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**Fwd: Please do not allow cell tower on One-Eye Creek, Placerville, CA**

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Planning Unknown <planning@edcgov.us>  
To: Charlene Tim <charlene.tim@edcgov.us>

Mon, Aug 10, 2015 at 8:16 AM

Hi Char,

This might be for PC 8-13-15 item #5

Thanks, Debbie

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From: **HANNAH LYNN DEMERSON** <hldreddogii@yahoo.com>  
Date: Sat, Aug 8, 2015 at 7:09 PM  
Subject: Please do not allow cell tower on One-Eye Creek, Placerville, CA  
To: "Planning@edcgov.us" <Planning@edcgov.us>

We are very aware of the dangers of living in close proximity with cell towers, and do not wish to live under the shadow of the potential cancer-causing tower that is planned by Verizon to be placed near One-Eye Creek in the Mosquito/Swansboro area of Placerville, CA.

*"My relationship with teaching was fraught, it is fair to say, but in general I loved it dearly. Nothing touched my heart so much as a student who seemed genuinely to have learned something from me, and nothing made me feel so connected to the world as being the vessel through which someone else's discoveries, or philosophy, or art, poured into another human being." - by Liz Moore from Heft*

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**Planning Unknown** <planning@edcgov.us>  
To: Charlene Tim <charlene.tim@edcgov.us>

Mon, Aug 10, 2015 at 8:18 AM

Hi Char,

This might be for PC 8-13-15 Item #5.

Thanks, Debbie

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From: **Laurie Teague** <laurietea@gmail.com>  
Date: Sat, Aug 8, 2015 at 10:24 PM  
Subject: Proposed Verizon cell tower  
To: "Planning@edcgov.us" <Planning@edcgov.us>

I am a resident of Swansboro and have been told of a proposed Verizon cell tower being erected near One a Eye Creek Rd. I support the placement of said tower.

Sincerely,

Laurie Teague

Sent from my iPhone

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**Julie Saylor** <julie.saylor@edcgov.us>  
To: Charlene Tim <charlene.tim@edcgov.us>  
Cc: Aaron Mount <aaron.mount@edcgov.us>

Mon, Aug 10, 2015 at 7:52 AM

Char,

Please see public comment attached for PC 08/13/15.

Thank you,

**Julie Saylor**  
Office Assistant II

**County of El Dorado**  
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julie.saylor@edcgov.us

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From: **Glen Blesi** <glenblesi@yahoo.com>  
Date: Sun, Aug 9, 2015 at 10:03 AM  
Subject: Swansboro Verizon Wireless Cellular Tower 15-0881  
To: julie.saylor@edcgov.us  
Cc: Donna Blesi <donna.blesi@performtechnology.com>

Julie,

My wife and I live in Swansbore and are very much in support of the proposed cell tower.

The sparse cell coverage in our area has a negative effect on our daily lives.

We have cell phones that we use when away from home but those cell phones do not work at home due to poor coverage and often result in missed communication with business, friends and family. We pay for the cell service like everyone else but get much less service.

Also, cell phone navigation aids do not work due to the poor coverage and delivery persons and visitors are not able to contact us often resulting in missed deliveries and abandoned visits.

More importantly we live in a heavy wooded rugged area and forest fires are a real threat. Reliable cell coverage is important to keep in communications with emergency information, friends and family.

The King Fire last year highlights this issue. We are notified by sheriffs who drove to our house instructing us to evacuate which we did. However for the 30 minutes to took to get out of the area we had no access to information. Luckily we evacuated without incident but without cell coverage we had no way to learn of road closures or other emergency information that could be critical to our safe evacuation.

We appreciate your consideration and support.

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Regards,  
Glen & Donna Blesi  
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## Fwd: swansboro cell tower

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**Planning Unknown** <planning@edcgov.us>  
To: Charlene Tim <charlene.tim@edcgov.us>

Mon, Aug 10, 2015 at 8:20 AM

Hi Char,

Please see public comment.

Thanks, Debbie

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From: **Loretta Webb** <lorettajanewebb@att.net>  
Date: Sun, Aug 9, 2015 at 7:15 PM  
Subject: swansboro cell tower  
To: "planning@edcgov.us" <planning@edcgov.us>

Please submit my attached letter to the Planning Commission Regarding the Hearing on Aug. 13, 2015 regarding the Cell Tower on One Eye Creek Road.

Thanks,  
Loretta



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Loretta Webb  
3230 One Eye Creek Rd.  
Mosquito, CA. 95667

Aug. 5, 2015

Community Development Agency  
Development Service Division  
County of El-Dorado  
2850 Fairlane Court  
Placerville, CA 95667

Attn: Aaron Mount, Associate Planner

This letter is regarding the hearing Aug. 13, 2015. S15-0001/ Swansboro Verizon Wireless Cellular Tower.

Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing this letter behalf of the residence and property owners on the upper part of One Upper Eye Creek Road Association.

3170 One Eye Creek Rd. Mosquito CA.  
3180 One Eye Creek Rd Mosquito, CA.  
3188 One Eye Creek Rd. Mosquito, CA.  
3204 One Eye Creek Rd. Mosquito, CA.  
3218 One Eye Creek Rd. Mosquito, CA.  
3230 One Eye Creek Rd. Mosquito, CA.  
Parcel #085-070-20-100 Mosquito, CA.

We are begging this Planning Commission to deny the Special Use Permit for a Mono-Pine Verizon Cellular Tower S15-0001 proposed for One Eye Creek Road.

We are not opposed to cell towers and the outlying area is in definite need of one, but really, WITHIN approximately 150 FT.OF A RETIRED SENIOR CITIZENS FRONT DOOR IN A RURAL AREA? ON A GRAVEL DEAD END ROAD POPULATED BY MOSTLY SENIOR CITIZENS? HOW SAD AND INCONCIDERATE IS THIS OF ANYONE INVOLVED? WE ASK ALL OF YOU ON THIS PANEL. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE THIS IF IT HAPPEND TO YOU?

We see nothing in this Negative Declaration or drawings to reflect the negative effect on the residents on the upper part of One Eye Creek Rd.

Why is this proposed tower called the Swansboro Verizon Cell Tower.? The proposed site is in Mosquito not Swansboro. (Swansboro is a sub division in Mosquito).

We see nothing in the Negative Declaration that any other site other than a handful of properties on One Eye Creek Rd was even searched or considered for this project. Mosquito is a humungous vast expanse of land covered with pine trees where a Mono-Pine Tree would

blend in. The Upper part of One Eye Creek Rd. consists of mostly oak trees and a few bull pines.

Do any of you on this commission really believe that Verizon cannot find another suitable area to build this tower in such a vast area with much acreage, where it would not be within approximately 600ft. of 5 homes and profoundly devastate the lives so many citizens? We think not. This proposed tower with a chain link fence and more than likely prison wire would in no way shape of form blend into the environment at the proposed site. This Mono-Pine would stick out like a sore thumb. It's not as if Verizon can't afford to locate a better site. How much money will Verizon make off of this project at our expense?

Several Senior Citizens live within approximately 600 feet off the proposed site. We hope and pray that this commission would not allow this to happen to us. We have worked hard and saved money most of our lives to live where we do in this beautiful special place. We have paid our taxes and are responsible contributing citizens. We all bought our properties/homes in this area to be away from traffic, commercial activity and pollution. We moved here for the aesthetics and to enjoy all that nature has to offer.

The last time we checked a cell tower was not part of nature. We choose to live here when there was no such talk about a cell tower. We were here first. If we wanted to live under a cell tower, we would have bought property under a cell tower. Verizon should not be allowed to ruin our lives, dreams and plans.

For instance the wire topped fence of the proposed complex is probably similar to prison wire. If so, we will be forced to look at this every day as we drive by and take our walks or walk our dogs while pondering how this fits into the aesthetics of the surrounding area. The Negative declaration does not mention what kind of wire is on top of the chain link fence. We ask that you consider what we would have to deal with should this proposed cell tower be built.

We are requesting that all who are involved in making the decision to issue this permit travel to the site when a homeowner is available and see for yourselves why we are asking for a denial of this permit. Pictures cannot in any way display the horror we feel. Please feel free to bring all members of the Board of Supervisors with you as they will most likely be involved in this decision as well.

In addition five of the residents listed in this letter are related (mother, father, sons, uncle, nephew, brother and daughter-in-law). We are a close family and chose to live in this area in near proximity of each other. We care about and help each other in many ways, sharing responsibilities and tasks. We help with physical labor, taking care of pets, younger adults helping the elderly and disabled, checking in on one another when needed etc.

We are an extended family, and do not want nor choose to live near or under this proposed tower. Most likely we will be forced to sell our properties and find a place where we can live in community under similar circumstances. If we sell our properties, under state law we will have to declare a cell tower is in the area. We wonder why the laws require a cell tower has to be declared if they have no negative impact.

From our understanding, cell towers reduce our property values and reduce the buying pool. After all who in their right mind would buy property in a rural setting under or near a cell tower unless they could get it for little or nothing? We have planted fruit trees that are now mature and producing fruit, planted gardens, landscaped, and have done much hard work on our properties that cannot be easily recreated upon re-location.

