~~ and double-underline format, the revisions to the Verizon EDH Communications Facility Project Initial Study/Negative Declaration (ISND). The revisions to the IS/ND reflected in this Errata do not affect the adequacy of the previous environmental analysis contained in the Verizon EDH Communications Facility Project IS/ND. Because the changes presented below would not result in any new significant impacts or increase in impact significance from what was previously identified in the IS/ND, recirculation of the EDH Verizon Communications Facility Project IS/ND is not required.

Changes to IS/ND

The description of project on page 1 of the IS/ND is hereby revised as follows:

Description of Project: A request for a conditional use permit request for the construction and ongoing operation of an unmanned, ~~97-80-foot-tall~~ faux pine tree (monopine) wireless telecommunications facility and accessory items within a ~~19'-5" x 19'-0" (179 sq ft) 40'-0" x 32'-8"~~ lease area. The telecommunications facility is proposed to include one (1) ~~97-80-foot tall~~ monopine tower, nine (9) antennas (with three (3) future antennas proposed), six (6) remote radio units (with three (3) future remote radio units proposed), four (4) surge suppressors, a 50KVA stepdown transformer with 100AMP, 480V transformer disconnect, ~~one (1) 30kW diesel standby generator attached to a 300-gallon capacity tank~~, and three (3) equipment cabinets. No water or sewer service would be required for the proposed project as it is an unmanned facility. Electricity will be provided by Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E). The project is proposing a 15-foot wide, non-exclusive, access and utility easement off of Hillsdale Circle, east of the property. No trees are proposed for removal and the project site is already fully developed.

The above modification is for clarification purposes only and does not change the analysis or conclusions of the IS/ND.

The environmental checklist table on page 7 of the IS/ND is hereby revised as follows:

I. AESTHETICS. <i>Would the project:</i>				
	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				X
b. Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				X
c. Substantially degrade the existing visual character quality of the site and its surroundings?			X	X

I. AESTHETICS. <i>Would the project:</i>					
		Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
d.	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?			X	

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Page 7 of the IS/ND, within Section I, Aesthetics, is hereby revised as follows:

- c. **Visual Character:** Photosimulations of the proposed monopine have been included with the projects application. The proposed ~~97-80~~-foot-tall monopine tower will utilize visual concealments, as required by the El Dorado County General Plan and Code of Ordinances, is proposing visual concealments including full radius pine branches and natural foliage colored antenna and associated equipment. All antennas, mounts, equipment, and exposed cables are to be painted, or wrapped in 3M RF transparent film, colored to match the proposed monopine, and concealed within the branch radius. Additionally, all antennas are to be covered in monopine socks. An 8'-0" tall black chain link fence with black privacy slats will be used to conceal the proposed equipment lease area and ground mounted equipment from view.

~~The project site is surrounded by other similarly zoned and developed properties. The proposed project would not affect the visual character of the surrounding, primarily research & development zoned area. The tall pine trees along Carson Xing Dr and elevation of the proposed structure above the road level will help conceal the proposed monopine from traffic in the immediate vicinity.~~ The project site is surrounded by parcels with similar foliage and vegetation.

The supplied photosimulations demonstrate the applicant's attempts to minimize any visual impact, including siting of the facility and overall facility design. The supplied images include both a stealth/camouflaged pole and an alternative, bare/raw pole. While the height, location, and visibility of the proposed monopine will undoubtedly have a visual impact, the proposed design represents the best-case scenario. With adherence to the visual concealment requirements of the El Dorado County General Plan and Code of Ordinances, The lease area will be surrounded by an 8 foot chain link fence and is further concealed by proposed vegetation. Any potential impacts would be less than significant.

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Page 41 of the IS/ND, within Section XIII, Noise, is hereby revised as follows:

- a. **Noise Exposures:** The proposed project will not expose people to noise levels in excess of standards established in the General Plan or Zoning Ordinance. Project construction may require the use of trucks and other equipment, which may result in short-term noise impacts to surrounding neighbors. These activities would require grading and building permits and would be restricted to construction hours pursuant to the General Plan. ~~The proposed back up generator would result in noise generation during the irregular use of~~

~~the generator. The back-up generator would be used during times of rolling power shut-offs to ensure ongoing operations of the cellular facility. Additionally, the back-up generator would run for a maximum of 30 minutes, once a week, during daylight hours. County Zoning Ordinance Section 130.37.020 provides exemptions for the use of any mechanical device, apparatus, or equipment related to or connected with emergency activities or emergency work to protect life or property; the proposed back-up generator qualifies for this exemption. There could be additional noise associated with any future modifications – additional noise due to modifications may be reviewed per a CUP revision. Therefore, the project is not expected to generate noise levels exceeding the performance standards contained within the Zoning Ordinance. The proposed project would result in less than significant impacts.~~

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Page 42 of the IS/ND, within Section XIII, Noise, is hereby revised as follows:

- b. **Permanent Noise Increases:** ~~The project involves the construction of a wireless telecommunications facility and associated support equipment, including pre-manufactured equipment cabinets and an emergency backup generator. An acoustical analysis, prepared by Robert J. Lara of Waterford Consultants LLC in September 2022, indicates that the proposed telecommunication facility complies with requirements mandated by El Dorado County at all adjacent ‘residential’ property lines for all hourly noise metrics outlined in the County’s Noise Ordinance. Although there is potential for the ambient noise level to increase due to the installation of the wireless telecommunications facility, the A/C unit on the proposed pre-manufactured cabinet can run continuously during day and nighttime hours without exceeding dBA levels outlined by the County, and the proposed generator is for emergency backup during power failure conditions; it is exercised once a week for one half hour maximum during daytime hours only. County Zoning Ordinance Section 130.37.020 provides exemptions for the use of any mechanical device, apparatus, or equipment related to or connected with emergency activities or emergency work to protect life or property; the proposed back-up generator qualifies for this exemption. Any potential impact related to a permanent increase in ambient noise levels from the proposed project would be less than significant.~~

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