

PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

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AGENDA January 23, 2020

8:45 a.m. - CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTION

Explanation of the REGULAR AGENDA process and mandatory procedural requirements. Staff Reports are available on the table near the room entrance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and not likely to require discussion. Prior to action by the Commission, the public will be given an opportunity to comment on any consent item. The Commission may remove any item from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

There are no consent agenda items for this hearing.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS** (This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Planning Commission on any matter within the Commission's jurisdiction and not on this Agenda.)

- 2. INITIAL STUDY APPLICATION NO. 7718 and UNCLASSIFIED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 3659 filed by LISA ELLIOTT, STREAMLINE ENGINEERING, on behalf of CROWN CASTLE, proposing to allow construction of a 195-foot telecommunications tower and associated equipment on a 3,000 square-foot portion of a 241.02-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District. The project site is located on the north side of West Elkhorn Avenue, approximately 268 feet east of its nearest intersection with South Lassen Avenue (State Route 145), and approximately 7.7 miles southeast of the nearest city limits of the City of San Joaquin (SUP. DIST. 1) (APN 040-130-31S).
 - -Contact person, Thomas Kobayashi (559) 600-4224, email: tkobayashi@fresnocountyca.gov

-Staff Report Included

-Individual Noticing

- 3. **VARIANCE APPLICATION NO. 4080** filed by **JAY VENTRESS**, proposing to allow the creation of a 5-acre parcel and a 35-acre parcel (40-acre minimum required) from an existing 40-acre parcel in the AL-40 (Limited Agricultural, 40-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District. The subject parcel is located on North Newmark Avenue, approximately three quarter-miles north of State Route 168 (11610 and 11614 North Newmark Avenue) (SUP. DIST. 5) (APN 150-031-21).
 - -Contact person, Jeremy Shaw (559) 600-4207, email: jshaw@fresnocountyca.gov
 - -Staff Report Included

-Individual Noticing

4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM:

Report from staff on prior Agenda Items, status of upcoming Agenda, and miscellaneous matters.

-Contact person, Marianne Mollring (559) 600-4569, email: mmollring@fresnocountyca.gov

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County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

Planning Commission Staff Report Agenda Item No. 2 January 23, 2020

SUBJECT: Initial Study Application No. 7718 and Unclassified Conditional Use

Permit Application No. 3659

Allow construction of a 195-foot telecommunications tower and associated equipment on a 3,000 square-foot portion of a 241.02-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum

parcel size) Zone District.

LOCATION: The project site is located on the north side of West Elkhorn

Avenue, approximately 268 feet east of its nearest intersection with South Lassen Avenue (State Route 145), and is approximately 7.72 miles southwest of the nearest city limits of the City of San

Joaquin (SUP. DIST. 1) (APN 040-130-31S).

OWNER: Pier and Darlene Van der Hoek, Trustees

APPLICANT: Lisa Elliott, Streamline Engineering, on behalf of Crown Castle

STAFF CONTACT: Thomas Kobayashi, Planner

(559) 600-4224

Marianne Mollring, Senior Planner

(559) 600-4569

RECOMMENDATION:

 Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Initial Study (IS) Application No. 7718; and

- Approve Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3659 with recommended Findings and Conditions; and
- Direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.

EXHIBITS:

- 1. Mitigation Monitoring, Conditions of Approval and Project Notes
- 2. Location Map
- 3. Existing Zoning Map
- 4. Existing Land Use Map
- 5. Approved Cell Tower Applications within a Five-Mile Radius Map
- 6. Site Plans, Detail Drawings, and Elevations
- 7. Applicant's Operational Statement
- 8. Coverage Maps
- 9. Summary of Initial Study Application No. 7718
- 10. Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration

SITE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATIONAL INFORMATION:

Criteria	Existing	Proposed
General Plan Designation	Agricultural	No change
Zoning	AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20- acre minimum parcel size) Zone District	No change
Parcel Size	241.02 acres	No change
Project Site	N/A	Approximately 3,000 square-foot fenced area
Structural Improvements	Single-family residences and farm labor housing	195-foot telecommunications tower and associated equipment
Nearest Residence	N/A	Approximately 102.56 feet south of the project site
Surrounding Development	Agricultural, single-family residence, and an existing telecommunications tower.	195-foot telecommunications tower and associated equipment
Operational Features	N/A	The proposed telecommunications tower will operate 24 hours a

Criteria	Existing	Proposed
		day, 7 days a week. A proposed generator is expected to only be used when main power to the facility has been turned off.
Employees	N/A	None
Customers	N/A	None
Traffic Trips	Residential	No change
Lighting	Residential	No change
Hours of Operation	N/A	24 hours a day

EXISTING VIOLATION (Y/N) AND NATURE OF VIOLATION: N

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

Initial Study No. 7718 was prepared for the project by County staff in conformance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on the Initial Study, staff has determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration is appropriate. A summary of the Initial Study is included as Exhibit 9.

Notice of Intent of Mitigated Negative Declaration publication date: December 20, 2019

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reviewed the subject Initial Study and provided concerns regarding the Hazards and Hazardous Materials Section of the Initial Study. Revisions were made to the Initial Study and are depicted in bold type. Revisions addressing concerns brought by the DTSC did not cause a change in any of the determinations regarding impact findings; therefore, the Initial Study was not redistributed for additional review.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Notices were sent to 11 property owners within 1,320 feet of the subject parcel, exceeding the minimum notification requirements prescribed by the California Government Code and County Zoning Ordinance.

PROCEDURAL CONSIDERATIONS:

An Unclassified Conditional Use Permit may be approved only if four Findings specified in the Fresno County Zoning Ordinance, Section 873-F are made by the Planning Commission.

The decision of the Planning Commission on an Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application is final, unless appealed to the Board of Supervisors within 15 days of the Commission's action.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The proposal entails the construction of a 195-foot telecommunications tower and related

equipment. The project will be built on a 3,000 square-foot portion of a 241.02-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District. The Applicant intends to replace the existing tower approximately 65.78 feet west of the proposed tower to maintain coverage needs of the carriers installed on the existing tower. The Applicant stated that the telecommunications facility owner was unable to renegotiate the lease agreement for the existing site. Therefore, a new site was sought to maintain coverage for the area. The existing tower will be decommissioned and removed upon construction of the new telecommunications facility.

On March 4, 1972, the Fresno County Parcel Map Ordinance went into effect requiring a mapping procedure to be completed for the subdivision of land into four or less parcels. Prior to implementation of the Parcel Map Ordinance, a parcel of any size and dimension could be created through the recordation of a deed. However, parcels created in such a manner were still subject to the development standards prescribed by the Zoning Ordinance. On June 8, 1960, the Fresno County Zoning Ordinance was adopted by the Board of Supervisors with the subject parcel originally zoned A-1 (Agricultural). The subject parcels zoning then changed from the A-1 Zone District to an AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District on August 31, 1976, by approval of County-initiated Amendment Application No. 2870 (AA No. 2870). Based on the 1971-72 Assessor Map Rolls, the subject parcel is in the same configuration today. The A-1 Zone District has a minimum parcel size of 100,000 square feet and the AE-20 Zone District has a minimum parcel size of 20 acres. The subject 241.02-acre parcel meets both current and past minimum parcel size standards. As the subject parcel is in the same configuration compared to the 1971-72 Assessor Map Rolls and meets the original and current zone district parcel size standards, the subject parcel is considered a legal lot.

Building permit records for the project site show that building permits for a single-family dwelling and garage were issued on August 25, 1966 with notes on the permit indicating that the proposed single-family residence is for hired help. An existing single-family residence is also present, indicating that the existing single-family residence was built prior to 1958, when building permits were not required. On May 31, 2012, building permits were issued for the installation of a mobile home for farm employees. The proposed project site will be located north of the mobile home.

<u>Finding 1</u>: That the site of the proposed use is adequate in size and shape to accommodate said use and all yards, spaces, walls and fences, parking, loading, landscaping, and other features required by this Division, to adjust said use with land and uses in the neighborhood

	Current Standard:	Proposed Operation:	Is Standard Met (y/n)
Setbacks	AE-20	Front yard: Approximately 186.3 feet	Υ
	Front yard: 35 feet		
		Side yard:	
	Side yard: 20 feet	Approximately 27 feet	
	Rear yard: 20 feet	Rear yard: Approximately 5,025 feet	
Parking	No requirement	None	Υ
Lot Coverage	No requirement	None	Υ

	Current Standard:	Proposed Operation:	Is Standard Met (y/n)
Space Between Buildings	No animal or fowl pen, coop, stable, barn or corral shall be located within forty (40) feet of any dwelling or other building used for human habitation	None	Y
Wall Requirements	No requirement unless a pool is present	None	Υ
Septic Replacement Area	100 percent replacement	100 percent replacement	Υ
Water Well Separation	Septic Tank: 100 feet Disposal Field: 100 feet Seepage Pit: 150 feet	No change	Y

Reviewing Agency/Department Comments Regarding Site Adequacy:

Building and Safety Section of the Fresno Cunty Department of Public Works and Planning: Plans, permits and inspections will be required for all onsite improvements. **This shall be included as a Project Note.**

No other comments specific to the adequacy of the site were expressed by reviewing Agencies or Departments.

Analysis:

The proposed 3,000 square-foot enclosed area is located toward the southern property line near Elkhorn Avenue. Based on the submitted site plan, the proposed telecommunications tower will be located outside the required yard setbacks established by the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District. Based on the conducted analysis, staff believes that the project site is adequate in shape and size to accommodate the proposed use.

Recommended Conditions of Approval:

None.

Conclusion:

Finding 1 can be made.

<u>Finding 2</u>: That the site for the proposed use relates to streets and highways adequate in width and pavement type to carry the quantity and kind of traffic generated by the proposed use

		Existing Conditions	Proposed Operation
Private Road Yes		A private dirt road is utilized on site to access residential units	An access road will be built off the existing private dirt road to access the project site.
Public Road Frontage No		The subject parcel fronts West Elkhorn Avenue	The 3,000 square-foot project site will not front West Elkhorn Avenue, but an access road off West Elkhorn Avenue will be utilized to access the project site.
Direct Access to Public Yes Road		An existing driveway on West Elkhorn Avenue provides access to and from the public road.	A proposed 12-foot access road utilizing the existing driveway on West Elkhorn Avenue
Road ADT		300 VPD	No change
Road Classification		Local	No change
Road Width		50 feet with 24 feet of pavement width	No change
Road Surface		Pavement	No change
Traffic Trips		Residential	No change
Traffic Impact Study (TIS) Prepared No		N/A	No significant increase in traffic expected
Road Improvements Required		N/A	None required

Reviewing Agency/Department Comments Regarding Adequacy of Streets and Highways:

Road Maintenance and Operations Division of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning: An encroachment permit from Fresno County Road Maintenance and Operations Division is required for any work in the County road right-of-way. **This shall be included as a Project Note.**

No other comments specific to the adequacy of streets and highways were expressed by reviewing Agencies or Departments.

Analysis:

Per information provided by the Applicant, the telecommunications facility will be unmanned and not require employees to be on site to operate the facility. Operation of the facility is not expected to significantly increase traffic trips on Elkhorn Avenue, as an existing facility located

on the adjacent parcel to the proposed facility is present. Based on this information, staff believes that traffic resulting from the project will be unchanged and that Finding 2 can be made.

Recommended Conditions of Approval:

None.

Conclusion:

Finding 2 can be made.

<u>Finding 3</u>: That the proposed use will have no adverse effect on abutting property and surrounding neighborhood or the permitted use thereof

Surrou	Surrounding Parcels					
	Size:	Use:	Zoning:	Nearest Residence:		
North	627.92 acres	Dairy and Single-Family Residential	AE-20	Approximately 5,647 feet		
South	1.6 acres	Single-Family Residential	AE-20	Approximately 136 feet		
	55.39 acres	Field Crop	AE-20			
	19.09 acres	Field Crop	AE-20			
East	203.37 acres	Field Crops	AE-20	N/A		
West	479.65 acres	Field Crops	AE-20	N/A		
	159.89 acres	Field Crops	AE-20			

Reviewing Agency/Department Comments:

Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division: Facilities proposing to use and/or store hazardous materials and/or hazardous wastes shall meet the requirements set forth in the California Health and Safety Code (HSC), Division 20, Chapter 6.95, and the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 4.5. Any business that handles a hazardous material or hazardous waste may be required to submit a Hazardous Materials Business Plan pursuant to the HSC, Division 20, Chapter 6.95. The default State reporting thresholds that apply are: ≥55 gallons (liquids), ≥500 pounds (solids), ≥200 cubic feet (gases), or at the threshold planning quantity for extremely hazardous substances. **This shall be included as a Project Note.**

All hazardous waste shall be handled in accordance with requirements set forth in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 4.5. This Division discusses proper labeling, storage, and handling of hazardous wastes. **This shall be included as a Project Note.**

Fresno County Fire Protection District: The Application shall comply with California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 24 – Fire Code. Prior to receiving Fresno County Fire Protection District (FCFPD) conditions of approval for the project, the Applicant must submit construction plans to the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning for review. It is the

Applicant's responsibility to deliver a minimum of three sets of plans to FCFPD. **This shall be included as a Project Note.**

Project/Development including: Single-Family Residential (SFR) property of three or more lots, Multi-Family Residential (MFR) property, Commercial property, Industrial property, and/or Office property shall annex into Community Facilities District No. 2010-01 of FCFPD. **This shall be included as a Project Note.**

Project/Development will be subject to the requirements of the current Fire Code and Building Code when a building permit or certificate of occupancy is sought. **This shall be included as a Project Note.**

No other comments specific to land use compatibility were expressed by reviewing Agencies or Departments.

Analysis:

The project site is located in a predominantly agricultural area. The subject 241.02-acre parcel is zoned AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) and is utilized mainly for agricultural purposes. The subject parcel also contains three residential units (based on existing building permit records) which are located towards the southern property line fronting Elkhorn Avenue. Surrounding parcels are used for agricultural operations, with a dairy located to the north and a small farm labor housing area located westerly adjacent to the project parcel. Additionally, the westerly adjacent parcel is also improved with a telecommunications facility. The existing telecommunications facility is proposed to be decommissioned and removed by the Applicant once the proposed facility is constructed. The proposed telecommunications tower is located approximately 186 feet north of Elkhorn Avenue. The base of the tower and ground equipment will be located behind an existing farm labor housing unit, which provides screening of the project from public view.

Mitigation Measures discussed in the Initial Study prepared for the project address the potential installation of outdoor lights. In the event that outdoor lighting is installed, a Mitigation Measure has been implemented that all outdoor lighting shall be hooded and directed downward so as not to shine on public roads or surrounding property.

The Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division and the Fresno County Fire Protection District have reviewed the project and provided requirements that further reduce the potential adverse effects that the project could have on abutting properties.

A Site-Specific Evaluation prepared by Airspace Safety Analysis and Compliance (ASAC) was submitted to staff for review. The evaluation determined that the proposed tower was below thresholds established by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for noticing of the tower to the FAA, and is under thresholds to require tower hazard lighting and painting. As established by the FAA, thresholds for noticing is 200 feet of hight above ground level (AGL) and 393 feet above mean sea level (AMSL), and the threshold for requiring hazard lighting and painting is 200 AGL and 393 AMSL. Based on the submitted study, the proposed tower is 195 feet AGL and 388 feet AMSL. The Lemoore Naval Air Station (NAS) was notified of the subject application. No concerns were expressed by Lemoore NAS to indicate that the proposed project would interfere with the facility.

Based on the above analysis, staff believes the proposal will not have an adverse effect upon surrounding properties.

Recommended Conditions of Approval:

None.

Conclusion:

Finding 3 can be made.

Finding 4: That the proposed development is consistent with the General Plan

Relevant Policies:

General Plan Policy LU-A.3: The County may allow by discretionary permit in areas designated as Agricultural, special agricultural uses and agriculturally-related activities, including value-added processing facilities, and certain non-agricultural uses. Approval of these and similar uses in areas designated as Agricultural shall be subject to the following criteria:

Policy LU-A.3.a: The use shall provide a needed service to the surrounding agricultural area which cannot be provided more efficiently within urban areas or which requires location in a non-urban area because of unusual site requirements or operational characteristics.

Policy LU-A.3.b: The use should not be sited on productive agricultural lands if less productive land is available in the vicinity.

Policy LU-A.3.c: The operational or physical characteristics of the use shall not have a detrimental impact on water resources or the use or management of surrounding properties within at least one quarter (1/4)-mile radius.

Policy LU-A.3.d: A probable workforce should be located nearby or be readily available.

General Plan Policy PF-J.4: The County shall require compliance with the Wireless Communications Guideline

Consistency/Considerations:

In regard to Criteria "a", the proposed use is location based and cannot be located more efficiently in an urban area. The intent of the project is to maintain coverage for the area, as an existing tower located adjacent to the subject parcel is expected to be decommissioned.

In regard to Criteria "b", the majority of the subject parcel is utilized for agricultural purposes. A small portion of land fronting Elkhorn Avenue is utilized for residential purposes. The land utilized for residential purposes is where the proposed telecommunications facility will be located and will not convert productive agricultural land.

In regard to Criteria "c", the proposed use is for an unmanned telecommunications facility and does not propose the use of water resources for operation.

In regard to Criteria "d", the subject parcel is located approximately 7.72 miles southwest of the nearest city limits of the City of San Joaquin.

Although a large community is located 7.72 miles away, the project site is located within proximity of State Route 145 (Lassen Avenue) which provides a major thoroughfare to allow ease of access to the project site. Additionally, the project proposal does not require a large workforce to operate, as the use is for an unmanned facility.

Per the Fresno County Wireless Communications Guidelines, Applicants are required to submit evidence regarding alternative sites, aesthetics,

Relevant Policies:	Consistency/Considerations:
for siting of communication towers in	placement of the tower, and colocation
unincorporated areas of the County.	opportunities on the project site.
	In the case of this application, an Alternative Site Analysis was provided to staff, but adjacent property was selected as the only viable option, as it currently contains an existing telecommunications facility. The Applicant intends to remove the existing facility if the proposed facility is approved and constructed. The intent of the application is to maintain coverage in the area and it will not result in another tower being located in close proximity of an existing facility. The telecommunications tower will be located behind a farm labor housing unit and will have access to a public road via an existing driveway. The project will not result in the conversion of agricultural utilized land. Colocation opportunities are addressed in the Applicant's lease agreement with the property owner and on submitted site plans.

Reviewing Agency Comments:

Policy Planning Section of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning: The subject parcel is designated as Agricultural in the Fresno County General Plan.

The subject parcel is enrolled in the Williamson Act Program under Contract No. 263. A Statement of Intended Use (SIU) was received by the Policy Planning Section for review. Upon review, the SIU adequately provided information as to the subject parcel's eligibility to remain enrolled in the Williamson Act Program.

No other comments specific to General Plan Policy were expressed by reviewing Agencies or Departments.

Analysis:

General Plan Policy PF-J.4 requires compliance with the Fresno County Wireless Communications Guidelines, which address several concerns related to the development of cell towers, including site placement, colocation opportunities, and alternative site locations. The Applicant indicates that the proposal will maintain coverage for the area, as an existing tower is set to be decommissioned and removed. According to County records, there are six approved cell towers located within a five-mile radius of the project site. This count includes the tower that is set to be decommissioned. As a Condition of Approval, the Applicant will be required to enter into an agreement with the County to remove the tower and obtain a demolition permit for the existing tower prior to final inspection of the proposed wireless telecommunications facility.

Fresno County Wireless Communication Guidelines require that towers be sited to minimize aesthetic impacts to adjacent properties. The proposed site is located approximately 186 feet away from Elkhorn Avenue. The cell tower is located approximately 27 feet from the westerly adjacent parcel that is improved with residential units and an existing telecommunications facility. Other surrounding parcels are utilized solely for agricultural purposes, therefore aesthetic impacts to adjacent properties is minimal due to the existing tower on the westerly adjacent parcel. The existing tower will be removed, and the proposed tower located within proximity to the point where the relocation will have a minimal impact.

Based on the submitted Alternative Site Analysis, no other alternate site was located that met the Applicant's desire to maintain similar coverage to what is already existing. Colocation opportunities of the existing equipment to maintain coverage was not possible according to the Applicant's Alternative Site Analysis; therefore, the only solution was to propose a new telecommunications facility in close proximity of the existing cell tower to maintain coverage.

Colocation opportunities of the proposed telecommunications facility are shown in the submitted site plan and provided in the lease agreement signed by the Applicant and the property owner.

Based on these factors, staff believes that the proposed project is consistent with the Fresno County General Plan and Fresno County Wireless Communications Guidelines.

Recommended Conditions of Approval:

None.

Conclusion:

Finding 4 can be made.

<u>Finding 5:</u> That the conditions stated in the Resolution are deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety and general welfare

Per Section 873-F of the Fresno County Zoning Ordinance, Finding 5 addresses whether the included Mitigation Measures, Conditions of Approval, and Project Notes can be deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of the public and such other conditions as will make possible the development of the County in an orderly and efficient manner and in conformity with the intent and purposes set forth in this Division.

