



# County of El Dorado

## Minutes - Final Planning Commission

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*Daniel Harkin, Second Vice-Chair, District 5*  
*Brandon Reinhardt, District 1*  
*Bob Williams, District 2*  
*Lexi Boeger, District 3*

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8:30 AM

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2850 Fairlane Court, Building C, Hearing Room, Placerville, CA

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For purposes of the Brown Act, Section 54954.2(a), the numbered items on this agenda give a brief description of each item to be discussed. Recommendations of the staff, as shown, do not prevent the Commission from taking other action.

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**PROTOCOLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public comment will be received at designated periods as called by the Commission Chair.

Except with the consent of the Commission, individuals shall be allowed to speak to an item only once.

Matters not on the agenda may be addressed by the general public during Public Forum/Public Comment. Comments during Public Forum/Public Comment are limited to three minutes per person. The Commission reserves the right to waive said rules by a majority vote. Public Forum/Public Comment is for comment only. No action will be taken on these items unless they are scheduled on a future agenda.

Public testimony will be received on each agenda item as it is called. Individuals will have three minutes to address the Commission. At the discretion of the Commission, time to speak on an item may be extended or shortened for all speakers.

Upon completion of public comment on an agenda item, the matter shall be returned to the Commission for deliberation. Members of the public shall not be entitled to participate in that deliberation, or be present at the podium during such deliberation, except at the invitation of the Commission for a point of clarification or question by the Commission.

Individual Commission members may ask clarifying questions but will not engage in substantive dialogue with persons providing input to the Commission.

If a person providing input to the Commission creates a disruption by refusing to follow Commission guidelines, the Chair of the Commission may take the following actions:

Step 1. Request the person adhere to the Commission guidelines. If the person refuses, the Chair may ask the Clerk to turn off the speaker's microphone.

Step 2. If the disruption continues, the Chair may order a recess of the Commission meeting.

Step 3. If the disruption continues, the Chair may order the removal of the person from the Commission meeting.

8:30 A.M.

**CALLED TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

**Meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Chair Nevis, with Commissioner Harkin absent.**

**Present:** 4 - Commissioner Boeger, Commissioner Nevis, Commissioner Reinhardt and Commissioner Williams

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Harkin

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**Commissioner Reinhardt led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

**(All items on the Consent Calendar are to be approved by one motion unless a Commission member requests separate action on a specific item.)**

*Public Comment: K. Payne, F. Cazares, Sue W.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt, to Adopt the Agenda and Approve the Consent Calendar.**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Boeger, Commissioner Nevis, Commissioner Reinhardt and Commissioner Williams

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Harkin

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1. [24-0894](#) Clerk of the Planning Commission recommending the Commission approve the MINUTES of the regular meeting of May 9, 2024.

**This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Boeger, Commissioner Nevis, Commissioner Reinhardt and Commissioner Williams

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Harkin

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**TO AND FROMS: Commission members may make a brief report on commissioner districts, committee meetings, department matters or make a brief announcement on matters of countywide concern (May be called at any time during the meeting)**

**Commissioner Boeger reported on the following:**

**Attended the El Dorado County Water Agency 2024 Spring Plenary, which provided a total valuation of the County's watershed.**

**Commissioner Williams reported on the following:**

**Attended a meeting on May 22, 2024 with approximately 50 community members regarding the Gateway project, but would like to reserve his right to comment on issues he learned from the meetings.**

**Robert Peters, Deputy Director of Planning, reported on the following:**

**June 13, 2024 Planning Commission hearing.**

## **PUBLIC FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Public Comment: K. Payne*

Public Forum/Public Comment will be heard after the consent calendar. If there are a large number of public participants, the public comment portion may be continued and conclude in a later portion of the meeting.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

2. [23-2190](#) Hearing to consider EDH Verizon Wireless Telecommunications Facility (Conditional Use Permit CUP23-0010) request for a Conditional Use Permit for the construction and ongoing operation of an unmanned, 97-foot-tall faux pine tree (monopine) wireless telecommunications facility and accessory items within a 19'-5" x 19'-0" (179 sq ft) lease area. The telecommunications facility is proposed to include one (1) 97-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, and three (3) equipment cabinets. No water or sewer service would be required for the proposed project as it is an unmanned facility. The property, identified by Assessor's Parcel Number 117-084-005, consisting of 2 acres, is located on the west side of Hillsdale Circle, approximately 925 feet to the southwest of Robert J. Mathews Parkway, in the El Dorado Hills area, submitted by Verizon Wireless (Agent: Melissa Vios, Epic Wireless); Staff recommends the Planning Commission take the following actions:
- 1) Adopt the Negative Declaration based on the Initial Study prepared by staff in accordance with CEQA Guidelines; and
  - 2) Approve Conditional Use Permit CUP23-0010 based on the Findings and subject to the Conditions of Approval as presented.
- (Supervisory District 2) (cont. 01/25/24, Item #3)

*Public Comment: Sue W., Bonnie, K. Payne*

*Clerk's Note: Commissioner Williams left the meeting at 8:47 a.m.*

**Commissioner Williams recused himself from item #2 due to 1) he lives within 200 feet of the proposed cell tower and there is a perceived financial conflict of interest and 2) he provided testimony to the Commission prior to being appointed a commissioner. He left the meeting at 8:47 a.m.**

**Commissioner Boeger disclosed that she visited the proposed cell tower site.**

**Commissioner Nevis disclosed that he visited the proposed cell tower site.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Reinhardt, seconded by Commissioner Boeger to accept staff recommendation 1 and 2 with the following two modifications:**

- 1) Additional Condition of Approval #48: Applicant will use best efforts to consult with the property owner and property to the west about additional plantings to aid in masking the project. These efforts shall be supported by written documentation for staff to review which shall address feasibility of additional plantings and the consultation process; and**
- 2) The COAs shall reflect approval of the updated 80 foot monopine proposal and revised site location as detailed in Exhibit F.**

**Yes:** 3 - Commissioner Boeger, Commissioner Nevis and Commissioner Reinhardt

**Recused:** 1 - Commissioner Williams

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Harkin

## **ADJOURNED**

**The meeting was Adjourned at 9:42 A.M. by Chair Nevis.**

All persons interested are invited to participate remotely (following instructions listed under the Public Participation Instructions in this agenda) and be heard or to write their comments to the Planning Commission. If you challenge the application in court, you may be limited to raising only those items you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. Any written correspondence should be directed to Planning Services; 2850 Fairlane Court; Placerville, CA 95667.

\*A negative declaration has been prepared for this project and may be reviewed and/or obtained in Planning Services, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA 95667, during normal business hours. A negative declaration is a document filed to satisfy CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act). This document states that there are no significant environmental effects resulting from the project, or that conditions have been proposed which would mitigate or reduce potential negative effects to an insignificant level.