

## **Alternative Site Analysis**

### Verizon Wireless Telecommunications Facility "Lake Forest Park"

Colocation on El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) Water Tank 1835 Francisco Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762 <u>APN: 110-020-29-100</u>

Summary of Site Selection and Technical Evidence Conducted by On Air, LLC (agent for Verizon Wireless)

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#### I. <u>Coverage Objective</u>

On Air, LLC has been contracted by Verizon Wireless to find an appropriate site location that will provide coverage and capacity to the network in the Lake Forest Park community in El Dorado Hills.

#### II. Published Search Ring Information

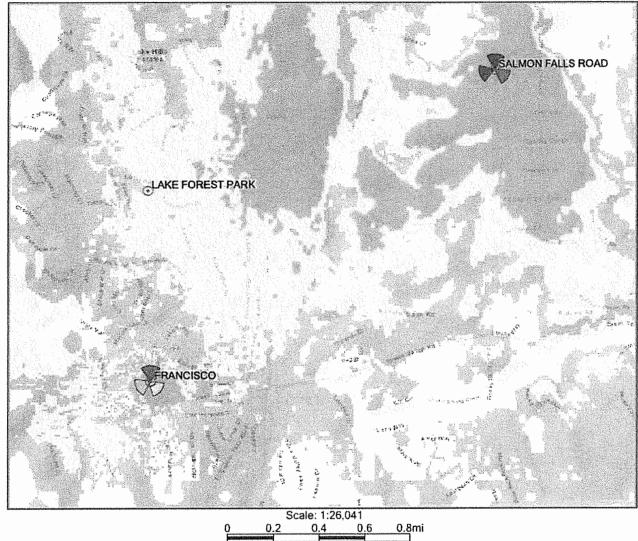
The search ring is centered over an affluent, residential area that consists mostly of newer development homes and a few small parks. There are no transmission towers or existing colocatable cell towers in this area. Therefore, we have targeted the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) water tank facility which is central to the search ring.

Originally, AT&T had a lease option with EID to build this cell site. AT&T received zoning approval (#S13-0015) and building permit approval (#226868) from EI Dorado County with Verizon as a subtenant. However, AT&T let their permits expire as well as their lease option with EID. EID has now leased directly to Verizon and Verizon will build the site.



#### III. Service Gap Summary

The "Before Coverage" map below shows the existing coverage for El Dorado Hills neighborhoods.

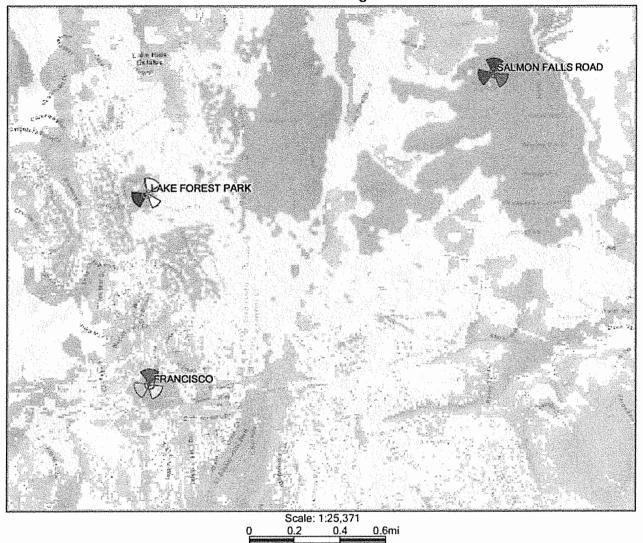


Before Coverage

In the depiction "Before Coverage" above:

- The gray "bulls-eye" with the note "Lake Forest Park" indicates the proposed site location.
- The Green areas indicate strong outdoor coverage and in-building service.
- The Yellow indicates outdoor coverage and almost no in-building service.
- The Gray indicates little to no coverage.

The "After Coverage" map below shows the improvement in coverage and capacity for the Lake Forest Park community in El Dorado Hills and improvement south of Green Valley Road.