Reviewing Agency/Department Comments:

Comments received from reviewing Agencies and Departments have been analyzed and included in corresponding Findings. Any comments that have been determined to be included as Mitigation Measures, Conditions of Approval, and Project Notes for this project are provided in Exhibit 1.

Analysis

Mitigation Measures, Conditions of Approval, and Project Notes are based upon comments and recommendations received from reviewing Agencies and Departments. Finding 1 addresses the adequacy of the subject parcel/project site and determines whether or not the subject parcel is sufficient in size to accommodate the proposed use while maintaining development standards set forth by the underlying zone district, which is in place to provide standardizations to all

parcels under a certain zone district and protect adjacent parcels through setbacks and buffers. Finding 2 addresses potential impacts to roadways adjacent to the subject parcel and the adequacy of the facility in terms of traffic generation and roadway quality. Finding 3 analyzes impacts to surrounding parcels. Finding 4 focuses on the project's consistency with the Fresno County General Plan, which guides development of the County through conformance with applicable goals and policies.

Staff believes that the proposed Mitigation Measures, Conditions of Approval, and Project Notes included as Exhibit 1, should be adopted to protect the public health, safety and general welfare and such other conditions as will make possible the development of the County in an orderly and efficient manner and in conformity with the intent and purposes set forth in this Division.

Conclusion:

Finding 5 can be made.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

CONCLUSION:

Based on the factors cited in the analysis, staff believes the required Findings for granting the Unclassified Conditional Use Permit can be made. Staff therefore recommends approval of Unclassified Conditional Use Permit No. 3659, subject to the recommended Conditions.

PLANNING COMMISSION MOTIONS:

Recommended Motion (Approval Action)

- Move to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Initial Study Application No. 7718; and
- Move to determine the required Findings can be made and move to approve Unclassified Conditional Use Permit No. 3659, subject to the Mitigation Measures, Conditions of Approval and Project Notes listed in Exhibit 1; and
- Direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.

<u>Alternative Motion</u> (Denial Action)

- Move to determine that the required Findings cannot be made (state basis for not making the Findings) and move to deny Unclassified Conditional Use Permit No. 3659; and
- Direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.

Mitigation Measures, Recommended Conditions of Approval and Project Notes:

See attached Exhibit 1.

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Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program Initial Study Application No. 7718 Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3659 (Including Conditions of Approval and Project Notes)

		Mitigation Measures				
Mitigation Measure No.*	Impact	Mitigation Measure Language	Implementation Responsibility	Monitoring Responsibility	Time Span	
1.	Aesthetics	All outdoor lighting shall be hooded and directed downward so as not to shine on adjacent properties or public right-of-way.	Applicant	Applicant/Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning (PW&P)	Ongoing	
2.	Cultural Resources/ Tribal Cultural Resources	In the event that cultural resources are unearthed during ground-disturbing activities, all work shall be halted in the area of the find. An Archeologist shall be called to evaluate the findings and make any necessary mitigation recommendations. If human remains are unearthed during ground-disturbing activities, no further disturbance is to occur until the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin and disposition. All normal evidence procedures should be followed by photos, reports, video, etc. If such remains are determined to be Native American, the Sheriff-Coroner must notify the Native American Commission within 24 hours.	Applicant	Applicant/PW&P	During ground- disturbing activities	
3.	Energy	The idling of on-site vehicles and equipment will be avoided to the most possible extent to avoid wasteful or inefficient energy consumption during the construction and demolition of the project.	Applicant	PW&P	During construction and demolition of project	
		Conditions of Approval				
1.	Development of the property shall be in accordance with the Site Plan, Floor Plan, Elevations, and Operational Statement approved by the Commission.					
2.	The approval shall expire in the event that use of the tower ceases operation for a period in excess of two years. At such time, the tower and related facilities shall be removed and the lease area shall be restored as near as practical to its original condition. This stipulation shall be recorded as an Agreement.					
	Note: this Do	epartment will prepare the Agreement upon receipt of the standar	rd processing fee, w	hich is currently \$243.	50.	
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3.	The Applicant will enter into an agreement with the County to remove the existing tower within six-months after the date the proposed tower becomes operational, provide an engineer's estimate for the cost of the tower removal, and provide a bond in the amount of the engineer's estimate.
	The Applicant must apply for and receive a demolition permit for the existing tower located on APN 040-130-31S prior to final inspection of the proposed tower.
	Note: this Department will prepare the Agreement upon receipt of the standard processing fee, which is currently \$243.50.
4.	Prior to issuance of a building permit, the Applicant shall obtain Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approval of the tower.

^{*}MITIGATION MEASURE – Measure specifically applied to the project to mitigate potential adverse environmental effects identified in the environmental document.

Conditions of Approval reference recommended Conditions for the project.

	Notes				
The follow	ing Notes reference mandatory requirements of Fresno County or other Agencies and are provided as information to the project Applicant.				
1.	Plans, permits, and inspections will be required for all onsite improvements.				
2.	An encroachment permit from the Fresno County Road Maintenance and Operations Division is required for any work in the County right-of-way.				
3.	Facilities proposing to use and/or store hazardous materials and/or hazardous wastes shall meet the requirements set forth in the California Health and Safety Code (HSC), Division 20, Chapter 6.95, and the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 4.5. Any business that handles a hazardous material or hazardous waste may be required to submit a Hazardous Materials Business Plan pursuant to the HSC, Division 20, Chapter 6.95. The default State reporting thresholds that apply are: ≥55 gallons (liquids), ≥500 pounds (solids), ≥200 cubic feet (gases), or at the threshold planning quantity for extremely hazardous substances.				
4.	All hazardous waste shall be handled in accordance with requirements set forth in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 4.5. This Division discusses proper labeling, storage, and handling of hazardous wastes.				
5.	The Application shall comply with California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24 – Fire Code. Prior to receiving Fresno County Fire Protection District (FCFPD) conditions of approval for the project, the Applicant must submit construction plans to the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning for review. It is the Applicant's responsibility to deliver a minimum of three sets of plans to FCFPD.				
6.	Project/Development including: Single-Family Residential (SFR) property of three or more lots, Multi-Family Residential (MFR) property, Commercial property, Industrial property, and/or Office property shall annex into Community Facilities District No. 2010-01 of FCFPD.				
7.	Project/Development will be subject to the requirements of the current Fire Code and Building Code when a building permit or certificate of occupancy is sought.				

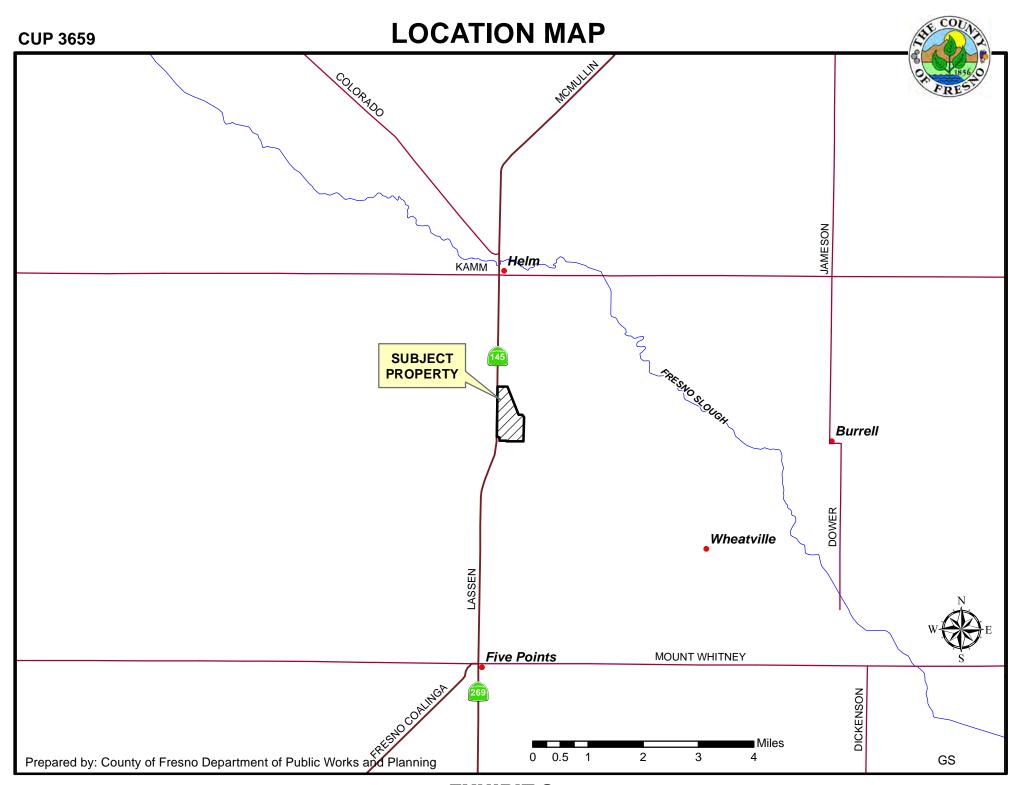


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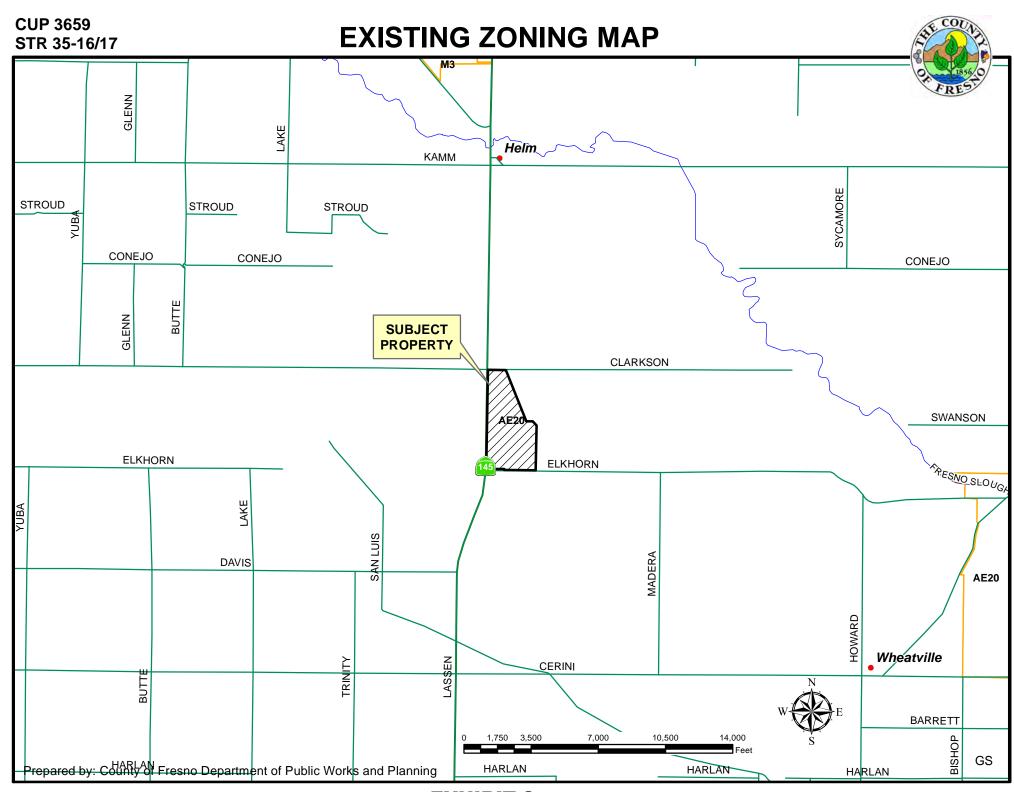


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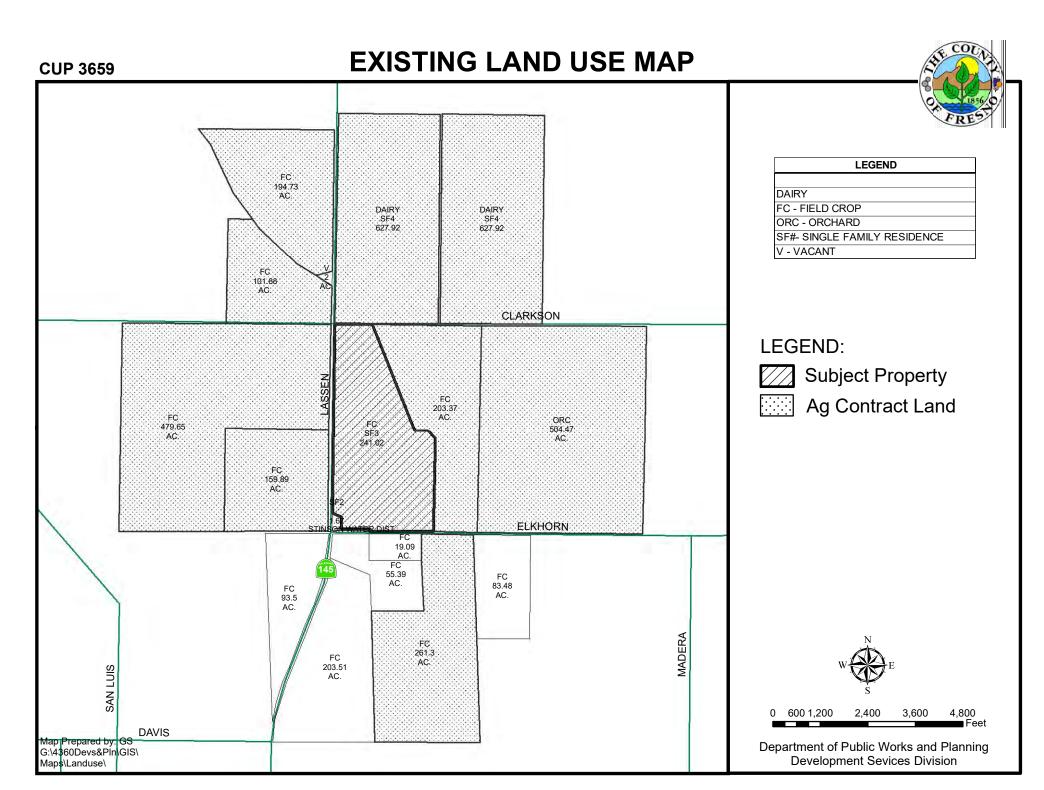


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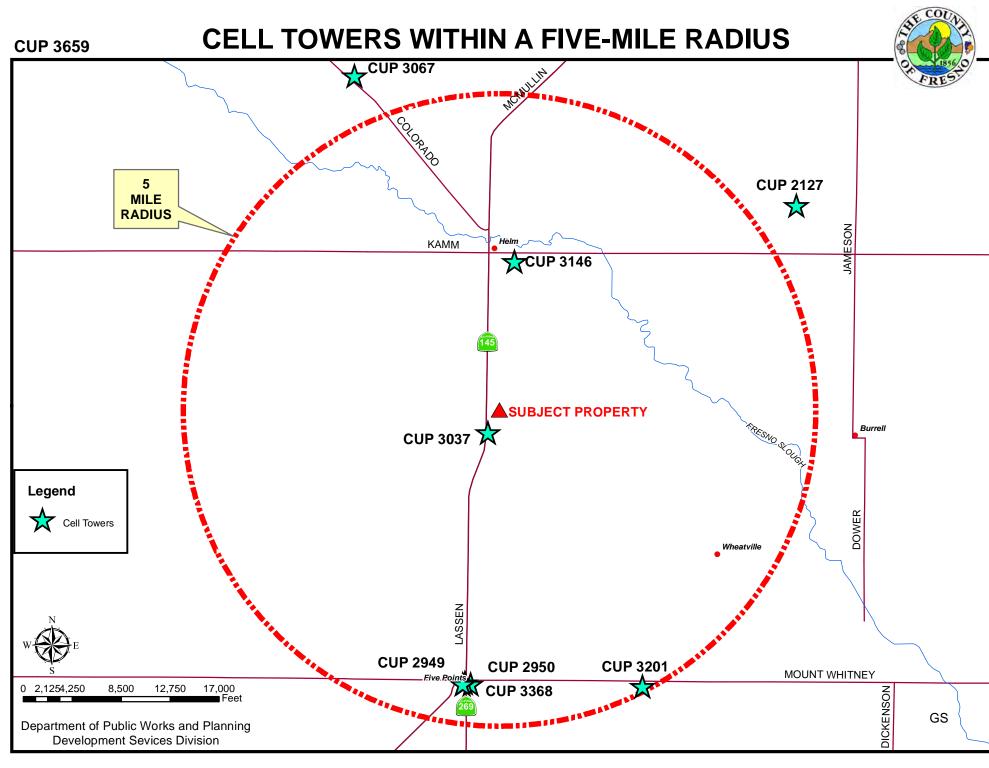
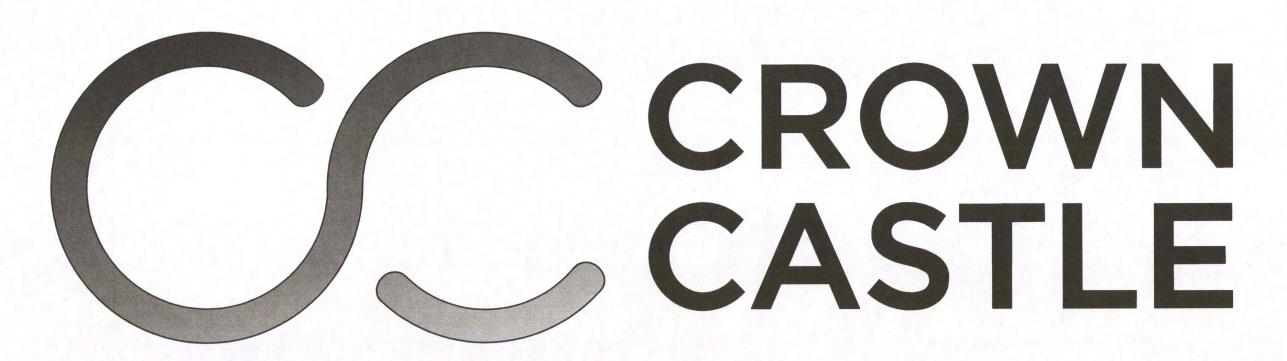


EXHIBIT 5



STARK 16858 W ELKHORN AVE HELM, CA 93627

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

INSTALL A (N) UNMANNED TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY CONSISTING OF:

- INSTALLING (P) 50'-0"X60'-0" CROWN CASTLE EQUIPMENT COMPOUND & FENCE
- INSTALLING (P) 195' LATTICE TOWER
- INSTALLING (P) 600A ELECTRICAL SERVICE
- INSTALLING (P) FIBER SERVICE
- INSTALLING (P) ACCESS ROAD
- REMOVAL OF (E) TOWER & COMPOUND @ FINAL PHASE (APN: 040-130-57S)

PROJECT INFORMATION

SITE NAME:

SITE ADDRESS:

COUNTY:

FRESNO

SITE #:

POWER:

TELEPHONE:

FRESNO COUNTY

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JURISDICTION:

040-130-315

16858 W ELKHORN AVE

HELM, CA 93627

CURRENT ZONING: AGRICULTURAL EXCLUSIVE -AE20

CONSTRUCTION TYPE:

V-B

U. (UNMANNED COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY) OCCUPANCY TYPE:

PROPERTY OWNER:

PIER VAN DER HOEK, TRUSTEE PO BOX 42

HELM, CA 93627

CROWN CASTLE

APPLICANT: 1 PARK PLACE, SUITE 200

LEASING CONTACT: SMARTLINK

ATTN: DAVID ELLIOTT

DUBLIN, CA 94568

(808) 489-1191 DAVID.ELLIOT@SMARTLINKLLC.COM

ZONING CONTACT:

(209) 605 - 2736

ATTN: LISA ELLIOTT

CONSTRUCTION CONTACT: CROWN CASTLE

ATTN: JASON KIDD

(707) 567-6994

LATITUDE: N 36° 29' 18.42" NAD 83 N 36.48845° NAD 83

LONGITUDE: W 120° 05' 49.80" NAD 83

W 120.097167° NAD 83

AMSL:

±193.3'

VICINITY MAP



DRIVING DIRECTIONS

FROM: 1 PARK PLACE, DUBLIN, CA 94568 16858 W ELKHORN AVE, HELM, CA 93660

1. HEAD SOUTH ON PARK PL TOWARD DUBLIN BLVD 2. TURN LEFT ONTO DUBLIN BLVD 3. USE THE RIGHT 2 LANES TO TURN RIGHT ONTO HACIENDA DR 4. USE THE RIGHT LANE TO MERGE ONTO I-580 E VIA THE RAMP TO STOCKTON 5. MERGE ONTO I-580 E 6. KEEP LEFT TO STAY ON I-580 E 7. TAKE THE INTERSTATE 580 EXIT TOWARD INTERSTATE 5 S/FRESNO/LOS ANGELES 8. CONTINUE ONTO I-580 E 9. CONTINUE ONTO I-5 S 10. TAKE EXIT 365 FOR MANNING AVE 11. TURN LEFT ONTO MANNING AVE 12. TURN RIGHT ONTO S COLORADO AVE	200 FT 0.1 MI 0.4 MI 0.2 MI 12.7 MI 5.2 MI 1.0 MI 16.0 MI 80.7 MI 0.2 MI 22.5 MI 6.6 MI
11. TURN LEFT ONTO MANNING AVE	22.5 MI
13. TURN RIGHT ONTO S COLORADO AVE 13. TURN RIGHT ONTO CA-145 S 14. TURN LEFT ONTO W ELKHORN AVE DESTINATION WILL BE ON THE LEFT	3.4 MI 377 FT

END AT: 16858 W ELKHORN AVE, HELM, CA 93660

ESTIMATED TIME: 2 HOURS 26 MINUTES ESTIMATED DISTANCE: 149 MILES

EXHIBIT 6

CODE COMPLIANCE

ALL WORK & MATERIALS SHALL BE PERFORMED & INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT EDITIONS OF THE FOLLOWING CODES AS ADOPTED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITIES. NOTHING IN THESE PLANS IS TO BE CONSTRUED TO PERMIT WORK NOT CONFORMING TO THESE CODES:

2016 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, PART 1, TITLE 24 C.C.R.

