

## Grizzly Flats Community Services District

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

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### RE: Special Use Permit S15-0008/Verizon Wireless Communication Facility, Grizzly Flats

Dear Planning Commission:

On behalf of the Grizzly Flats Community Services District, I am writing to support the approval of Special Use Permit S15-0008 for the installation of a Verizon Wireless Communication Facility Monopole at 5821 Eagle Hill Road (APN 041-011-30), Grizzly Flats, CA 95636.

The Grizzly Flats Community Services District has the responsibility of providing treated water for domestic use and fire protection to the residents within its service area. Approximately 1,227 parcels exist in the service area. Elevations of the service area vary from 3600 feet at the southwesterly end of the area to 4200 feet at the northeasterly end. The District has about 600 service connections.

Currently, there is no cellular phone service available within our community. Without cellular service, our staff must utilize a somewhat unreliable CB radio system for communication during our daily operations. Oftentimes, static noise will interfere with the radio transmissions, making it difficult to understand what is being said. Also, our staff has been forced to use outdated and impractical pagers to receive notifications during emergency situations. This poses an extreme delay as someone must call into the pager number, wait for the elongated beep, correctly enter in their contact number, and then wait for an operator to respond as soon as they receive the page and/or are able to access a telephone. Needless to say, having cellular service in Grizzly Flats would greatly improve our staff's communication capabilities.

The lack of cellular service also seriously delays reporting of public safety emergencies when someone (such as a motorist seeing a wildfire) has to find a resident at home to use their landline, or when public safety (El Dorado County Sheriff, Pioneer Fire Protection District and CAL FIRE) personnel cannot use their department-issued cell phones. Having a secondary communication system for our residents and first responders to use would be extremely beneficial to improving emergency response times and public safety in our community.

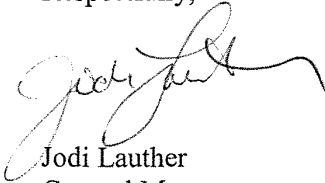
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In summary, the Grizzly Flats Community Services District urges the El Dorado County Planning Commission to approve Special Use Permit S15-0008, allowing the installation of the Verizon Wireless Communication Facility located at 5821 Eagle Hill Road in Grizzly Flats to significantly improve our District's communications and overall safety within our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (530) 622-9626.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jodi Lauther", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Jodi Lauther  
General Manager  
Grizzly Flats CSD