We believe that it is only fair that if this commission issues this permit it should be under the condition that Verizon buy all the properties/homes listed above at the fair market value before a cell tower is built or permitted, and compensate for this invasion of our lives. We did not bargain for this type of existence. Verizon and all involved should be held responsible.

We request removal of the three new signs on One Eye Creek Road. We were just informed that there was a meeting in 2004 regarding this and the appeal time is over. Not one of us remembers any such letter. We request all documentation on this.

The sign that says "NOT A COUNTY MAINTAINED ROAD" will encourage MOTORCYCLES and ATV riders going into the El-Dorado Forest to drive up our road thinking this must be a great place to ride our bikes it's not county maintained. Most are noisy and they drive fast raising a lot of dust and tear up the road. We know this as once in a while a bike rider or ATV rider come up the road and we have to go out and tell them to slow down. We almost get hit as some of them just laugh at us and flip us off. Now we will have more of this and we don't need it. All the residents that use this road know it is not county maintained. We maintain it. So why the sign?

This stop sign is another blow to us. We never see any Law Enforcement in the area. The only thing this sign accomplishes is to make us all liable if we are hit by another vehicle or logging truck speeding out of the forest on Rock Creek Road. For instance, If a vehicle speeds out of the forest around the bend there is no way we can get on Rock Creek Road without being hit as we would not be able to see the vehicle in time and the speeding vehicle would not be able to stop in time, but now we have a stop that would make it our fault. This situation Threatens the health and safety of human life. **SOMEONE NEEDS TO CHECK THIS OUT. THE NEW SIGNS ARE NOT AT THE INTERSECTION OF ONE EYE CREEK RD AND MOSQUITO RD.**

The crossroads at Mosquito and Rock Creek Road. coming out of the forest and the cross road at Mosquito and Rock Creek at Dyer lake are paved, with a lot of traffic. There are no stop signs on these roads. Why put one on a gravel road that just a few people use. What is the logic here? Something is backwards. This is just another infringement on our way of life for no reason.

Some of us that live on the above-named properties are under a lot of stress, sick to our stomachs and cannot sleep well due to this proposed cell tower. We are devastated that a mega-corporation can simply come in and destroy our lives.

The exhibit page for the HVAC comes up sideways on our computers and we don't understand it. If a large a/c unit is installed It seems it would be noisy and irritating. Sound carries a long way on this hill. We can hear our neighbors talking and understand what they are saying when the atmosphere is just right.

Our research also shows that the units on these towers contain copper that is worth a lot of money and a target for thieves. If this is the case, what better place for thieves to steal this copper and gas from the 132 gal. gas tank. We are thinking of the teenagers and drug-addicts that drive through the forest that need gas for joy riding. It is probably no problem for them to get over or into this fence with bolt cutters. This is on a rural dead end road where Law enforcement is forty-five minutes to an hour away. Thieves carry guns. Some here work at night and come home on this road between 2:00 and 4:00 am. in the morning. If they were to interrupt a burglary as they drive by this tower that is 30 feet off the road, they are liable to be shot. What provisions are made for our safety? We hope Verizon has security on hand at night and early in the morning for our protection. We feel that our lives will now be endangered. These are more reasons for stress and sleepless nights. Verizon needs to have security on hand at night and early in the morning to discourage theft and for our safety. This is just another worry to keep us awake at night.

One Eye Creek Rd. is a private gravel dead end road that we as residents maintain. We pay dearly out of our pockets to drag the road and pay for gravel. We keep both sides of this road clear and as fire safe as it can be. We have never seen the owner of the proposed site do any maintenance on his property for fire control. We do the work to keep this clear. Should Verizon push this project through, Verizon should be made to take responsibility for care and maintenance of this road as this tower will increase commercial usage. In addition, the gravel trucks, cement trucks, gas tankers, and the transport of all the building materials to build this tower will negatively impact our road. Verizon would need to take responsibility for negatively impacting this road.

Most residents keep fresh water available for the wild life. Water is scarce for them with this drought. There is a lot of wildlife using this road. They go up and down this road all day long: deer, turkey, quail, fox, squirrels, rabbits, chipmunks, etc. At night: bear, cougars, bob cats, etc. We are talking from experience on this matter. You are very mistaken if you think commercial drivers that do not live on this road will slow down. Signs will not slow them down. So what will be done to slow all the added vehicles and trucks going up and down this road (for the building and maintenance of this tower)? How much wild life will be killed or injured? We only have a handful of chipmunks in the area and we would like to see them re-populate. What a shame if one was killed or injured. Not to mention the dust from drivers driving up and down the road. Nothing in the Negative Declaration protects us and our health from the road dust this will create. There are seniors with COPD that live on this road.