2016 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE (CBC), PART 2, VOLUME 1&2, TITLE 24 C.C.R.

(2015 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE AND 2016 CALIFORNIA AMENDMENTS) 2016 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE (CEC), PART 3, TITLE 24 C.C.R.

(2014 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE AND 2016 CALIFORNIA AMENDMENTS)

2016 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE (CMC) PART 4, TITLE 24 C.C.R. (2015 UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE AND 2016 CALIFORNIA AMENDMENTS)

2016 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE (CPC), PART 5, TITLE 24 C.C.R.

(2015 UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE AND 2016 CALIFORNIA AMENDMENTS)

2016 CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE (CEC), PART 6, TITLE 24 C.C.R.

2016 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, PART 9, TITLE 24 C.C.R. (2015 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND 2016 CALIFORNIA AMENDMENTS) 2016 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, PART 11, TITLE 24 C.C.R.

2016 CALIFORNIA REFERENCED STANDARDS, PART 12, TITLE 24 C.C.R. ANSI/EIA-TIA-222-G

ALONG WITH ANY OTHER APPLICABLE LOCAL & STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

DISABLED ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

THIS FACILITY IS UNMANNED & NOT FOR HUMAN HABITATION. DISABLED ACCESS & REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA STATE BUILDING CODE, TITLE 24 PART 2, SECTION 11B-203.5

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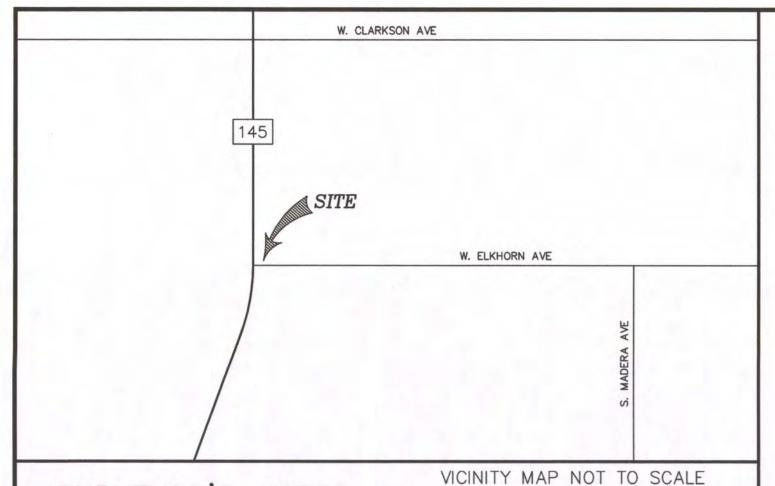
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SURVEYOR'S NOTES

1. BASIS OF BEARING: BEARINGS SHOWN HEREON ARE GEODETIC, DETERMINED BY GPS OBSERVATION.

2. NO SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION WAS PERFORMED TO LOCATE UNDERGROUND UTILITIES. UTILITIES SHOWN HEREON ARE LIMITED TO AND ARE PER OBSERVED EVIDENCE ONLY.

3. THIS SURVEY DOES NOT REPRESENT A BOUNDARY SURVEY OF THE PARENT PARCEL.

4. ALL VISIBLE TOWER EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS ARE CONTAINED WITHIN THE DESCRIBED AREA.

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATION

I, d'Artagnan Alba, do hereby certify to Crown Castle, its subsidiaries, affiliates, successors and assigns and Stewart Title Guaranty Company, that this plat, and the information contained hereon, is a true and accurate representation of a survey that was performed by me, or under my direction and that, to the best of my knowledge, all tower improvements are contained within Crown Castle described area, unless shown otherwise.

NOTES

THIS DRAWING DOES NOT REPRESENT A BOUNDARY SURVEY OF ANY PARCEL OF LAND, NOR DOES IT IMPLY OR INFER THAT A BOUNDARY SURVEY WAS PERFORMED. THIS IS A SPECIALIZED TOPOGRAPHIC MAP WITH PROPERTY AND EASEMENTS BEING A GRAPHIC DEPICTION BASED ON INFORMATION GATHERED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES OF RECORD AND AVAILABLE MONUMENTATION. PROPERTY LINES AND LINES OF TITLE WERE NEITHER INVESTIGATED NOR SURVEYED AND SHALL BE CONSIDERED APPROXIMATE ONLY. NO PROPERTY MONUMENTS WERE SET.

FLOOD NOTE:

THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FLOOD RATE MAP FOR COMMUNITY NO. 065029, PANEL NO. 2850J, DATED JANUARY 20, 2016, SHOWS THAT THE LOCATION OF THIS SITE FALLS WITHIN ZONE X, WHICH ARE AREAS DETERMINED TO BE OUTSIDE THE 0.2% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOODPLAIN.

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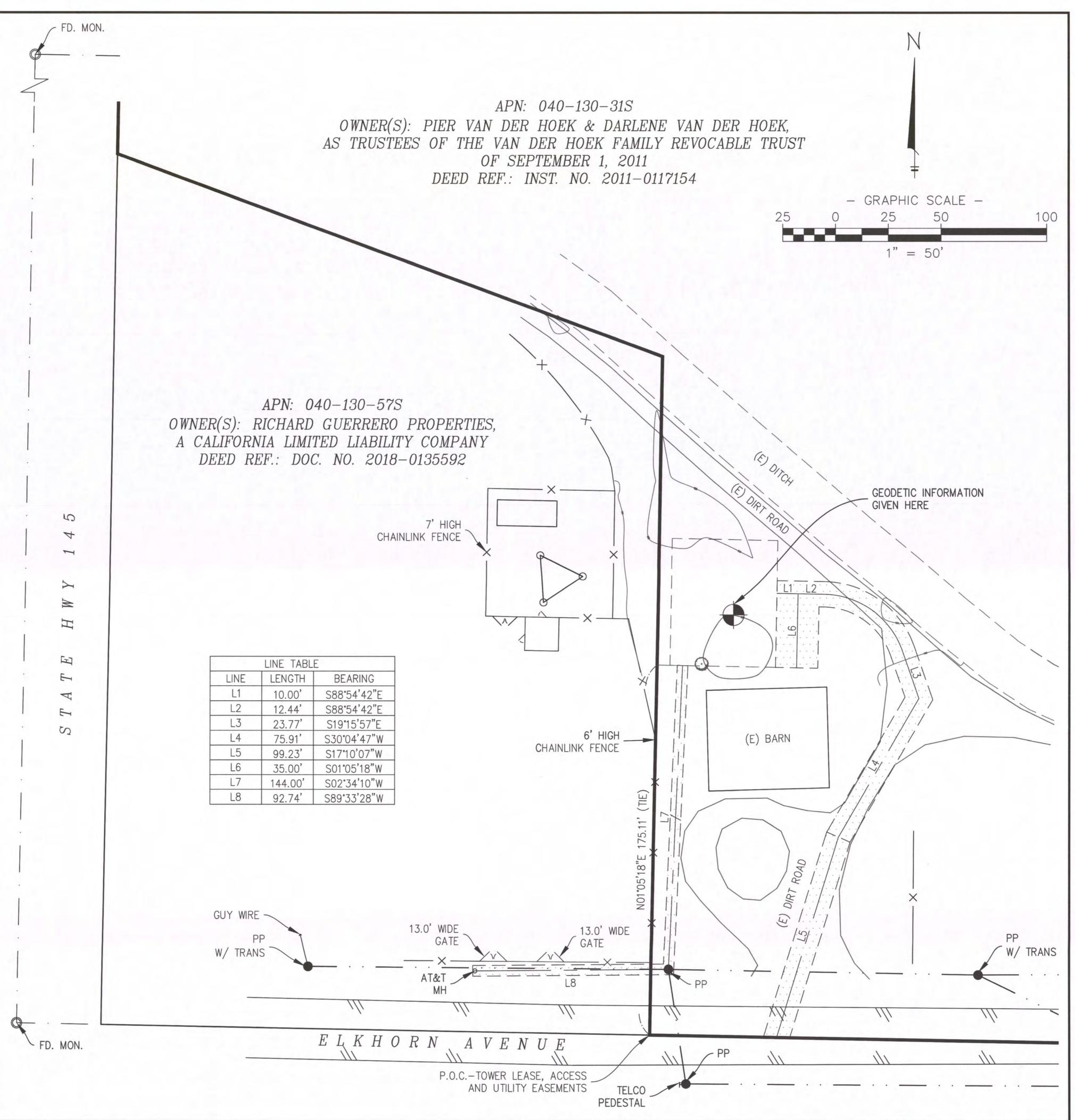
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LATITUDE & LONGITUDE

LAT. 36° 29' 18.17" N. NAD 83 LONG. 120° 05' 49.72" W. NAD 83 ELEV. 193.0' NAVD 88 (BASIS OF DRAWING)

	AREA TABLE	SQUARE FT.	ACREAGE
\triangle	PARENT PARCEL	±0	±0
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	UTILITY EASEMENT	±1,184	±0.027

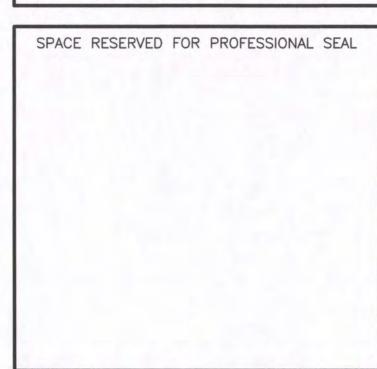




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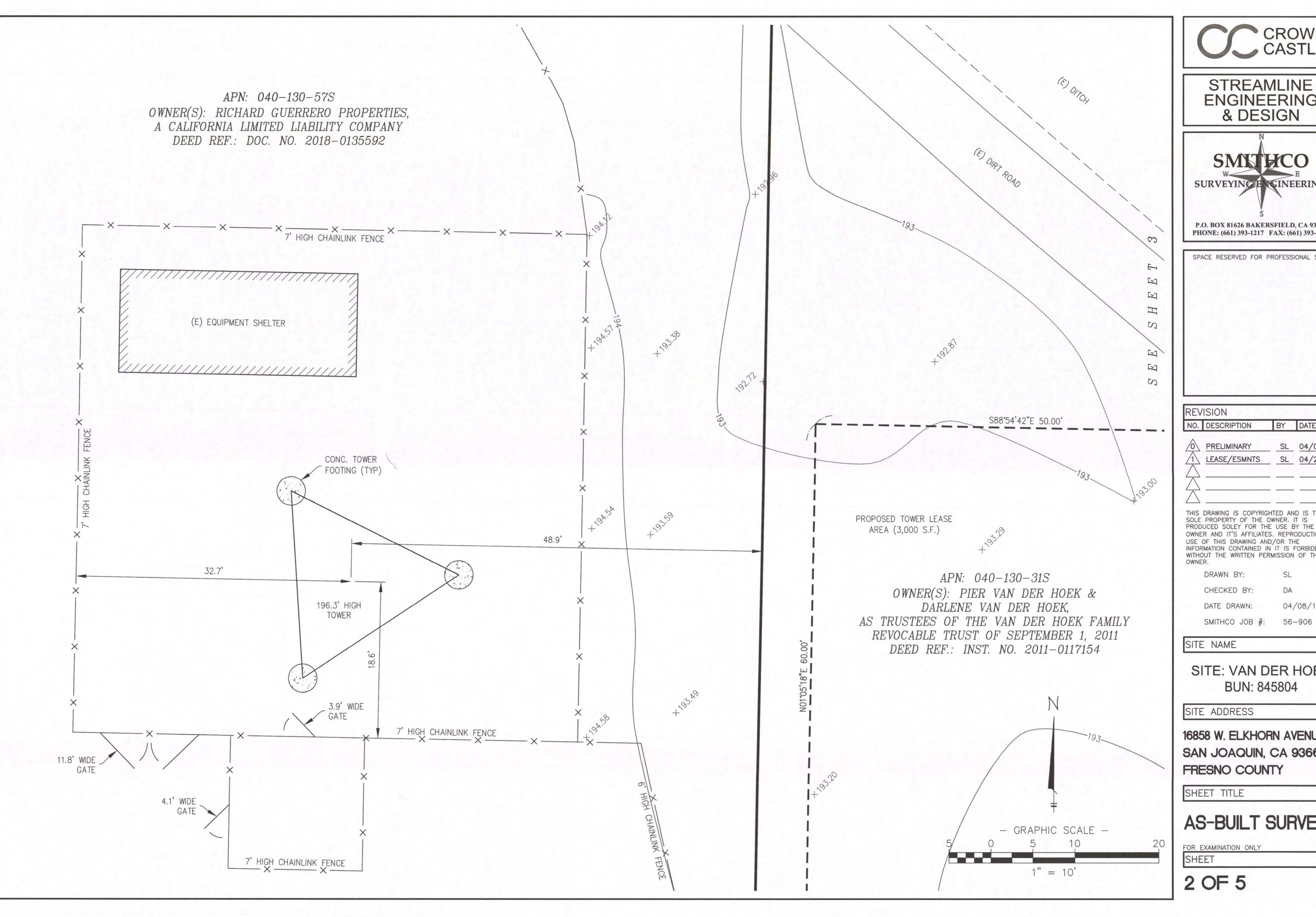
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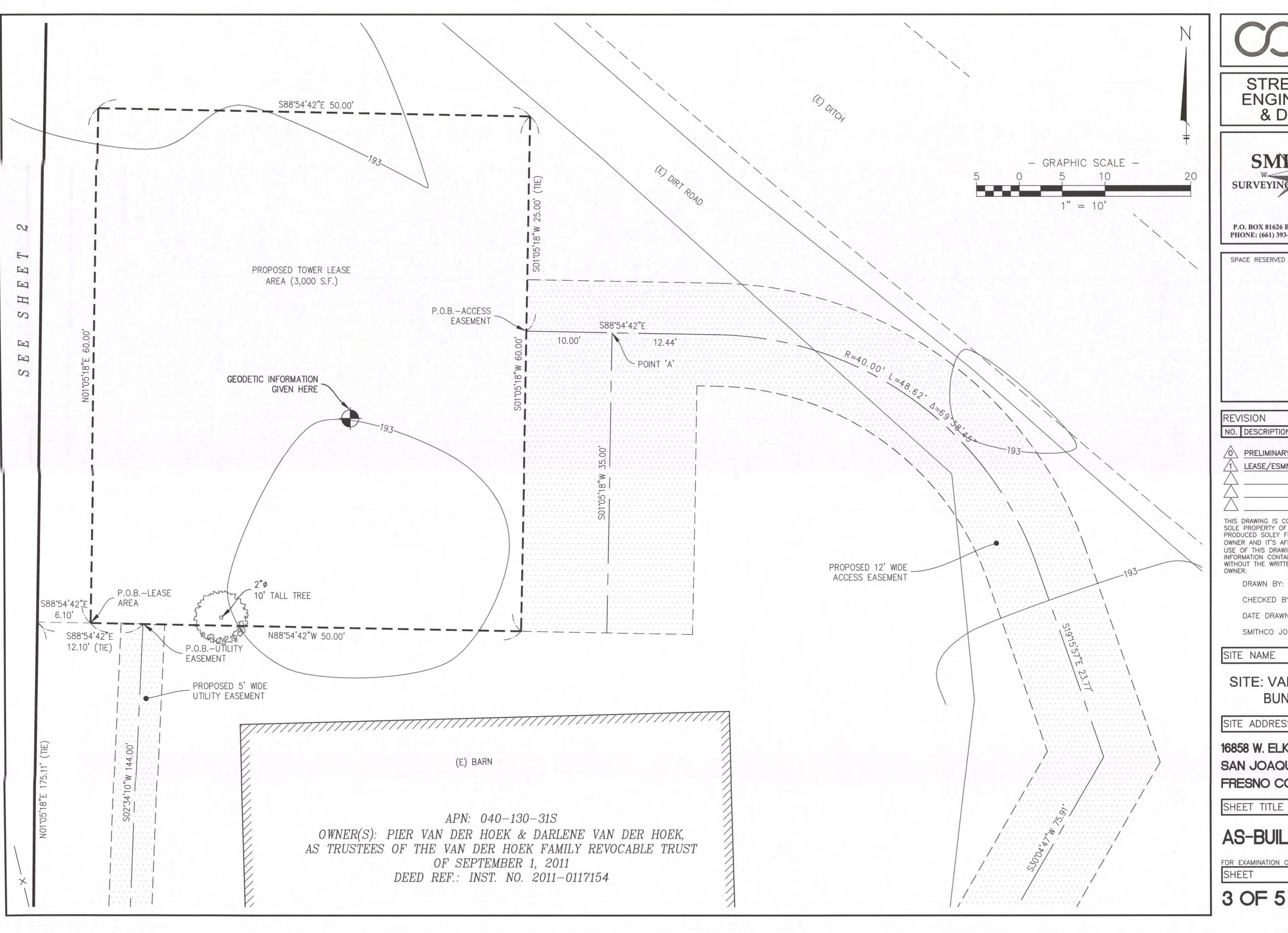
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PARENT PARCEL LEGAL DESCRIPTION PER GRANT DEED RECORDED NOVEMBER 7, 2018 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2018-0135592 (EXISTING TOWER PARCEL):

PORTION OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST, MOUNT DIABLO BASE AND MERIDIAN:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 35, THENCE NORTH 00° 00' EAST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 35, A DISTANCE OF 426 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 70°45' EAST, A DISTANCE OF 317.83 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00"00' WEST, AND PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION, A DISTANCE OF 317.6 FEET MORE OR LESS TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 35; THENCE SOUTH 89°16' WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, A DISTANCE OF 300 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE WEST 40 FEET THEREOF; TOGETHER WITH A RIGHT OF WAY TO THE WALL AND PUMPING PLANT TO FURNISH DESCRIBED PROPERTY. TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO USE SAID WELL AND PUMPING PLANT TO FURNISH WATER FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES ON UNTO THE LANDS ABOVE DESCRIBED.

PARENT PARCEL LEGAL DESCRIPTION PER FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY TITLE COMMITMENT NO. CRC-1144391-C, DATED AUGUST 2, 2018 (PROPOSED TOWER PARCEL):

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF FRESNO, CITY OF SAN JOAQUIN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

PARCEL 3: THAT PORTION OF THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST, MOUNT DIABLO BASE AND MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TOWNSHIP PLATS, LYING SOUTH AND WEST OF THE UNITED STATES SEGREGATION LINE, IN THE COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, EXCEPT THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING:

COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 35, 22 95 CHAINS WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION, THENCE NORTH 21 01 CHAINS TO A POINT ON THE SWAMP OVERFLOW LINE, THENCE FOLLOWING THE MEANDERS OF SAID SEGREGATION LINE NORTH 51° WEST 17.21 CHAINS, THENCE NORTH 40° WEST 5.94 CHAINS, THENCE SOUTH 36.57 CHAINS TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, THENCE EAST 17.19 CHAINS TO THE POINT OF SECTION OF SAID SECTION, THENCE EAST 17.19 CHAINS TO THE POINT OF SECTION OF SAID SECTION, THENCE EAST 17.19 CHAINS TO THE POINT OF SECTION OF SAID SECTI

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 35, THENCE NORTH 7 CHAINS TO THE SWAMP AND OVERFLOW LINE, THENCE FOLLOWING THE MEANDERS OF SAID SWAMP AND OVERFLOW LINE NORTH 60° WEST 24 CHAINS, THENCE NORTH 51° WEST 2.79 CHAINS, THENCE SOUTH 21.01 CHAINS TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, THENCE EAST 22.95 CHAINS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

COMMENCING AT A POINT 15 CHAINS NORTH 89°25' EAST OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 35, THENCE SOUTH 23°20" EAST 43.53 CHAINS, THENCE NORTH 89°24' EAST 4.52 CHAINS, THENCE NORTH 40° WEST 5.17 CHAINS, THENCE NORTH 24° WEST 20 CHAINS, THENCE NORTH 27° WEST 18.30 CHAINS, THENCE NORTH 1.50 CHAINS, THENCE SOUTH 89°25' WEST 2.00 CHAINS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 35-16/17, AND RUNNING THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 35 A DISTANCE OF 338.06 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE EASTERLY AND PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 35 A DISTANCE OF 130.0 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTHERLY AND PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 35 A DISTANCE OF 130.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT PORTION OF SAID LAND AS DEEDED TO PEARL CASTRO IN GRANT DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 4081 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS AT PAGE 199, FRESNO COUNTY RECORDS.

ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL OIL, GAS AND MINERAL RIGHTS, AS PREVIOUSLY RESERVED OF RECORD.

PARCEL ID #040-130-31S

THIS BEING A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED TO PIER VAN DER HOEK AND DARLENE VAN DER HOEK, AS TRUSTEES OF THE VAN DER HOEK FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2011 FROM PIER VAN DER HOEK AND DARLENE VAN DER HOEK, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY, IN A DEED DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2011 AND RECORDED SEPTEMBER 2, 2011 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2011-0117154.

TOWER LEASE AREA DESCRIPTION (PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE):

BEING A PORTION OF THE LAND DESCRIBED IN THE GRANT DEED RECORDED SEPTEMBER 2, 2011 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2011-0117154, FRESNO COUNTY RECORDS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, MORE PARTICULARY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWESTERLY MOST CORNER OF SAID LAND, THENCE N 01°05'18" E, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LAND, A DISTANCE OF 175.11 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID WEST LINE, S 88°54'42" E, A DISTANCE OF 6.10 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

COURSE 1) THENCE N 01°05'18" E, A DISTANCE OF 60.00 FEET;

COURSE 2) THENCE S 88°54'42" E, A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET;

COURSE 3) THENCE S 01°05'18" W, A DISTANCE OF 60.00 FEET;

COURSE 4) THENCE N 88°54'42" W, A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 3,000 SQUARE FEET (0.069 ACRES), MORE OR LESS.

APN: 040-130-31S

OWNER(S): PIER VAN DER HOEK & DARLENE VAN DER HOEK, AS TRUSTEES OF THE VAN DER HOEK FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

DEED REF .: DOC. NO. 2011-0117154

SEE SHEET 5 FOR ACCESS AND UTILITY EASEMENT DESCRIPTIONS.



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ACCESS EASEMENT DESCRIPTION (PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE):

A 12.00 FOOT WIDE STRIP OF LAND OVER, ACROSS AND THROUGH A PORTION OF THE LAND DESCRIBED IN THE GRANT DEED RECORDED SEPTEMBER 2, 2011 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2011-0117154, FRESNO COUNTY RECORDS. STATE OF CALIFORNIA, LYING 6.00 FEET ON EACH SIDE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CENTERLINE:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWESTERLY MOST CORNER OF SAID LAND, THENCE N 01°05'18" E, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LAND, A DISTANCE OF 175.11 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID WEST LINE, S 88°54'42" E, A DISTANCE OF 6.10 FEET; THENCE N 01°05'18" E, A DISTANCE OF 60.00 FEET; THENCE S 88°54'42" E, A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET; THENCE S 01°05'18" W, A DISTANCE OF 25.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING:

COURSE 1) THENCE S 88°54'42" E, A DISTANCE OF 10.00 FEET TO A POINT HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED AS POINT 'A';

COURSE 2) THENCE CONTINUING S 88°54'42" E, A DISTANCE OF 12.44 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A TANGENT CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHWESTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 40.00 FEET; COURSE 3) THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 69°38'45", AN ARC DISTANCE OF 48.62 FEET;

COURSE 4) THENCE S 19°15'57" E, A DISTANCE OF 23.77 FEET;

COURSE 5) THENCE S 30°04'47" W, A DISTANCE OF 75.91 FEET;

COURSE 6) THENCE S 17°10'07" W, A DISTANCE OF 99.23 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LAND AND THE TERMINUS OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

TOGETHER WITH A 20.00 FOOT WIDE STRIP OF LAND OVER, ACROSS AND THROUGH A PORTION OF THE LAND DESCRIBED IN THE GRANT DEED RECORDED SEPTEMBER 2, 2011 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2011-0117154, FRESNO COUNTY RECORDS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, LYING 10.00 FEET ON EACH SIDE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CENTERLINE:

BEGINNING AT THE HEREINBEFORE DESCRIBED POINT 'A';

COURSE 1) THENCE S 01°05'18" W, A DISTANCE OF 35.00 FEET TO THE TERMINUS OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

CONTAINING 3,820 SQUARE FEET (0.088 ACRES), MORE OR LESS.

APN: 040-130-31S

OWNER(S): PIER VAN DER HOEK & DARLENE VAN DER HOEK, AS TRUSTEES OF THE VAN DER HOEK FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

DEED REF.: DOC. NO. 2011-0117154

UTILITY EASEMENT DESCRIPTION (PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE):

A 5.00 FOOT WIDE STRIP OF LAND OVER, ACROSS AND THROUGH A PORTION OF THE LAND DESCRIBED IN THE GRANT DEED RECORDED SEPTEMBER 2, 2011 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2011-0117154, FRESNO COUNTY RECORDS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE GRANT DEED RECORDED NOVEMBER 7, 2018 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2018-0135592, FRESNO COUNTY RECORDS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, LYING 2.50 FEET ON EACH SIDE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CENTERLINE:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWESTERLY MOST CORNER OF SAID LAND, THENCE N 01°05'18" E, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LAND, A DISTANCE OF 175.11 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID WEST LINE, S 88°54'42" E, A DISTANCE OF 12.10 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING:

COURSE 1) THENCE S 02°34'10" W, A DISTANCE OF 144.00 FEET;

COURSE 2) THENCE S 89°33'28" W, A DISTANCE OF 92.74 FEET TO THE TERMINUS OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

CONTAINING 1,184 SQUARE FEET (0.027 ACRES), MORE OR LESS.

APN: 040-130-31S

OWNER(S): PIER VAN DER HOEK & DARLENE VAN DER HOEK, AS TRUSTEES OF THE VAN DER HOEK FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

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APN: 040-130-57S

OWNER(S): RICHARD GUERRERO PROPERTIES, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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SITE NAME

SITE: VAN DER HOEK BUN: 845804

SITE ADDRESS

16858 W. ELKHORN AVENUE SAN JOAQUIN, CA 93660 FRESNO COUNTY

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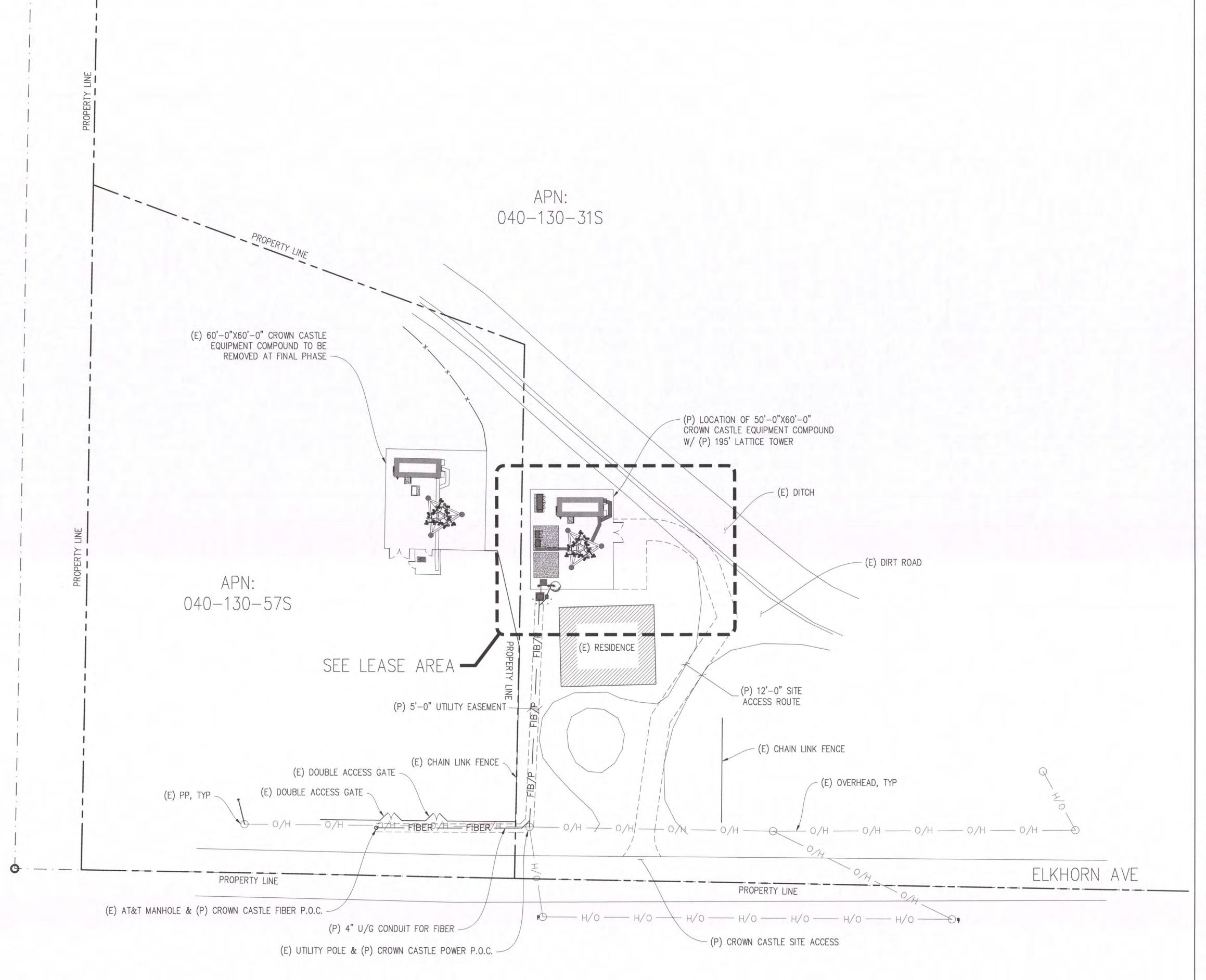
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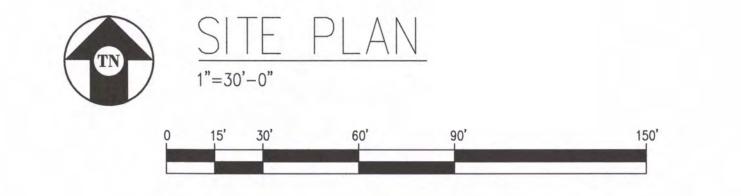
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PROJECT GENERAL NOTES

- 1. THIS FACILITY IS AN UNOCCUPIED WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY. 2. PLANS ARE NOT TO BE SCALED AND ARE INTENDED TO BE A DIAGRAMMATIC OUTLINE ONLY, UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.
- 3. THE SCOPE OF WORK SHALL INCLUDE FURNISHING MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT APPURTENANCES AND LABOR NECESSARY TO COMPLETE ALL INSTALLATIONS AS INDICATED ON THE DRAWINGS.
- 4. PRIOR TO THE SUBMISSION OF BIDS, THE CONTRACTORS SHALL VISIT THE JOB SITE AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, FIELD CONDITIONS AND DIMENSIONS, AND CONFIRM THAT THE WORK MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED AS SHOWN PRIOR TO PROCEEDING WITH CONSTRUCTION. ANY DISCREPANCIES ARE TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AND ENGINEER PRIOR TO PROCEEDING WITH THE WORK.
- 5. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR TO PAY FOR PERMIT FEES, AND TO OBTAIN SAID PERMITS AND TO COORDINATE INSPECTIONS.
- 6. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL RECEIVE, IN WRITING, AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED BEFORE STARTING WORK ON ANY ITEM NOT CLEARLY DEFINED OR IDENTIFIED BY THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.
- 7. CALL BEFORE YOU DIG. CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO CALL 811 (NATIONWIDE
- "CALL BEFORE YOU DIG" HOTLINE) AT LEAST 72 HOURS BEFORE DIGGING. 8. ALL WORK PERFORMED AND MATERIALS INSTALLED SHALL BE IN STRICT ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE CODES, REGULATIONS, AND ORDINANCES. CONTRACTOR SHALL GIVE ALL NOTICES AND COMPLY WITH ALL LAWS, ORDINANCES, RULES, REGULATIONS AND LAWFUL ORDERS OF ANY PUBLIC AUTHORITY REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK.
- 9. THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR SHALL SUPERVISE AND DIRECT THE WORK USING THE BEST SKILLS AND ATTENTION. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL CONSTRUCTION MEANS, METHODS, TECHNIQUES, SEQUENCES AND PROCEDURES. CONTRACTOR SHALL ALSO COORDINATE ALL PORTIONS OF THE WORK UNDER THE CONTRACT; INCLUDING CONTACT AND COORDINATION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AND WITH THE LANDLORD'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.
- 10. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL MAKE NECESSARY PROVISIONS TO PROTECT EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS, PAVING, CURBS, GALVANIZED SURFACES, ETC., AND UPON COMPLETION OF WORK, REPAIR ANY DAMAGE THAT OCCURRED DURING CONSTRUCTION TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE PROJECT MANAGER.
- 11. KEEP GENERAL AREA CLEAN, HAZARD FREE, AND DISPOSE OF ALL DIRT, DEBRIS AND RUBBISH. REMOVE EQUIPMENT NOT SPECIFIED AS REMAINING ON THE PROPERTY. LEAVE PREMISES IN CLEAN CONDITION AND FREE FROM PAINT SPOTS, DUST, OR SMUDGES OF ANY NATURE.
- 12. ALL EXISTING INACTIVE SEWER, WATER, GAS, ELECTRIC, AND OTHER UTILITIES, WHICH INTERFERE WITH THE EXECUTION OF THE WORK, SHALL BE REMOVED AND/OR CAPPED, PLUGGED, OR OTHERWISE DISCONNECTED AT POINTS WHICH WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH THE EXECUTION OF THE WORK, AS DIRECTED BY THE RESPONSIBLE ENGINEER, AND SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE OWNER AND/OR LOCAL UTILITIES.
- 13. ALL EXISTING ACTIVE SEWER, WATER, GAS, ELECTRIC AND ALL OTHER UTILITIES WHERE ENCOUNTERED IN THE WORK SHALL BE PROTECTED AT ALL TIMES.
- 14. DETAILS ARE INTENDED TO SHOW END RESULT OF DESIGN. MINOR MODIFICATIONS MAY BE REQUIRED TO SUIT JOB DIMENSIONS OR CONDITIONS, AND SUCH MODIFICATIONS SHALL BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE WORK.
- 15. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE A TOILET FACILITY DURING ALL PHASES OF CONSTRUCTION.
- 16. SUFFICIENT MONUMENTATION WAS NOT RECOVERED TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF THE BOUNDARY LINES SHOWN HEREON. THE BOUNDARY REPRESENTED ON THIS MAP IS BASED ON COMPILED RECORD DATA AND BEST FIT ONTO EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS. IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THE LOCATION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY TO SHIFT FROM THE PLACEMENT SHOWN HEREON WITH ADDITIONAL FIELD WORK AND RESEARCH. THEREFORE ANY SPATIAL REFERENCE MADE OR SHOWN BETWEEN THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE BOUNDARY LINES SHOWN HEREON AND EXISTING GROUND FEATURES, EASEMENTS OR LEASE AREA IS INTENDED TO BE APPROXIMATE AND IS SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION BY RESOLVING THE POSITION OF THE BOUNDARY LINES.
- 17. THE CONTRACTOR TO VERIFY THE LATEST/CURRENT RF DESIGN. 18. WHERE APPLICABLE, CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE SEPARATE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FEES AND PERMITS FOR ANY REVISION TO ANY FIRE SPRINKLER AND/OR ALARM SYSTEM ON THE PREMISES AS MAY BE NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE WORK DEPICTED HEREIN, USING A C-10 LICENSED SUBCONTRACTOR FOR ALL SUCH WORK.