After Coverage

In the depiction "After Coverage" above:

- The light blue/purple/yellow star with the note "Lake Forest Park" indicates a new cell tower in place at EID's water treatment facility.
- The new coverage to the area is indicated as follows:
  - o The Green areas indicate strong outdoor coverage and in-building service.
  - The Yellow indicates outdoor coverage and almost no in-building service.
  - o The Gray indicates little to no coverage.

#### IV. <u>Methodology</u>

On Air and Verizon Wireless always look to the local zoning codes and general plans to identify the sites that will have the least impact to the community while still providing the wireless communication services that the public desires. Per the zoning code of El Dorado County, and discussions with Planners, co-locations on existing infrastructure are valued above building new towers on raw land. Visual impact is also a primary concern, and Verizon Wireless always cooperates with the local jurisdiction and the community to mitigate a site's impact, if possible, through stealthing techniques and careful site selection. In addition to these considerations a viable site candidate must have a willing land owner, feasibility of construction, road access, and available telephone and electrical utilities.

EID's water tank facility fits the provisions discussed above. Verizon has no other alternate candidates for this search ring for the following reasons:

- 1. This is an affluent, residential area which consists mostly of newer development homes and a few small parks.
- 2. CC&Rs in this area make it difficult to find cell site candidates. EID's water treatment facility is not subject to CC&Rs.
- 3. There are no transmission or other co-locatable cell towers in this area.
- 4. The only schools in the area are middle schools, elementary schools, or a combination of the two, which are not ideal candidates for cell sites.
- 5. AT&T already received zoning approval (#S13-0015) and building permit approval (#226868) for this site with Verizon as a subtenant. However, AT&T never built the site. Verizon's design is very similar to AT&T's approved design except VZW has reduced the number of poles co-locating to the EID water tank from 3 poles (originally planned) to 2 poles (currently planned). Verizon has also relocated the ground equipment location to an area that better accommodates EID.
- 6. EID's water tank facility is in the center of the search ring which allows VZW to meet the coverage objective.

#### V. Site Design

Verizon Wireless is proposing to co-locate two 45.42' poles with magnetic mounts to an EID water tank to hold antennas and ancillary equipment. On the poles, Verizon proposes to install six (6) antennas (2 per sector), nine (9) RRUS (3 per sector), and two (2) Raycap surge protectors. The proposed center line for VZW's antennas is 42.42'above ground level.

In a 235 SF leased ground equipment area, Verizon proposes install four (4) ground mounted equipment cabinets, a utility panel for fiber, electric, and GPS antennas, plus an additional H-frame for three (3) surge protectors. The ground equipment area will be partially enclosed with a CMU block retaining wall.

No generator is planned for this site. The site is backed up with batteries installed in a purpose built cabinet. For extended power outages, provisions are made to support a portable generator to maintain site operations.

The poles will be painted to match the color of the water tank. The antenna and ancillary components will be light grey. Since this is a co-location on a water tank, by design, the poles are unable to be further camouflaged.

#### VI. Benefits to the Community

- 1. The increased coverage from the site will improve emergency communications services to residents in El Dorado Hills and to travelers throughout the area.
- The site will provide the El Dorado Hills residents, schools, local businesses, and their customers with reliable in-building voice, high-speed data, and internet service capabilities.
- 3. The new tower will allow for co-location opportunities that may attract other wireless carriers to this location providing enhanced coverage from multiple carriers.