Our research shows these towers draw lightning to the tower and the area. We get a lot of dry summer lightning here. If lightning hits this tower or a tree or a domino effect happens and trees fall across the road and start a fire or send a spark on the bottom part of these properties, we would be landlocked and not able to get out. There is no way to get out of this area, if you live at the top of the hill and are blocked from descending down the hill. Nothing in the Negative Declaration mentions this. We need another way out as this tower would increase the danger of a fire. This tower threatens the health and safety of human life. The fire danger from this tower in an extremely fire prone area warrants that it be built far enough away from the main road and homes to give citizens at least a fair chance to get out.

The Swansboro Airport (this is a guesstimate) is approximately half mile from this proposed

tower. This tower will most likely have lights on top. This will further our distress. One of the reasons for moving here is the beautiful night sky. Some nights it seems as though you could just reach out and touch the stars. We moved out of the city to get away from this. We see many planes fly right over the area of this proposed tower. In fact almost every evening between 5pm and 6pm a white plane flies over the area. We are outdoor people and spend a lot of time outside so we notice these things.

It is our understanding that you can't fight building of a cell tower for health reasons as the government says they are safe. However we do not believe the government studies that towers are safe. It is our right not to believe this. We believe the independent studies and the studies in other countries that say these towers cause cancer, tumors, leukemia, etc. that show up later in life. We are worried and stressed about our health and safety of our lives.

We are very respectful of the Indian Culture in the area. We all know that not everyone is honest and above board. While most are honest it is still dependent on who does the digging for this project whether they will report finding remains or artifacts. Without a professional in this field to oversee the digging on for this proposed tower how can we be sure it will be reported if remains or artifacts are found. After all This area is rich in Indian culture. There are grinding rocks in close proximity.

For the record, Verizon does not have our permission to use this private road for any commercial activity.

Respectfully,

Loretta Webb for,

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Upper One Eye Creek Road association

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TO: COUNTY OF EL DORADO  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
2850 Fairlane Court  
Placerville, CA. 95667

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

August, 8, 2015

Subject—Swansboro Cell Tower.

Dear members of the Planning Commission;

Twenty four years ago I purchased a small piece of land at the end of One Eye Creek Road. For twenty of those years I made a three hour round trip commute to Sacramento and worked a twelve hour shift each day. I worked on my place on the weekends in order to transform a burned out, steeply sloped piece of land into a wonderful habitat for the wildlife in the area and to have a nice place for my retirement when that day finally comes. So after two decades of tremendous sacrifice and hard work that day did finally get here. Now, there is this tower complex. REALLY? Is this really going to happen?

I bought my land specifically because it was on a private dirt road and isolated from the influences of commerce and any city type structures and so on. Now an absentee land owner, who has no stake in the community, is going to ruin this quiet, secluded place of retreat. A looming tower and industrial type fence and generator and cooling fans and traffic have no place in this area. Plenty of suitable sights surely exist all over this county. Places that will not interfere with peoples' life long dreams of living in solitude with nature. I'm sure some of these places would cost Verizon a little more money for power to the sight and creating access and etc. That's why this area was in the bull's eye. Putting this tower here is the wrong thing to do. However, I know that the right thing usually takes a back seat to money in these times. How about this time we go with the right thing instead of the money.

Even though health issues cannot be used as a reason to deny a cell tower it worries me very much. There are plenty of studies that indicate an increased risk of cancer for those who live nearby. I take my health very seriously. I exercise every day and maintain a proper diet. I do not want to be a sick old man!!

My house is located at the end of the road. There are frequent lightning strikes up here during storms. I can see lightning striking the tower, bringing it down across the road and starting a fire. I would then be blocked behind the fire since this is the only way out. What then?

This project seems to have been rubber stamped and did not really address the negative impacts it has on our little community along this road. We are all senior citizens, or close to it, and to do this to us is just plain weak!!

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**If this project goes through then Verizon needs to be required to buy my place at pre-tower pricing so I can leave. I do not want to sell my place. I love it and have worked very hard to keep it and I have poured just about everything I have into it. However, I do not want to live with this tower. I am not wealthy and my place is very modest but it is all I have.**

**I would ask all those who are making the decision to approve or deny this project if you would like a cell tower complex next to or very near your home?**

**This tower is wrong in every way. Please do not approve this project.**

**And, for the record, Verizon does NOT have my permission to use my road for their commercial activities.**

**Thank you very much,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich Wanner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**RICH WANNER**

**3170 One Eye Creek Road**

**Mosquito, CA.**