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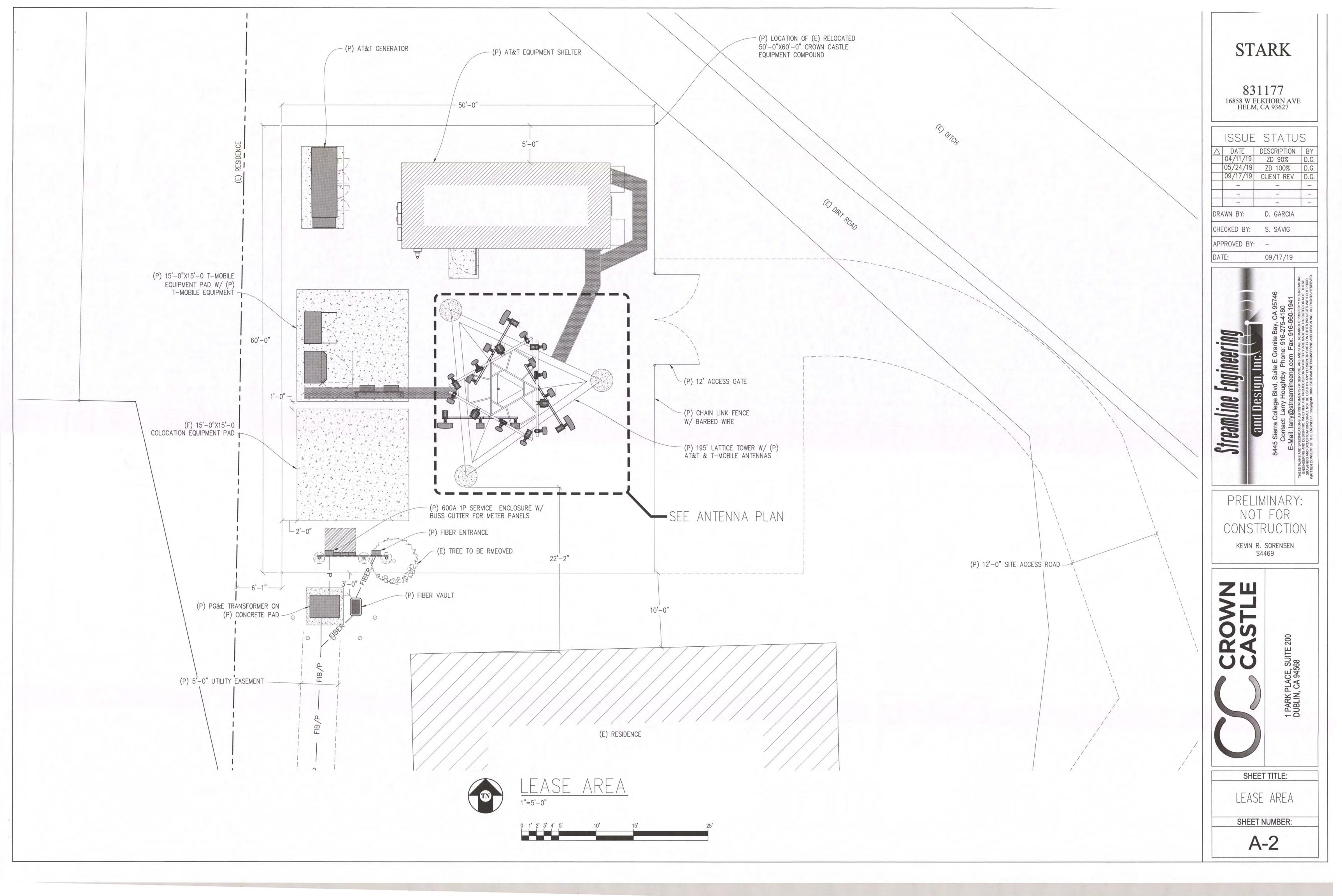
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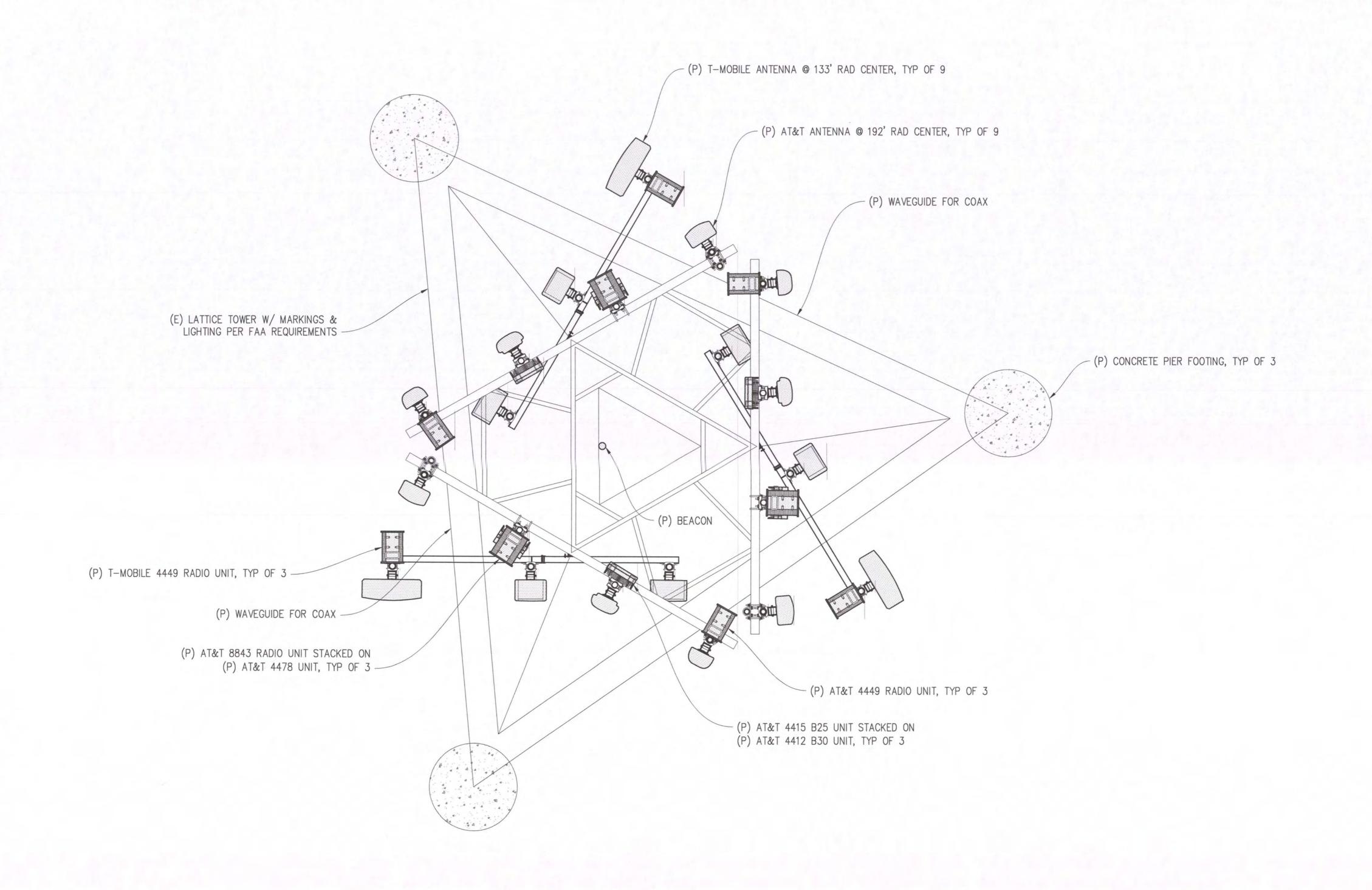
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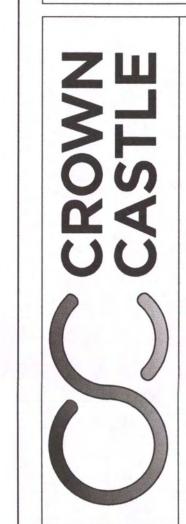
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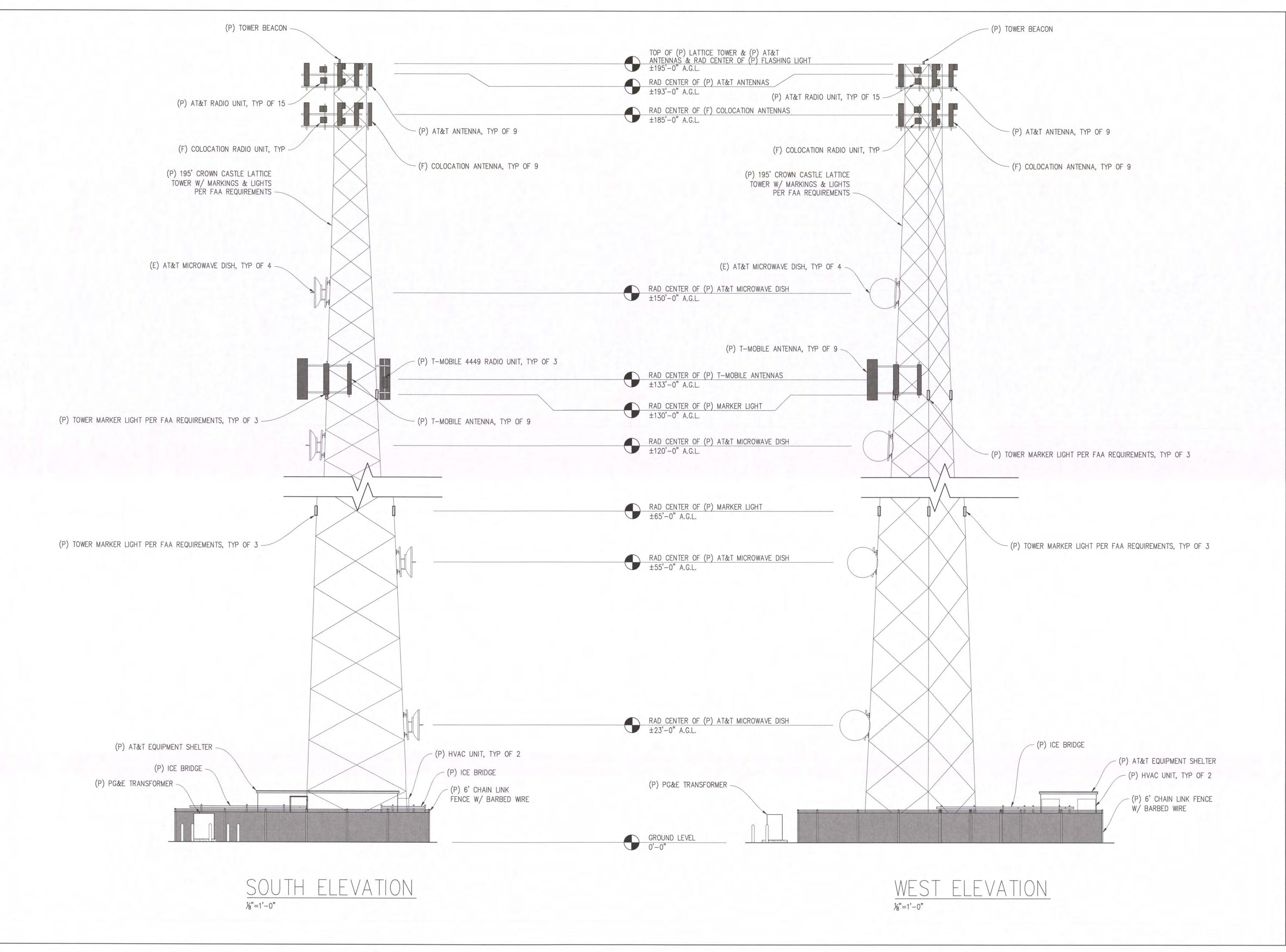
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

Via: email

Thomas Kobayashi – Planner Department of Public Works and Planning 2220 Tulare St. 6th Floor Fresno, CA 93721 Phone 559-600-4224

RE: Application for a new WCF 16858 W Elkhorn Ave Helm, CA 93627 – File # 19-103584

Operational Statement

1. Nature of the operation.

New wireless communication facility (cell tower).

2. Operational time limits:

Months: 12 - Days per week: 7 - Hours: 24/7 - Total hours per day: 24 Special activities: None - Indoors or Outdoors? None

3. Number of customers or visitors:

Average number per day: none Maximum number per day: None - Hours: None

4. Number of employees:

Current: None - Future: None - Hours they work: No hours - Do they live onsite: No

- 5. Service and delivery vehicles: None
- 6. Access to the site:

Public Road: Yes – proposed site is closest to the intersection of Hwy 145 and W. Elkhorn Avenue – both roads are paved with asphalt.

7. Number of parking spaces for employees, customers, and service/delivery vehicles.

None – facility is un-maned and does not require parking.

8. Are any goods to be sold on-site?

No

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9. What equipment is used?

All equipment is shown on the zoning drawings – see sheet A-2 for; new cell tower structure, new concrete equipment pads, new AT&T generator, new AT&T equipment shelter, new electrical and telco equipment cabinets.

10. What supplies, or materials are used and how are they stored?

No materials or supplies are used or are stored on site.

11. Does the use cause an unsightly appearance?

No. This project proposes to replace an existing cell tower site with a new cell tower site less than 100' from the existing cell tower site.

12. List any solid or liquid wastes to be produced.

The proposed facility does not generate any solid or liquid wastes.

13. Estimated volume of water to be used (gallons per day).

None. No water is required for the operation of a cell tower.

14. Describe any proposed advertising including size, appearance, and placement.

No advertising proposed.

15. Will existing building be used or will new buildings be constructed?

No existing buildings will be used. A new prefabricated AT&T shelter will be used to store equipment inside the equipment compound.

16. Explain which buildings or what portion of buildings will be used in the operation.

One new prefabricated shelter will be used to store AT&T equipment. No other buildings are proposed.

17. Will any outdoor lighting or an outdoor sound amplification system be used?

No lighting proposed.

18. Landscaping or fencing proposed?

No landscaping proposed. The equipment compound will be fenced with a chain link fence mounted with barbwire. See sheet A-4.

19. Any other information that will provide a clear understanding of the project operation.

This application seeks to replace the existing wireless communication facility with a new one. Crown Castle has been unable to extend the existing lease that we have with the current landowner. We make this request to ensure the existing coverage, both for subscribers and emergency services, is maintained with a new long-term lease with the

new landowner. Once the new tower if fully operational we will remove the existing cell tower so there is not net increase and the number of towers present today.

20. Identify all Owners, Officers, and/or Board Member for each application submitted; this may be accomplished by submitting a cover letter in addition to the information provide on the signed application forms.

Landowner:

VAN DER HOEK PIER & DARLENE (TRUSTEES) 16858 W ELKHORN SAN JOAQUIN, CA 93660 Piervdhoek@hotmail.com. Tele 559-866-5490

Tower Owner:

Crown Castle International Corporation – a publicly traded company

AT&T:

Proposed tenant on tower

T-Mobile:

Proposed tenant on tower.

Thank you for your assistance with this application and if you need additional information please contact me 916-622-6323 or tim.page@crowncastle.com

Sincerely

Tim Page

Tim Page, AICP

Real Estate Program Manager



Development Services and Capital Projects Division

Operational Statement Checklist

Department of Public Works and Planning

It is important that the Operational Statement provides for a complete understanding of your proposal. The Operational Statement that you submit must address all of the following that apply to your proposal. Your Operational Statement must be typed or written in a legible manner on a separate sheet(s) of paper. Do not submit this checklist as your Operational Statement. It should serve only as a guide for preparing a complete Statement.

	1.	Nature of the operationwhat do you propose to do? Describe in detail. Sector was			
	2.	Operational time limits: Un would will see Seach that Months (if seasonal): Hours (from to			
	3.	Number of customers or visitors: Average number per day: Hours (when they will be there):			
******************	4.	Number of employees: Maintenance after boild Current: Hours they work: Do any live on-site as a caretaker? No			
A	5.	Service and delivery vehicles: Number: Type: Frequency:			
	6.	Access to the site: Public Road: Private Road: Surface: Unpaved (dirt/gravel) / Paved:			
n/A	7.	Number of parking spaces for employees, customers, and service/delivery vehicles. Type of surfacing on parking area.			
<u>No</u>	8.	Are any goods to be sold on-site? If so, are these goods grown or produced on-site or at some other location? Explain.			
MA	9.	What equipment is used? If appropriate, provide pictures or brochure.			
nA	10.	What supplies or materials are used and how are they stored?			
MO	11.	Does the use cause an unsightly appearance? Noise? Glare? Dust? Odor? If so, explain how this will be reduced or eliminated.			
n/A	12.	List any solid or liquid wastes to be produced. Estimated volume of wastes: How and where is it stored? How is it hauled, and where is it disposed? How often?			
MONC	-13 .	Estimated volume of water to be used (gallons per day). Source of water?			
Mun(14.	Describe any proposed advertising including size, appearance, and placement.			
MU	15.	Will existing buildings be used or will new buildings be constructed? Describe type of construction materials, height, color, etc. Provide Floor Plan and elevations, if appropriate.			
n/b	16.	Explain which buildings or what portion of buildings will be used in the operation.			
no	17.	Will any outdoor lighting or an outdoor sound amplification system be used? Describe and indicate when used.			
425	18.	Landscaping or fencing proposed? Describe type and location. Force avours long pound			
NO	19.	Any other information that will provide a clear understanding of the project or operation.			
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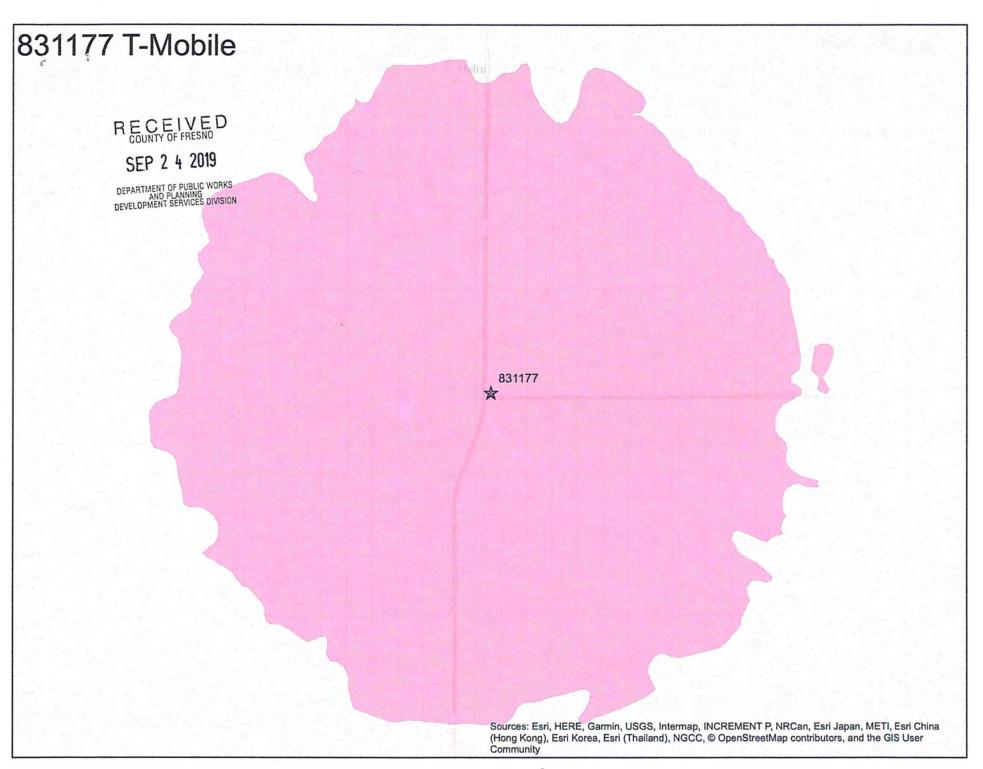
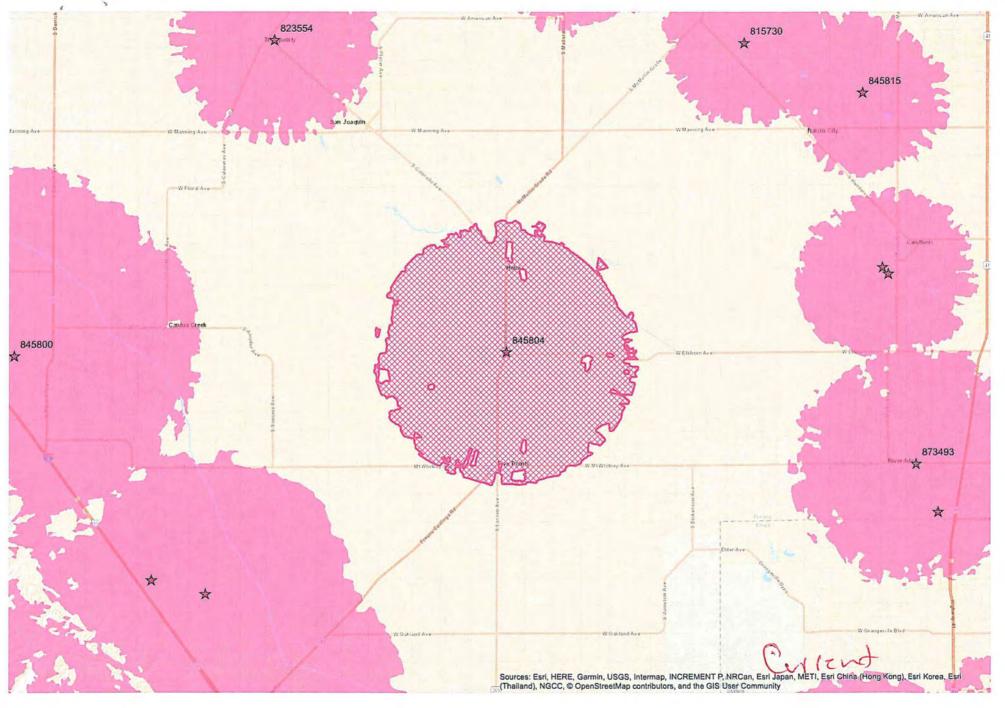
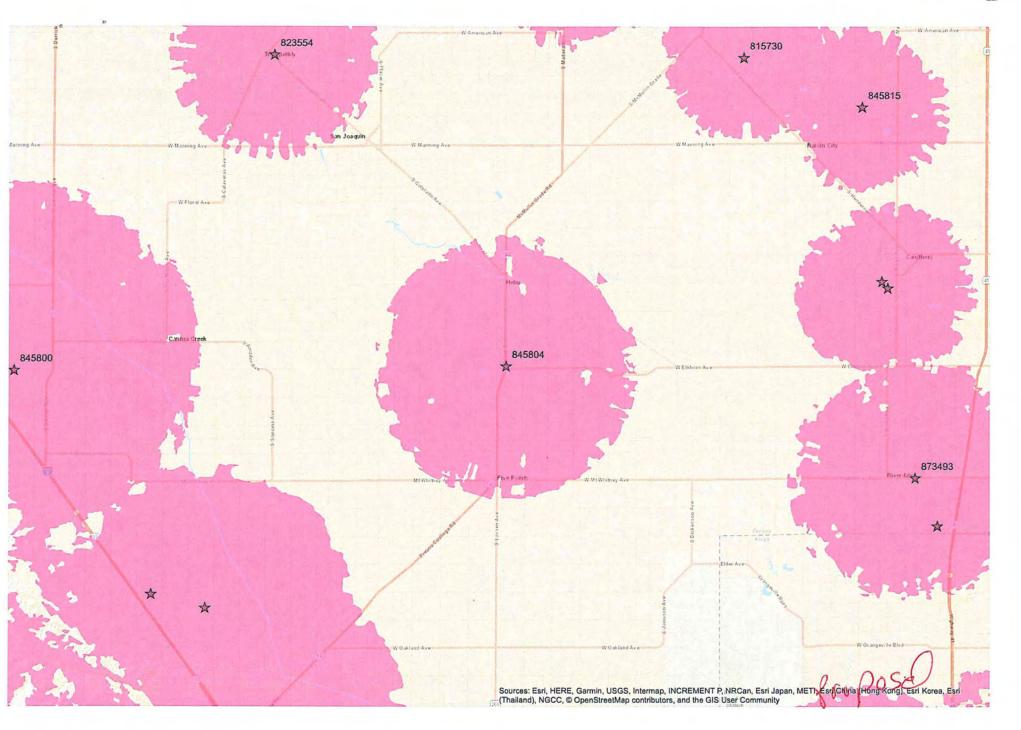
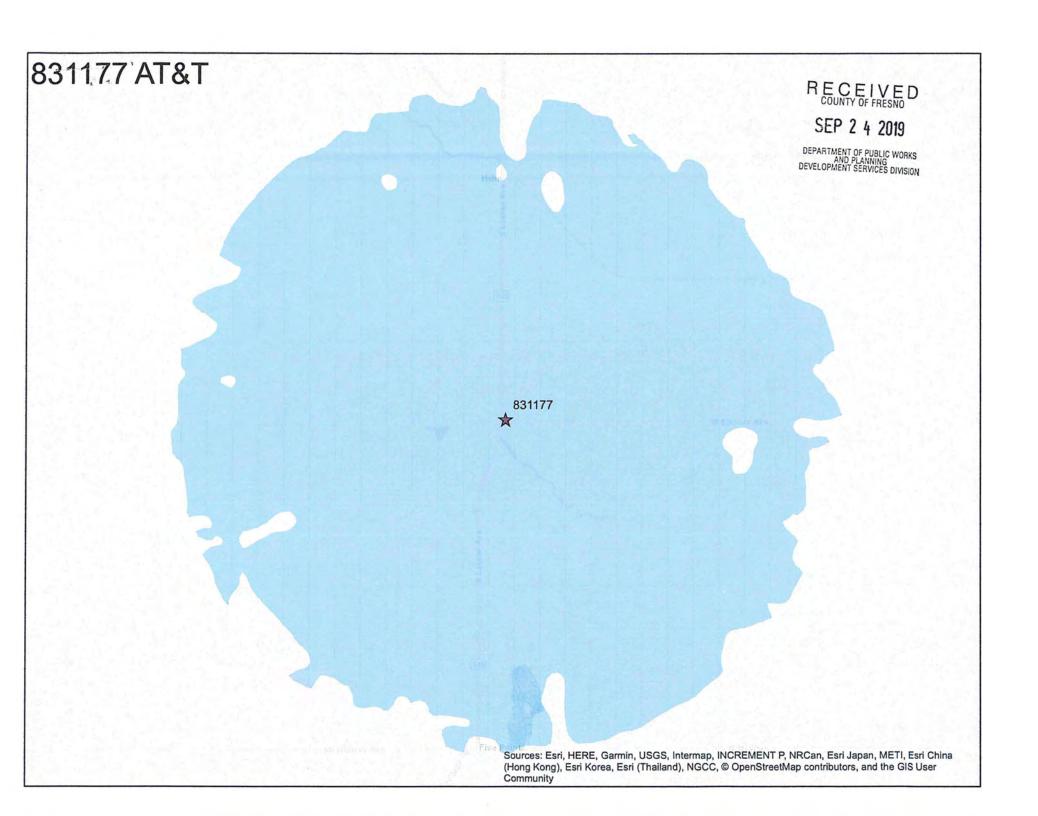
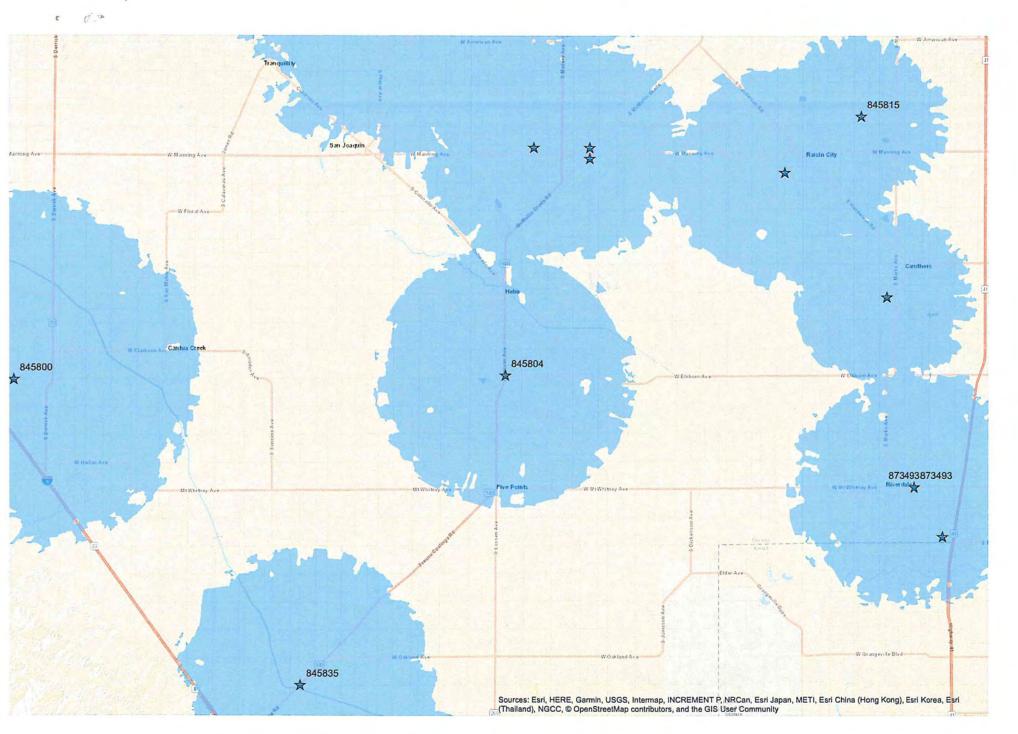