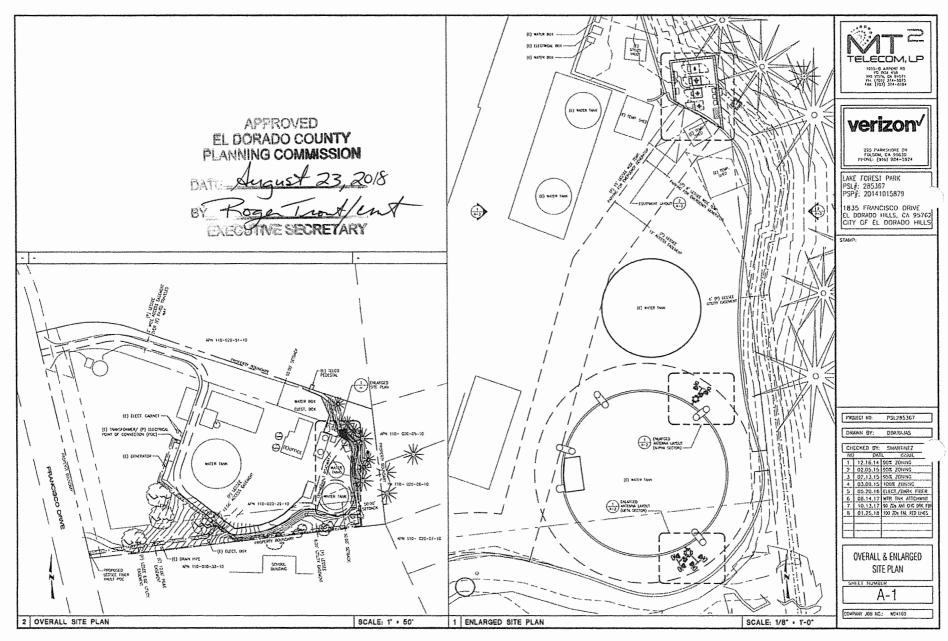
#### VII. Conclusion:

The location of the proposed site is right in the middle of the search ring and because of this, the site offers excellent coverage benefits for portions of El Dorado Hills which have not had access to higher quality wireless communications services. Verizon is complying with El Dorado County's Development Code which prefers carriers co-locate on existing infrastructure first, before building new towers on raw land. The ground equipment will be hidden from the public's view since it will be located inside the security gated, locked EID facility. On Air believes this proposed facility will have the least impact to the community since it is a co-location on existing water tank, which is utility-type infrastructure.