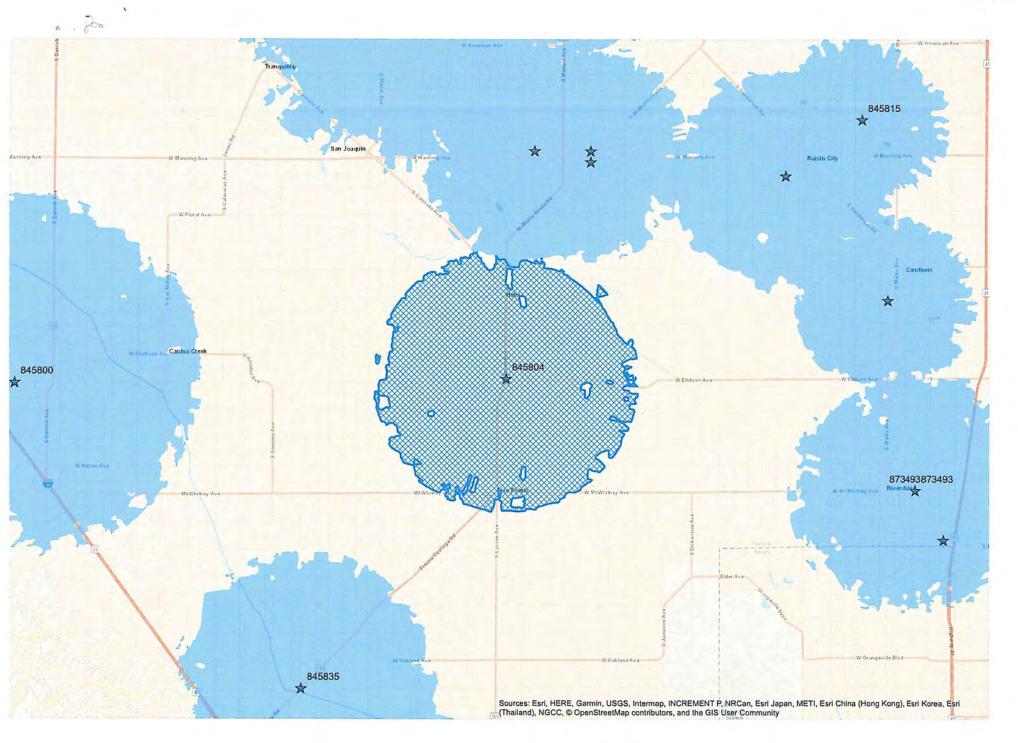
EXHIBIT 8













County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

APPLICANT: Lisa Elliott, Streamline Engineering on behalf of Crown Castle

APPLICATION NOS.: Initial Study Application No. 7718 and Unclassified

Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3659

DESCRIPTION: Allow construction of a 195-foot telecommunications tower

and associated

equipment on a 3,000 square-foot portion of a 241.02-acre parcel in the AE-20

(Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone

District.

LOCATION: The project site is located on the north side of West Elkhorn

Avenue, approximately 268 feet east of its nearest

intersection with South Lassen Avenue (State Route 145) and is approximately 7.72 miles southeast of the nearest city limits of the City of San Joaquin (APN: 040-130-31S) (16858)

W. Elkhorn Avenue, Helm, CA).

I. AESTHETICS

Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:

- A. Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista; or
- B. Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

There are no identified scenic resources on or near the project site. According to Figure OS-2 of the Fresno County General Plan, there are no scenic roadways on or near the project site. Additionally, an existing telecommunications tower is located on the adjacent property. The Applicant intends to decommission the existing tower and build the proposed tower on the adjacent parcel. As the current tower will be relocated to the adjacent property, there will be a less than significant impact on scenic resources.

C. In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized

area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project will not substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings. An existing tower adjacent to the project site will be removed and the proposed tower will be built causing no significant change to the existing visual character of the area.

D. Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED:

The Applicant has indicated that no site lighting is being proposed with the application. Hazard lighting of the tower as indicated on the Applicants site plan will meet Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standards. In the event that site lighting is installed, a Mitigation Measure will be included to reduce glare of the lighting on public right-of-way and adjacent properties.

* <u>Mitigation Measure(s)</u>

1. All outdoor lighting shall be hooded and directed downward so as not to shine on adjacent properties or public right-of-way.

II. AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY RESOURCES

In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:

- A. Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance, as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use; or
- B. Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The subject parcel is enrolled in the Williamson Act Program under Contract Number 263. The Policy Planning Unit per Williamson Act Program guidelines requires that a Statement of Intended Use be provided to staff for review. After review of the provided Statement of Intended Use, it was determined that adequate information has been provided to justify the subject parcel's eligibility to remain enrolled in the Williamson Act Program. Based on the provided Statement of Intended Use and determination made by the Policy Planning Unit, the project does not conflict with the existing zoning and the Williamson Act Contract.

According to the 2016 Fresno County Important Farmland Map, the subject parcel is designated as Farmland of Statewide Importance and Semi-Agricultural and Rural Commercial Land. Although the project site is in land designated as Farmland of Statewide Importance, the project site is located on land not utilized towards the existing agricultural operation. The land that the project will be located on is unimproved with farm labor housing located south of the proposed facility. The project will convert a small portion of the parcel, not currently being used for agriculture, to a telecommunications facility and does not conflict with the agricultural zoning or the existing Williamson Act Contract, thereby having a less than significant impact on agriculture.

- C. Conflict with existing zoning for forest land, timberland or timberland zoned Timberland Production; or
- D. Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is not zoned for forest land, timberland, or timberland zoned Timberland Production and will not result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use.

E. Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

An existing wireless telecommunications facility is located adjacent to the project site. The existing facility is planned to be decommissioned and removed from the site if the subject application is approved. The proposal is location based and is intended to maintain cellular coverage in the area. As the current facility did not proliferate development that would convert farmland to non-agricultural use or convert forestland to non-forest use, the current proposal is not expected to drastically change or result in the conversion of farmland to non-agricultural use.

III. AIR QUALITY

Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management district or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

- A. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable Air Quality Plan; or
- B. Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Temporary increases of criteria pollutants are expected from project construction, but operation of the wireless telecommunications facility will not considerably increase criteria pollutants compared to existing conditions. As an existing wireless telecommunications facility is planned to be removed and replaced with the proposed facility, the project will not significantly increase criteria pollutants above the baseline. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) was notified of the subject application and did not express concerns to indicate that the project would have an adverse impact on criteria pollutants or conflict with or obstruct implementation of an applicable Air Quality Plan.

- C. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations; or
- D. Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Temporary increases in pollutant concentrations and other emissions may occur during construction of the project proposal but will not persist during operation of the proposed facility. The nearest sensitive receptor is a single-family residence located approximately 22 feet and 2 inches south of the proposed tower and is located on the same parcel as the proposed wireless telecommunications facility. The next closest receptor is located approximately 103 feet south of the proposed tower. There will be a less than significant impact because increases in pollutant concentrations and other emissions will be associated with construction of the facility and will be temporary. Operational emissions from the facility are not considered significant as minimal to no pollutant concentrations will be produced.

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

A. Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

According to the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) there are two reported occurrences of special status species in the vicinity of the project site, but the reported occurrences do not encompass the project site. The reported occurrence approximately 4,561 feet east of the project site is the Swainson's Hawk and was reported on April 29, 1912. The reported occurrence approximately 4,367 feet south of the project site is the Tricolored Blackbird and was reported on April 29, 1907. Both special status species are considered extant in their reported occurrence areas. The Swainson's Hawk has a reported accuracy of a one-mile radius while the Tricolored Blackbird has a reported accuracy of a five-mile radius.

According to Species Account II by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife the Tricolored Blackbird nest in colonies and prefer to nest above ground at heights ranging from a few centimeters to about 1.5 meters above water or ground in freshwater marshes and up to 3 meters in the canopies of willows and other riparian trees. Basic requirements for selecting breeding sites are open accessible water, a protected nesting substrate, including either flooded or thorny or spiny vegetation and suitable foraging space providing adequate insect prey within a few kilometers of the nesting colony. With loss of natural habitat, the Tricolored Blackbird now forage in artificial habitats with ideal foraging conditions being created from shallow flood-irrigation, mowing, or grazing that keeps the height greater than 15 centimeters. Preferred artificial foraging habitats include crops such as rice, alfalfa, irrigated pastures, and ripening or cut grain fields, as well as annual grasslands, cattle feedlots, and dairies. Tricolored Blackbirds also forage in remnant native habitats, including wet and dry vernal pools, and other seasonal wetlands, riparian scrub habitats, and open marsh borders. Vineyards, orchards, and row crops have been determined to not provide suitable nesting environments or foraging habitats for the Tricolored Blackbirds.

According to the 2016 Five Year Status Review for Swainson's Hawk by the State of California Department of Fish and Game, the Swainson's Hawk preferred foraging habitat has shifted from open grass-dominated vegetation and relatively sparse shrublands to agricultural fields, grassland, and pastures as the natural vegetation has been converted to agricultural use. Due to higher accessibility and abundance of prey, the Swainson's Hawk forage in mixed agricultural lands that support irrigated hay crops, dryland pastures, grassy ruderal lots, and some irrigated crops. Due to aboveground canopies that reduce accessibility for the Swainson's Hawk, orchards and vineyards do not provide suitable foraging habitat. Suitable nesting habitat for the Swainson's Hawk include trees within mature riparian forest or corridors, lone oak trees and oak groves, and mature roadside trees. It is thought that trees on the periphery of riparian habitats are preferred. The Swainson's Hawk has also been observed to select nest sites in greater densities when near large tracts of agricultural lands than when adjacent to non-agricultural land.

In considering the reported occurrences of the two listed species and its proximity to the project site, the project is not expected to have an adverse impact on the Tricolored Blackbird or Swainson's Hawk as the project site is located near disturbed land utilized

for residential and agricultural purposes. Agricultural land that would be deemed suitable for foraging will be undisturbed as the project site will not convert agricultural land. Additionally, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife did not express concerns to indicate that project will have an adverse impact on special status species.

- B. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; or
- C. Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally-protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to the National Wetlands Inventory, the project site is not located on or near any identified wetland or riparian habitat. An agricultural ditch is located in close proximity of the project, but the project site will not require the filling in or modification of the agricultural ditch.

D. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project site will be located behind a farm-labor housing unit and will not interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species. An existing tower located on the adjacent property is currently providing an obstacle for avian wildlife species. The existing tower is proposed to be removed and the proposed facility will be constructed approximately 60 feet east of the existing. Based on the relocation of the facility, the project will have a less than significant impact on avian wildlife species. No wildlife corridor or wildlife nursery site has been identified on or near the project.

- E. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance; or
- F. Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state Habitat Conservation Plan?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project does not conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources and does not conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation

Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state Habitat Conservation Plan.

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

- A. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to Section 15064.5; or
- B. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5; or
- C. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED:

Per Fresno County records, the project site is located in an area of medium archeological sensitivity. Although located in an archeological sensitive area, the project has already been disturbed with residential development and agricultural operations. Additionally, an existing wireless telecommunications facility is located approximately 60 feet away from the proposed project site and is planned to be removed if the new facility is approved. In considering the amount of development that has already occurred in the project area, it is anticipated that archeological resources are unlikely to occur at the site. However, in the event that archeological resources are discovered during construction, a Mitigation Measure will be implemented to address cultural resources.

* <u>Mitigation Measure(s)</u>

1. In the event that cultural resources are unearthed during ground-disturbing activities, all work shall be halted in the area of the find. An Archeologist shall be called to evaluate the findings and make any necessary mitigation recommendations. If human remains are unearthed during ground-disturbing activities, no further disturbance is to occur until the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin and disposition. All normal evidence procedures should be followed by photos, reports, video, etc. If such remains are determined to be Native American, the Sheriff-Coroner must notify the Native American Commission within 24 hours.

VI. ENERGY

Would the project:

 A. Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation; or B. Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED:

The project will be built to California Title 24, Building Code Standards and is not expected to conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency. According to the Applicant, the project will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Project operation is not expected to result in potentially significant environmental impacts due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources. A Mitigation Measure will be implemented to ensure that project construction will not result in wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources.

* Mitigation Measure(s)

1. The idling of on-site vehicles and equipment will be avoided to the most possible extent to avoid wasteful or inefficient energy consumption during the construction of the project.

VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Would the project:

- A. Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:
 - 1. Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to the Earthquake Zones Application administered by the California Department of Conservation, the project site is not located within an Earthquake Fault Zone. Additionally, per Figure 9-2 and 9-3 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report (FCGPBR), the project site is not located on or near regional faults of earthquake hazard zones.

- 2. Strong seismic ground shaking?
- 3. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

According to Figure 9-5 of the FCGPBR, the project site is located within an area defined as being a probabilistic seismic hazard with a 20%-40% peak horizontal ground acceleration. Although located in the identified seismic hazard area, the project will be built to current building standards. Additionally, no reviewing Agency/Department has expressed concerns to indicate that construction of the project will result in unsafe

conditions due to its location within an area defined as being a probabilistic seismic hazard. The FCGPBR states that soil types within the valley are not conductive to liquefaction due to being too coarse or too high in clay content. Areas subject to 0.3g acceleration or greater are located in a small section of the Sierra Nevada along the Fresno-Inyo Counties boundary, or along the Coast Range foothills. However, the depth to groundwater to facilitate liquefaction is greater than in the valley which minimizes liquefaction potential. The project will be engineered and built to current building standards and conform to site conditions to minimize risk due to strong seismic ground shaking and seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction.

4. Landslides?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to Figure 9-6 of the FCGPBR, the project site is not located on or near identified landslide hazard areas.

B. Result in substantial soil erosion or loss of topsoil?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

According to Figure 7-4 of the FCGPBR, the project site is not located on or near identified erosion hazard areas. The project will result in the loss of topsoil as foundations for the tower and equipment area is constructed. This loss of topsoil is not expected to have an adverse impact on the environment. Reviewing Agencies and Departments did not express concerns that the limited loss of topsoil will have a significant impact.

C. Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No geologic unit or unstable soil has been identified on the project site. Construction of wireless telecommunications facility will be subject to the standards set forth by the California Building Code, building permits, and grading permits which will verify that state and local standards are met to reduce risk of ground failure. Therefore, the project will not result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse.

D. Be located on expansive soil as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to Figure 7-1 of the FCGPBR, the project site is not located on or near identified areas of expansive soils. Therefore, the project will not result in or create substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property.

E. Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project is an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility and does not propose the installation or use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems. As the project does not propose the use of a septic tank or alternative waste water disposal system, no impact is seen.

F. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No unique paleontological resource or unique geologic feature has been identified on the project site. The subject parcel is currently improved with residential units and an agricultural operation. As ground disturbance has previously occurred, the project proposal will not destroy paleontological resources or unique geologic features as no such feature has been identified from past improvements and ground disturbances.

VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Would the project:

- A. Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment; or
- B. Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

If approved, project construction will generate greenhouse gas emissions. The greenhouse gas emissions will be temporary as those emissions will be associated with the construction of the project. Operation of the project proposal will generate minimal to no greenhouse gas emissions. A generator is proposed to be onsite to supply electricity to maintain operation of the facility if the regular power supply is interrupted. The generator will generate greenhouse gas emissions, but is only utilized in emergency situations when the regular power supply is not available. Due to the temporary nature of the greenhouse gas emissions expected from construction of the project, there will be a less than significant impact on greenhouse gas emissions.

VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Would the project:

- A. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials; or
- B. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division has reviewed and provided comments for the subject application related to the use and storage of hazardous materials. Facilities proposing to use and/or store hazardous materials and/or hazardous wastes shall meet the requirements set forth in the California Health and Safety Code (HSC), Division 20, Chapter 6.95, and the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 4.5. Any business that handles a hazardous material or hazardous waste may be required to submit a Hazardous Materials Business Plan pursuant to the HSC, Division 20, Chapter 6.95. The default State reporting thresholds that apply are: ≥55 gallons (liquids), ≥500 pounds (solids), ≥200 cubic feet (gases), or at the threshold planning quantity for extremely hazardous substances. All hazardous waste shall be handled in accordance with requirements set forth in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 4.5. This Division discusses proper labeling, storage, and handling of hazardous wastes. With the subject project adhering to the aforementioned requirements, the project will have a less than significant impact on the public or the environment.

Per the Applicant's submitted operational statement, no goods or materials will be stored onsite. As there is a generator proposed for the project site, it can be assumed that the generator will run off gasoline, but will only be utilized when main power to the facility has been unexpectedly turned off. Based on state reporting thresholds, if the thresholds are met, then the Applicant will be required to submit a Hazardous Materials Business Plan for review and approval to address proper storage, handling, and plans to remediate any spills that could occur.

There are no plans for demolition of existing structures on the project site that could result in the release of hazardous materials. Although an existing telecommunications facility on the adjacent parcel is planned to be decommissioned, demolition of the tower would take into account existing conditions and plan accordingly to reduce impacts.

C. Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?

The project is not located within a one-quarter mile radius of an existing or proposed school.

D. Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to a NEPAssist Report, the project site is not located on or near a hazardous material site. The project will not result in a significant hazard to the public or environment.

There are no past land-use permits to indicate that the project site was utilized towards mining activities. Past aerial photographs and building permit records suggest that the project site south of the drainage ditch has been utilized for residential purposes while the rest of the site has been used for agriculture. The project is proposed on the residential utilized area and the underlying land is not suspected to be contaminated or has been utilized as a hazardous materials site.

E. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is not located within an airport land use plan and is not within two miles of a public airport or public use airport.

- F. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan; or
- G. Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will not impair implementation or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. According to the 2007 Fresno County Fire Hazard Severity Zones in LRA, the project site is not located in any identified fire hazard areas. The project will not expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires.

X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

Would the project:

- A. Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality; or
- B. Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project proposes an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility and does not propose the use of water for operation. As no water use is proposed, the project will not violate water quality standards or waste discharge requirements and will not substantially degrade surface or groundwater quality. The project will not decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge.

- C. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on or off site?
 - 1. Result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;
 - 2. Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite?
 - 3. Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project site will include the construction of impervious surfaces which could result in an increase in surface runoff. Although the proposed facility can increase surface runoff, the project is subject to building permits and grading permits that require the project to comply with current building code standards. The project will not result in substantial erosion or siltation, will not result in substantial on-site or off-site flooding and will not provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff. There are no planned stormwater drainage systems, but there appears to be a drainage ditch surrounding the agricultural portion of the subject parcel which is assumed to be a private ditch. No stream or river has been identified on or near the project site.

4. Impede or redirect flood flows?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to FEMA FIRM Panel C2850J, the project site is located in Zone X, Area of Minimal Flood Hazard. The project site is not located in a flood zone and will not impede or redirect flood flows.

D. In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNFICANT IMPACT:

According to Figure 9-7 of the FCGPBR, the project site is not located in identified 100-Year Flood Inundation Areas. Per Figure9-8 of the FCGPBR, the project site is located in identified Dam Failure Flood Inundation Areas; however,. the project is not expected to have a significant impact through release of pollutants due to project inundation. Minimal to no hazardous materials will be utilized for the operation of the proposal. The project site is not located near a body of water that would indicate the risk of tsunami or seiche, therefore the project will have a less than significant impact.

E. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project proposes to construct an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility and will not utilize water resources for the operation of the facility and will not obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan.

XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING

Would the project:

A. Physically divide an established community?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will not physically divide an established community. The project site is located on an agricultural and residential utilized parcel and is located approximately 171 feet north of Elkhorn Road.

B. Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The subject parcel is designated as Agricultural in the Fresno County General Plan. The proposed non-agricultural use is allowed by the County General Plan provided that the use meets General Plan Policy LU-A.3, Criteria a., b., c., and d.

General Plan Policy LU-A.3 states that the County may allow by discretionary permit in areas designated as Agricultural, special agricultural uses and agriculturally-related activities, including value-added processing facilities, and certain non-agricultural uses. Approval of these and similar uses in areas designated as Agricultural shall be subject to the following criteria. Criteria LU-A.3.a states that the use shall provide a needed service to the surrounding agricultural area which cannot be provided more efficiently within urban areas or which requires location in a non-urban area because of unusual site requirements or operational characteristics. Criteria LU-A.3.b states that the use should not be sited on productive agricultural lands if less productive land is available in the vicinity. Criteria LU-A.3.c states that the operational or physical characteristics of the use shall not have a detrimental impact on water resources or the use of management of surrounding properties within at least one-quarter mile radius. Criteria LU-A.3.d states that a probable workforce should be located nearby or be readily available.

Regarding Criteria "a" the Applicant states that the proposal is intended to replace an existing tower on an adjacent property due to an expiring lease that was unable to be renegotiated. The proposed tower will maintain wireless telecommunications coverage for the surrounding area. Coverage is based on the location of the communications facility and therefore could not be sited more efficiently in urban areas. Regarding Criteria "b", the project site is located approximately 171 feet north of Elkhorn Road and is sited behind a farm labor residential unit. The majority of the subject parcel is actively farmed, but the project site is located on vacant space behind a residential unit. Regarding Criteria "c", the project proposes an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility and will not utilize water resources for the operation of the project. Regarding Criteria "d", the project site is located off State Route 145 (SR 145), approximately 7.72 miles southeast of the city limits of the City of San Joaquin. Although the project site is located approximately 7.72 miles away from the closest incorporated city, the project's proximity to SR 145 provides the probable workforce identified in the City of San Joaquin a means to access the site efficiently. Based on the project's proximity to SR 145, the project is considered consistent with Criteria "d".

General Plan Policy PF-J.4 states that the County shall require compliance with the Wireless Communications Guidelines for siting of communication towers in unincorporated areas of the County.

The Wireless Communication Guidelines indicate the need to accommodate new communication technology must be balanced with the need to minimize the number of new tower structures, thus reducing the impact towers can have on the surrounding community. The Applicant provided an Alternate Site Analysis and stated that the only existing tower in the vicinity that could meet coverage needs is the existing tower on the property adjacent to the project site. The Applicant states that due to the existing lease being unable to be extended, the proposed tower and decommissioning of the existing tower will ensure existing coverage is maintained.

The Wireless Communication Guidelines also state that applicants for new tower sites should include provisions in their land lease agreements that reserve co-location

opportunities. The Applicant has provided to staff a redacted version of the lease agreement between the tower operations and the property owner. Colocation opportunity is discussed in the lease agreement and is depicted in the site plan and elevations of the proposed facility.

XII. MINERAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

- A. Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state; or
- B. Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local General Plan, Specific Plan or other land use plan?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

According to Figure 7-7 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report (FCGPBR), the project is located on or near identified oil fields. Although located on an identified mineral resource location, the project footprint is small and is not expected to result in the loss of availability of the known mineral resource. Therefore, the project will have a less than significant on mineral resources.

XIII. NOISE

Would the project result in:

- A. Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies; or
- B. Generation of excessive ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Temporary increases in noise levels will occur during project construction and demolition. Generation of ground-borne vibration and noise levels are also expected during project construction and demolition. Operation of the project will not generate noise levels in excess of standards established in the Fresno County Noise Ordinance. A less than significant impact is seen on noise as the increase in noise is temporary and only related to the construction of the new tower and demolition of the existing tower.

C. For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels; or

The project site is not located within two miles of a public airport of public use airport and will not expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels.

XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING

Would the project:

- A. Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?; or
- B. Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will not induce substantial unplanned population growth in the area. The project is intended to maintain wireless telecommunications service for the existing community. The project will not displace people or housing.

XV. PUBLIC SERVICES

Would the project:

- A. Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically-altered governmental facilities, or the need for new or physically-altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services?
 - 1. Fire protection?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The Fresno County Fire Protection District (FCFPD) has reviewed the subject application and did not express concerns indicating that the project would result in the need for new or physically altered facilities related to fire safety and fire protection. Comments received from the FCFPD require that the structure comply with California Code of Regulations Title 24 – Fire Code and that the project will be subject to current Fire Code and Building Code standards when a building permit or certificate of occupancy is sought.

- 2. Police protection;
- 3. Schools:

- 4. Parks; or
- 5. Other public facilities?

Reviewing Departments and Agencies did not express concerns indicating that the project would result in the need to provide for or physically alter governmental facilities. The project is for an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility that will replace an existing facility which is located on the adjacent property.

XVI. RECREATION

Would the project:

- A. Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated; or
- B. Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will not increase the use of existing neighborhood or regional parks or other recreational facilities. The project will also not result in the requirement to construct or expand recreational facilities.

XVI. TRANSPORTATION

Would the project:

- A. Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities; or
- B. Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

An existing wireless telecommunications facility adjacent to the proposed site is planned to be decommissioned if the proposed facility is approved and constructed. Based on the Applicant's Operational Statement, project operation will not generate any traffic trips as the facility is unmanned and does not require employees to be onsite to operate the use. The project will not conflict with a program, plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system and does not conflict with or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3, subdivision (b).

- C. Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?; or
- D. Result in inadequate emergency access?

The project proposes to utilize an existing driveway located off W. Elkhorn Avenue and a proposed twelve-foot wide access road will be used to access the project site. No reviewing Agencies or Departments expressed concern to indicate the design of the project access is hazardous. Additionally, no concerns were received by staff to indicate that the project would result in inadequate emergency access. The Fresno County Fire Protection District (FCFPD) did not express concerns regarding emergency access.

XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

- A. Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:
 - Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or
 - 2. A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Per Assembly Bill 52 (AB52), participating Native American Tribes were given the opportunity to review and enter consultation with the County regarding the project proposal. No participating Native American Tribe expressed concerns regarding the project to indicate that a Tribal Cultural Resource would be adversely impacted by the proposal. In the event that a Tribal Cultural Resource is discovered during ground-disturbing activities, a mitigation measure will be implemented to adequately address tribal cultural resources.

* <u>Mitigation Measure(s)</u>

1. See Section V. Cultural Resources A., B., and C. Mitigation Measures

XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

Would the project:

A. Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project will not result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment, storm water drainage, or natural gas facilities. The project is expected to construct new connections to the existing electrical power grid and is not expected to have an adverse impact on the environment. The project proposes to construct a new wireless telecommunications facility that will replace an existing facility on the eastern adjacent property. The construction of the new facility and decommissioning of the existing facility will not have a significant impact on the environment.

- B. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years; or
- C. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments; or
- D. Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals; or
- E. Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project is an unmanned telecommunications facility and is not proposed to utilize available water supplies to operate. No wastewater treatment is necessary for the project as operation of the facility is off site. The project will not generate solid waste in excess of State or Local standard and will comply with federal, state and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste.

XX. WILDFIRE

If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project:

- A. Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects; or
- B. Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire; or
- C. Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment; or
- D. Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to the 2007 Fire Hazard Severity Map for Fresno County, administered by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire), the project site is not located in a State Responsibility Area or land classified as very high fire hazard severity zones. Therefore, there is no impact or risk from wildfires.

XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Would the project:

A. Have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

As stated in Section IV. Biological Resources, A., according to the California Natural Diversity Database, there are two reported occurrences of special status species located in proximity of the project site. The Tricolored Blackbird was reported on April 29, 1907 and the Swainson's Hawk on April 29, 1912. Based on the preferred nesting and foraging habitat of both species, the project is not expected to have a significant impact on the species. The project will not substantially degrade the quality of the environment as an existing facility has been operating with no impact on the listed species.

B. Have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED:

Cumulative impacts identified in the analysis were related to Aesthetics, Cultural Resources, Energy, and Tribal Cultural Resources. These impacts will be reduced to a less than significant impact with incorporated Mitigation Measures discussed in Section I.D., Section V.A., B., and C., Section VI.A. and B., and Section XVIII.A.1., and 2.

C. Have environmental effects, which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No impact on human beings, either directly or indirectly, were identified in the project analysis.

CONCLUSION/SUMMARY

Based upon the Initial Study prepared for Initial Study Application No. 7718 and Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3659, staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. It has been determined that there would be no impacts to Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, and Wildfire.

Potential impacts related to Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Transportation, and Utilities and Service Systems have been determined to be less than significant. Potential impacts relating to Aesthetics, Cultural Resources, Energy, and Tribal Cultural Resources have been determined to be less than significant with compliance with the incorporated Mitigation Measures.

A Mitigated Negative Declaration is recommended and is subject to approval by the decision-making body. The Initial Study is available for review at 2220 Tulare Street, Suite A, street level, located on the southwest corner of Tulare and "M" Street, Fresno, California.

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County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

Planning Commission Staff Report Agenda Item No. 3 January 23, 2020

SUBJECT: Variance Application No. 4080

Allow the creation of a five-acre parcel and a 35-acre parcel (40-acre minimum required) from an existing 40-acre parcel in the AL-40 (Limited Agricultural, 40-acre minimum parcel size) Zone

District.

LOCATION: The subject parcel is located on North Newmark Avenue,

approximately three quarter-miles north of State Route 168 (11610 and 11614 North Newmark Avenue) (SUP. DIST. 5) (APN 150-031-

21).

OWNER Delma Joy Ventress

APPLICANT: Jay Ventress

STAFF CONTACT: Jeremy Shaw, Planner

(559) 600-4207

Marianne Mollring, Senior Planner

(559) 600-4569

RECOMMENDATION:

Deny Variance No. 4080; and

• Direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.

EXHIBITS:

- 1. Conditions of Approval and Project Notes
- 2. Location Map
- 3. Existing Zoning Map
- 4. Existing Land Use Map
- 5. Variances Map
- 6. Site Plan
- 7. Applicant's Findings

SITE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATIONAL INFORMATION:

Criteria	Existing	Proposed
General Plan Designation	Agriculture	No change
Zoning	AL-40 (Limited Agricultural, 40- acre minimum parcel size) Zone District	No change
Parcel Size	40.00 acres	5-acre parcel
		35-acre parcel
Project Site	40.00-acre parcel improved with two single-family residences	See proposed Parcel Size above
Structural Improvements	The subject parcel is improved with a 1,440 square-foot mobile home and a 2,036 square-foot mobile home	Two existing dwellings, which were approved by DRA No. 3688, will remain on the proposed 5.00-acre parcel.
Nearest Residence	Approximately 220 feet north of the northern boundary of the subject property	No change

EXISTING VIOLATION (Y/N) AND NATURE OF VIOLATION: N

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

It has been determined pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines: *Review for Exemption* that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment and is not subject to CEQA.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Notices were sent to 11 property owners within 1,320 feet of the subject parcel, exceeding the minimum notification requirements prescribed by the California Government Code and County Zoning Ordinance.

PROCEDURAL CONSIDERATIONS:

A Variance (VA) may be approved only if four Findings specified in the Fresno County Zoning Ordinance, Section 877 are made by the Planning Commission.

The decision of the Planning Commission on a Variance Application is final, unless appealed to the Board of Supervisors within 15 days of the Commission's action.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

According to available records, the subject parcel has existed in its current configuration since at least 1976. Prior to that, the parcel was divided by deed from its original configuration as a portion of Section 12, Township 12 South, Range 22 East. The subject parcel was originally zoned A-1 General Agricultural and was rezoned to AL-40 with the approval of Amendment Application No. 3244, which was approved on May 4, 1982 along with the adoption of the Sierra North Regional Plan.

The current Variance request, submitted on August 1, 2019, proposes to allow the division of the subject 40.0-acre parcel into a 5.0-acre (homesite) parcel and a 35.0-acre remainder parcel. If this Variance is approved, it is the intention of the property owner to remain on the proposed 5.0-acre (homesite) parcel, containing two existing dwellings. The existing second dwelling unit was authorized by DRA No. 3688, approved in May 2005.

One (1) variance request has been processed within one half-mile of the subject property. That variance is detailed in the table below:

Application/Request	Staff Recommendation	Final Action	Date of Action
VA No. 3990 (DRA No. 4454) – Allow the creation of three parcels from an existing 63.65-acre parcel and allow an existing residence to remain as a permanent second residence in the AE-40 Zone District.	Denial	PC Approved	October 20, 2016

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:

Findings 1 and 2:

There are exceptional or extraordinary circumstances or conditions applicable to the property involved which do not apply generally to other property in the vicinity having the identical zoning classification; and

Such Variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of the applicant, which right is possessed by other property owners under like conditions in the vicinity having the identical zoning classification.

	Current Standard:	Proposed Configuration:	Is Standard Met (y/n):
Setbacks	AL-40 Zone District: Front: 35 feet Side: 20 feet Rear: 20 feet	Proposed 5.0-acre parcel: Front: 35 feet Side: 20 feet Rear: 20 feet	5.00-acre parcel : Yes
		Proposed 35.0-acre parcel: Front: 35 feet Side: 20 feet Rear: 20 feet	35.00-acre parcel: Yes
Parking	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lot Coverage	No requirement	N/A	N/A
Separation Between Buildings	No requirement for residential or accessory structures, excepting those used to house animals, which must be located a minimum of 40 feet from any human-occupied building	N/A	N/A
Wall Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
Septic Replacement Area	100 percent of the existing system	No change	N/A
Water Well Separation	Building sewer/ septic tank: 50 feet; disposal field: 100 feet; seepage pit/cesspool: 150 feet	There are currently two septic systems on the proposed 5.0-acre parcel to serve the two existing dwellings, there is also a domestic water well located on the proposed 5.00-acre parcel, and an agricultural well located on the proposed 35-acre parcel. Any existing or proposed water wells will be required to meet minimum setbacks (separation) from existing or proposed septic systems.	Yes

Reviewing Agencies/Department Comments:

Zoning and Permit Review Section of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning: If this Variance is approved, a subsequent mapping procedure will be required. A special inspection to verify the removal of the mobile home will need to be obtained.

Road Maintenance and Operations Division of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning: Newmark Avenue is County maintained and classified as a Local road with an existing 40-foot right-of-way, a paved width of 24.1 feet with dirt shoulders, an Average Daily Traffic (ADT) count of 200 vehicles per day, a pavement condition index of 47.1, and is in poor condition.

An encroachment permit from the Fresno County Road Maintenance and Operations Division is required for any work within the County right-of-way.

Development Engineering Section of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning: Newmark Avenue is classified as a Local road with a 40-foot right-of-way. Newmark Avenue ends at the southern property line of the subject parcel, per the Plat Book. This section of Newmark Avenue is not a County-maintained road.

Any access driveway should be set back a minimum of ten feet from the side property line. If not already present, ten-foot by ten-foot corner cutoffs shall be provided for sight distance purposes at any driveway accessing Newmark Avenue.

According to FEMA, FIRM Panel 1070H, portions of the subject parcel are located in Flood Zone A special flood hazard area, subject to flooding from the 100-year (one-percent-chance) storm event. According to U.S.G.S. Quad Maps, there are natural drainage channels adjacent to or traversing the subject parcel.

Analysis:

In support of Finding 1, the Applicant's findings state that the subject property has been in the family for several generations and has been divided by deed over time to its current configuration, and that it is the Applicant's desire to preserve the original home site.

Regarding Finding 1, Based on the above analysis, staff is unable to identify any physical attributes, circumstances or conditions particular to the subject property that would warrant the granting of the Variance to rectify. According to the Applicant's findings, the majority of the property is vacant and suitable for grazing. Staff notes that the parcel is somewhat unusual in that is has no public road frontage and its only access point is from the terminus of Newmark Avenue at the southern property boundary. As part of the mapping process, should this Variance be approved, the Applicant will be required to record a 60-foot-wide easement, running north/south across the proposed 5-acre parcel, to provided access from Newmark Avenue to the proposed 35-acre parcel, in accordance with the Fresno County Ordinance Code, Title 17, Chapter 17.72 – Parcel Maps.

Staff also notes that the property contains a natural drainage channel which traverses the entire parcel from north to south along its eastern side, and that this fact creates a condition whereby the eastern third of the property may be inaccessible during seasonal and/or flood conditions. However, staff does not agree that this condition creates a restriction on the current residential use, or agricultural use of the property, or that the granting of the Variance to create two substandard size parcels would rectify that condition; therefore, staff is unable to make Finding 1.

In support of Finding 2, the Applicant's findings state that it is his desire to retain the original homesite on the proposed 5-acre parcel and reside there, and be able to convey the proposed 35-acre parcel as he wishes, without any restrictions; and that other property owners have been allowed to divide their property through other means such as a gift deed.

Regarding Finding 2, staff acknowledges that other property owners in the vicinity may have been allowed to divide their property through deed; however, the Applicant could also avail himself of that option, and although it carries certain restrictions upon the sale of the property, there is no deficit of a substantial property right at issue. Additionally, each Variance request must be considered on its own merits. In this case, staff is unable to make Finding 2.

General Plan Policy LU-A.7 provides that the County shall generally deny requests to create parcels less than the minimum size required per the acreage designation in areas designated Agriculture, based on concerns that these smaller parcels are less viable economic farming units, and that increased residential density would conflict with surrounding agricultural uses; moreover, Policy LU-A.7 states that "evidence that the affected parcel may be an uneconomic farming unit due to its current size, soil conditions, or other factors shall not alone be considered a sufficient basis to grant an exception. The decision-making body shall consider the negative incremental and cumulative effects such land divisions have on the agricultural community". A consideration in addressing variance applications is whether there are alternatives available that would avoid the need for the Variance. In this case, the Applicant could simply retain the property as it currently exists; however, that would not address the Applicant's concern that the size of the property creates a burden in that it must be maintained and/or utilized for agricultural purposes (grazing).

If this Variance is approved, allowing the creation of the two parcels, each of those resulting parcels could be developed with two residences, with the appropriate discretionary approval, which would increase residential density, thereby conflicting with General Plan Policy as previously discussed. See additional; discussion of General Plan Policy LU-A.7 under Finding 4 below.

Therefore, based on the preceding analysis, staff was unable to identify any exceptional or extraordinary circumstances, or conditions applicable to the subject property, nor the deficit of a substantial property right, warranting the granting of the Variance. Findings 1 and 2 cannot be made.

Recommended Conditions of Approval:

See recommended Conditions of Approval attached as Exhibit 1.

Conclusion:

Findings 1 and 2 cannot be made.

<u>Finding 3</u>: The granting of a variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to property and improvement in the vicinity in which the property is

located.