#### **Exhibit K: Site Plans and Antennas**

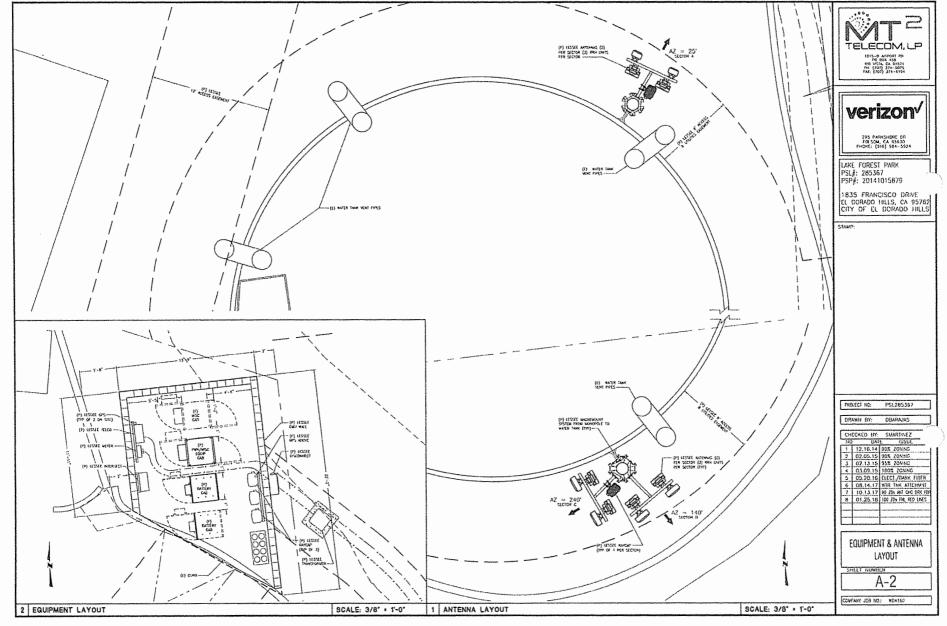
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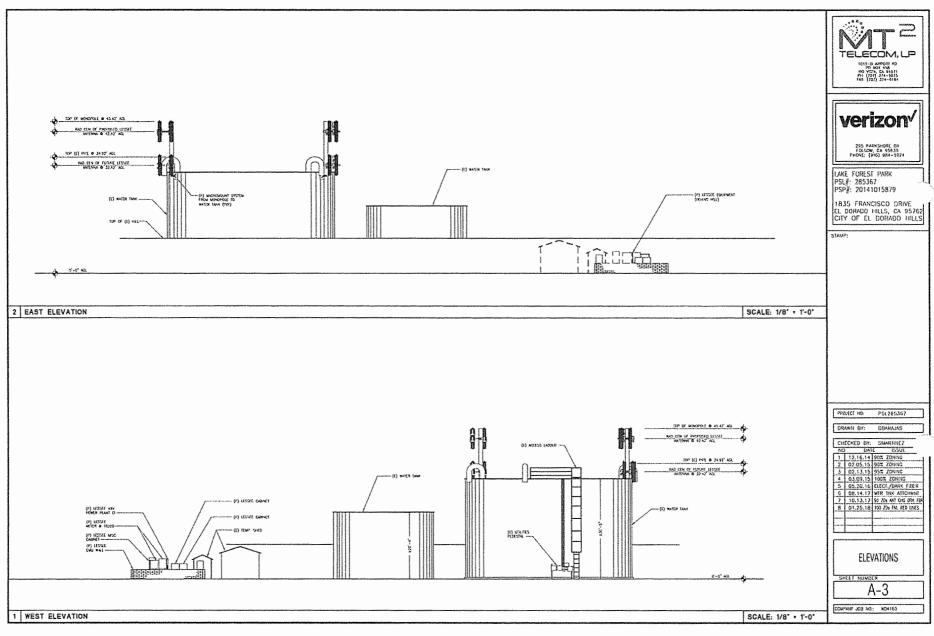
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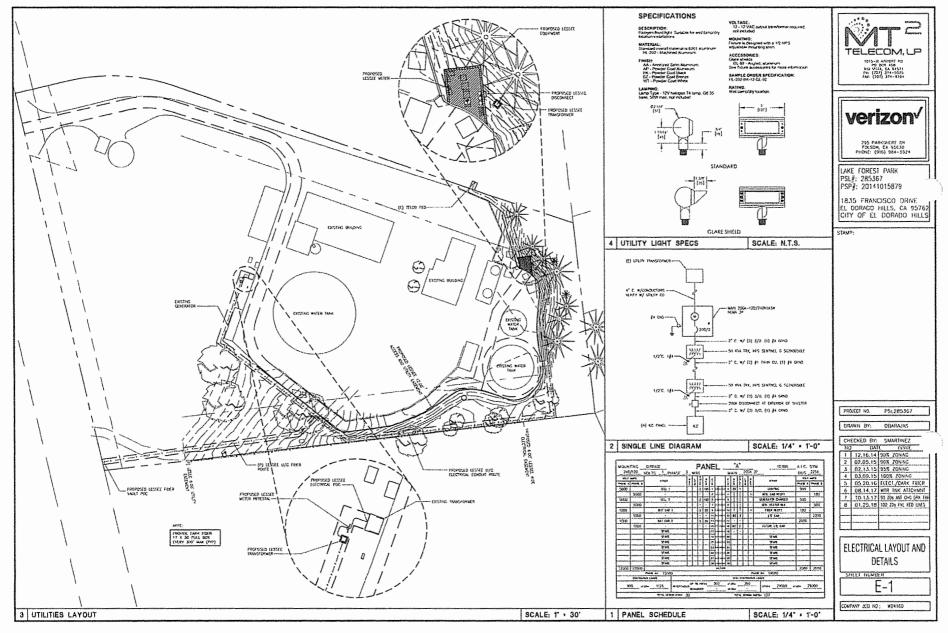
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