Surrounding Parcels				
	Size:	Use:	Zoning:	Nearest Residence*:
North	394.52 acres	Grazing	AE-20	N/A
South	2.50 acres	Vacant	AE-20	Approximately 490 feet

Surrou	ınding Parcels			
	5.00 acres	Vacant		
East	62.61 acres	Grazing/Single-Family Residential	AE-20	Approximately 500 feet
	44.49 acres	Grazing/Single-Family Residential		N/A
West	156.35 acres	Grazing	AE-20	N/A

^{*}Measured from the existing property lines

Reviewing Agencies/Department Comments:

Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division: It is recommended that the Applicant consider having the existing septic tanks pumped and have the tank and leach lines evaluated by an appropriately-licensed contractor if they have not been serviced and/or maintained within the last five years. The evaluation may indicate possible repairs, additions, or require the proper destruction of the system. Contact the Building and Safety Section at (559) 600-4540 for more information.

If any underground storage tank(s) are found during this project, the Applicant shall apply for and secure an Underground Storage Tank Removal Permit from the Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division. Contact the Certified Unified Program Agency at (559) 600-3271 for more information.

In an effort to protect groundwater, all abandoned water wells and septic systems on the parcel shall be properly destroyed by an appropriately-licensed contractor (permits required).

Prior to destruction of agricultural wells, a sample of the upper most fluid in the well column should be checked for lubricating oil. The presence of oil staining around the well may indicate the use of lubricating oil to maintain the well pump. Should lubricating oil be found in the well, the oil should be removed from the well prior to placement of fill material for destruction. The "oily water" removed from the well must be handled in accordance with federal, state and local government requirements. Contact the Water Surveillance Program at (559) 600-3357 for more information.

Development Engineering Section of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning: The subject parcel is located in a State Responsibility Area (SRA); accordingly, any future development shall comply with applicable SRA Fire Safe Regulations.

Any additional runoff generated by development of the subject parcel cannot be drained across property lines and must be retained on site or disposed of per County standards; on-site retention is required.

A grading permit or voucher is required for any grading work that has been done without a permit and any grading proposed with this application. Projects exceeding 1,000 cubic yards of material may require an engineered grading and drainage plan.

Fresno County Fire Protection District: This project/development will be subject to the requirements of the current Fire Code and Building Code when a building permit or certificate of occupancy is sought.

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No other comments specific to Finding 3 were expressed by reviewing Agencies or Departments.

Analysis:

In support of Finding 3, the Applicant's Findings state that the previous use for the raising of livestock has ceased and that the current size of the property at 40-acres is burdensome to maintain. The granting of the Variance to divide the parcel into a 5-acre homesite and a 35-acre remainder would allow the 35-acre portion to be sold and would sill be a viable size for continued agricultural operation. The division of the property will not adversely impact other properties in the vicinity because the division of the parcel is similar to other property divisions taking place in the area.

Concerning Finding 3, staff agrees that there would be no apparent adverse impacts upon surrounding property. The subject property is in an area of both residential and agricultural uses, primarily grazing, and parcel sizes range from more 5.0 acres to more than 300 acres. The creation of the 5.0-acre homesite would be consistent with other nearby residential development, and the property's designation as low-density residential in the County-Adopted Sierra North Regional Plan.

Staff believes that there will be no adverse impacts on neighboring properties; therefore, Finding 3 can be made.

Recommended Conditions of Approval:

See recommended Conditions attached as Exhibit 1.

Conclusion:

Finding 3 can be made.

<u>Finding 4</u>: The granting of such a variance will not be contrary to the objectives of the General Plan.

Relevant Policies:	Consistency/Considerations:
General Plan Policy LU-A.6: The County shall maintain twenty (20) acres as the minimum permitted parcel size in areas designated Agriculture, except as provided in Policies LU-A.9, LU-A.10, and LU-A.11. The County may require parcel sizes larger than twenty (20) acres based on zoning, local agricultural conditions, and to help ensure the viability of agricultural operations.	The Applicant is requesting a Variance from the 40-acre minimum parcel size requirement and does not qualify under Policies LU-A.9, LU-A.10, and LU-A.11. See Analysis below.
General Plan Policy LU-A.7: County shall generally deny requests to create parcels less than the minimum size specified in Policy LU-A.6 based on concerns that these parcels are less viable economic farming units, and that the resultant increase in residential density increases the	The minimum parcel size for the subject parcel is 40 acres. The creation of two smaller parcels is inconsistent with this policy. See Analysis below.

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potential for conflict with normal agricultural practices on adjacent parcels. Evidence that the affected parcel may be an uneconomic farming unit due to its current size, soil conditions, or other factors shall not alone be considered a sufficient basis to grant an exception. The decision-making body shall consider the negative incremental and cumulative effects such land divisions have on the agricultural community.	
General Plan Policy LU-A.9: The County may allow the creation of homesite parcels smaller than the minimum par size required by Policy LU-A.6 if the parcel involved in the division is at least twenty (20) acres in size, subject to the following criteria: a. The minimum lot size shall be sixty thousand (60,00 square feet of gross area, except that a lesser area shall be permitted when the owner submits evidence satisfactory to the Health Officer that the soils meet the Water Quality Control Board Guidelines for liquid waste disposal, but in no event shall the lot be less than one (1) gross acre; and	requirements of the minimum parcel size designation where those specific criteria are met. In the case of this application, the subject parcel does not meet the required criteria listed under Policy LU-A.9 to allow creation of a substandard size lot or homesite parcel.
b. One of the following conditions exists:	
A lot less than twenty (20) acres is required for financing construction of a residence to be owned a occupied by the owner of abutting property; or	and
 The lot or lots to be created are intended for use by persons involved in the farming operation and relate to the owner by adoption, blood, or marriage within the second degree of consanguinity, and there is or one (1) gift lot per twenty (20) acres; or 	ed
 The present owner owned the property prior to the date these policies were implemented and wishes t retain his/her homesite and sell the remaining acreage for agricultural purposes. 	to
Each homesite created pursuant to this policy shall reduce one (1) the number of residential units otherwise authorized on the remainder parcel created from the original parcel. The remainder parcel shall be entitled to no less than one residential unit.	d
General Plan Policy PF-C.17: The County shall, prior to consideration of any discretionary project related to land us undertake a water supply evaluation. The evaluation shall include the following:	This proposal was reviewed by the Water and Natural Resources Division, which did not express concerns related to water supply, as there is no

Relevant Policies:

- a. A determination that the water supply is adequate to meet the highest demand that could be permitted on the lands in question. If surface water is proposed, it must come from a reliable source and the supply must be made "firm" by water banking or other suitable arrangement. If groundwater is proposed, a hydrologic investigation may be required to confirm the availability of water in amounts necessary to meet project demand. If the lands in question lie in an area of limited groundwater, a hydrologic investigation shall be required.
- b. A determination of the impact that use of the proposed water supply will have on other water users in Fresno County. If use of surface water is proposed, its use must not have a significant negative impact on agriculture or other water users within Fresno County. If use of groundwater is proposed, a hydrologic investigation may be required. If the lands in question lie in an area of limited groundwater, a hydrologic investigation shall be required. Should the investigation determine that significant pumping-related physical impacts would extend beyond the boundary of the property in question, those impacts shall be mitigated.
- c. A determination that the proposed water supply is sustainable or that there is an acceptable plan to achieve sustainability. The plan must be structured such that it is economically, environmentally, and technically feasible. In addition, its implementation must occur prior to long-term and/or irreversible physical impacts or significant economic hardship to surrounding water users.

Consistency/Considerations:

development proposed with this application. However, any subsequent development of either of the proposed parcels would require a well yield test in accordance with Title 15, California Building Standards Code.

Reviewing Agencies/Department Comments:

Policy Planning Section of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning: The subject parcel is designated as Low-Density Residential in the County-Adopted Sierra North Regional Plan. Policy LU-A.6 states that the County shall maintain twenty (20) acres as the minimum permitted parcel size in areas designated Agriculture. Additionally, General Plan Policy LU-A.7 states that the County shall generally deny requests to create parcels less than the minimum size specified by the acreage designation in agricultural areas. Those policies are detailed in the table above. The subject parcel is not subject to a Williamson Act Contract.

Water and Natural Resources Division of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning: The subject parcel is located in a water-short area; however, there is no development proposed. No further comments.

Fresno County Fire Protection District: This project and/or development will be subject to the current Fire Code and Building Code when a building permit or certificate of occupancy is sought.

Building and Safety/Plan Check Section of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning: No comment.

Analysis:

In support of Finding 4, the Applicant states that if the subject parcel is divided, the larger proposed 35-acre parcel could be used for agricultural purposes by the owner or subsequent owner, and would therefore be consistent with the objectives of the General Plan. The subject property is designated as Low-Density Residential in the County-Adopted Sierra North Regional Plan and zoned AL-40 (Limited Agricultural, 40-acre minimum parcel size).

Per Section 817 of the Zoning Ordinance, the Limited Agricultural Zone District is intended to protect the general welfare of the agricultural community by limiting intensive uses in agricultural areas where such uses may be incompatible with or injurious to other less intensive agricultural operations. The AL Zone District is also intended to reserve and hold certain lands for future urban use by permitting limited agriculture and by regulating those more intensive uses which by their nature may be injurious to non-agricultural uses in the vicinity or inconsistent with the express purpose of reservation for future urban use.

Staff notes that General Plan Goal LU-A is "to promote the long-term conservation of productive and potentially-productive agricultural lands and to accommodate agricultural support services and agriculturally-related activities that support the viability of agriculture and further the County's economic development goals." The subject parcel is designated as Farmland of Statewide Importance, which is described as Farmland similar to Prime Farmland, but with minor shortcomings, such as greater slopes or less ability to store soil moisture.

Staff does not concur with the Applicant's statement that the project would not be contrary to the objectives of the General Plan. The General Plan contains certain policy provisions which allow for the creation of substandard-size lots for the creation of homesite parcels, subject to certain specific criteria. Specifically, Policy LU-A.9 provides for an exception from the requirements of the minimum parcel size designation where those specific criteria are met. The relevant policies and criteria are listed in the preceding table.

In the case of this application, the subject parcel does not meet the required criteria listed under Policy LU-A.9 to allow creation of a substandard-size lot. Additionally, Policy LU-A.7 restricts the creation of parcels with less than the required acreage for the zone district. Specifically, the Policy states that evidence that the parcel is already not an economic farming unit is not a basis for granting an exception (see discussion under Finding 2). Lastly, the proposal to split the parcel is not consistent with General Plan Goal LU-A, as noted above.

Based on the above analysis, Finding 4 cannot be made.

Recommended Conditions of Approval:

None.

Conclusion:
Finding 4 cannot be made.
PUBLIC COMMENT:
None.
CONCLUSION:

Based on the factors cited in the analysis, staff does not believe Findings 1, 2, and 4, required for granting the Variance, can be made. Staff therefore recommends denial of Variance Application No. 4080.

PLANNING COMMISSION MOTIONS:

Recommended Motion (Denial Action)

- Move to determine the required Findings cannot be made and move to deny Variance No. 4080; and
- Direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.

<u>Alternative Motion</u> (Approval Action)

- Move to determine that the required Findings can be made (state basis for making the findings) and move to approve Variance No. 4080, subject to the Conditions and Project Notes attached as Exhibit 1; and
- Direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.

Recommended Conditions of Approval and Project Notes:

See attached Exhibit 1.

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Variance Application (VA) No. 4080 Conditions of Approval and Project Notes

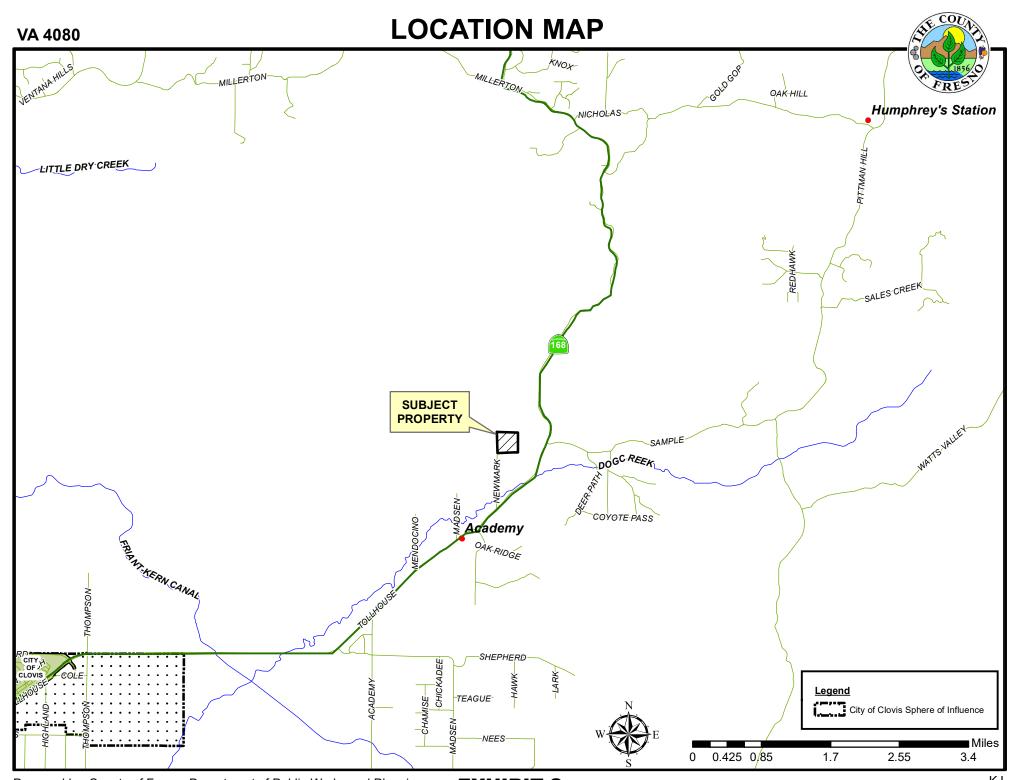
	Conditions of Approval
1.	Division of the property shall be in accordance with the site plan (Exhibit 6) as approved by the Planning Commission.
2.	A 60-foot wide easement providing access to the proposed 35-acre parcel, across the proposed 5-acre parcel, shall be recorded as part of the final parcel map. The easement shall comply with applicable standards of the Fresno County Parcel Map Ordinance (Ordinance Code) Title 17.72

Conditions of Approval reference recommended Conditions for the project.

	Notes Notes		
The following Notes reference mandatory requirements of Fresno County or other Agencies and are provided as information to the project Applicant.			
1.	Division of the subject property is subject to the provisions of the Fresno County Parcel Map Ordinance. A Parcel Map Application shall be filed to create the two proposed parcels. The Map shall comply with the requirements of Title 17.72.		
	The Fresno County Parcel Map Ordinance (County Ordinance Code, Title 17- Divisions of Land) provides that "Property access improvements associated with the division of the subject property are subject to the provisions of the Fresno County Parcel Map Ordinance, including dedication, acquisition of access easement, roadway improvements, and roadway maintenance." These requirements will be satisfied through recordation of a parcel map to create the subject parcels, subsequent to the approval of the Variance. The Applicant(s) may apply for an exception request from the road standards through the parcel map process.		
2.	The approval of this Variance will expire one year from the date of approval unless the required mapping application to create the parcels is filed in substantial compliance with the Conditions and Project Notes and in accordance with the Parcel Map Ordinance.		
3.	All abandoned water wells and septic systems on the subject parcel or resultant parcels shall be properly destroyed by an appropriately-licensed contractor, subject to permits and inspections by the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning and the Fresno County Department of Public Health.		
4.	Prior to destruction of agricultural wells, a sample of the uppermost fluid in the well column shall be checked for lubricating oil. The presence of oil staining around the well may indicate the use of lubricating oil to maintain the well pump. Should lubricating oil be found in the well, the oil shall be removed from the well prior to placement of fill material for destruction. The oily water removed from the well must be handled in accordance with federal, state and local government requirements.		
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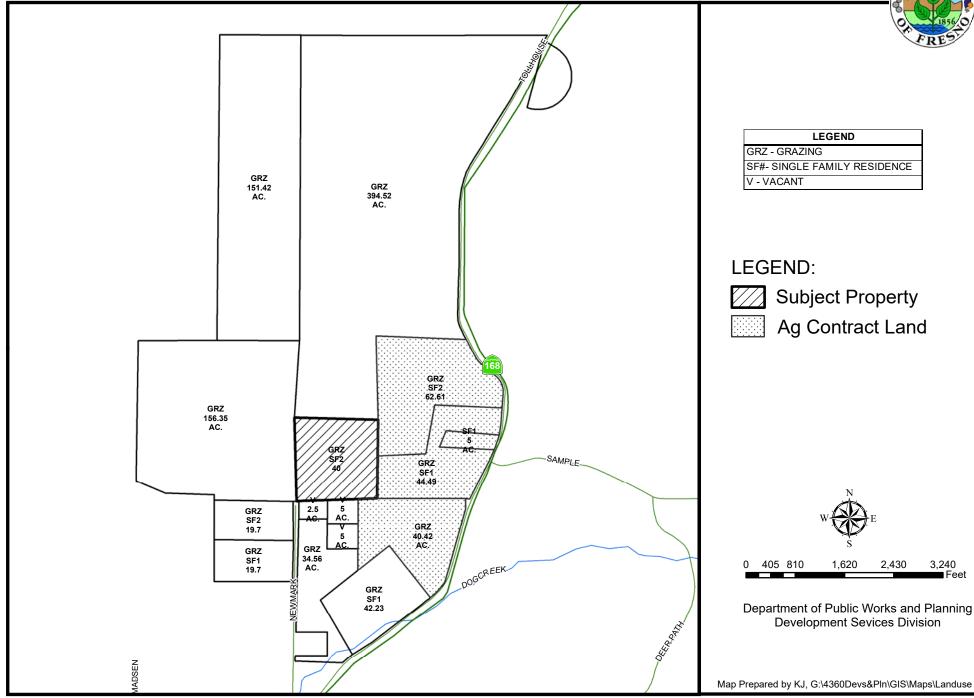
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6.	A Grading Permit or Voucher shall be required for any grading that has been done without a permit and any grading associated with future development of the existing and proposed parcel(s).
7.	Any additional runoff generated by development of the proposed parcels cannot be drained across property lines and must be retained or disposed of per County standards.
8.	An encroachment permit from the Fresno County Road Maintenance and Operations Division will be required for any work proposed within the County road right-of-way.

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EXISTING LAND USE MAP





APPROVED VARIANCES WITHIN A HALF MILE RADIUS VA 4080 1/2 MILE **RADIUS SUBJECT PROPERTY** SAMPL VA 3990 0.075 0.15 0.3 0.45 0.6 Prepared by: County of Fresno Department of Public Works and Planning

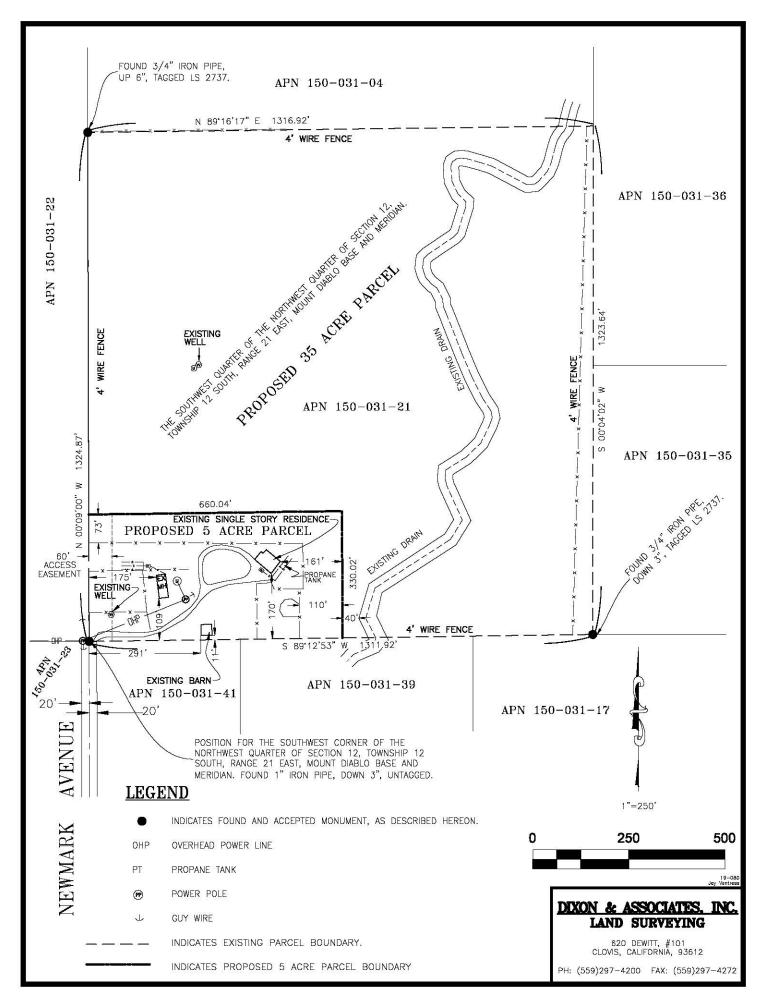
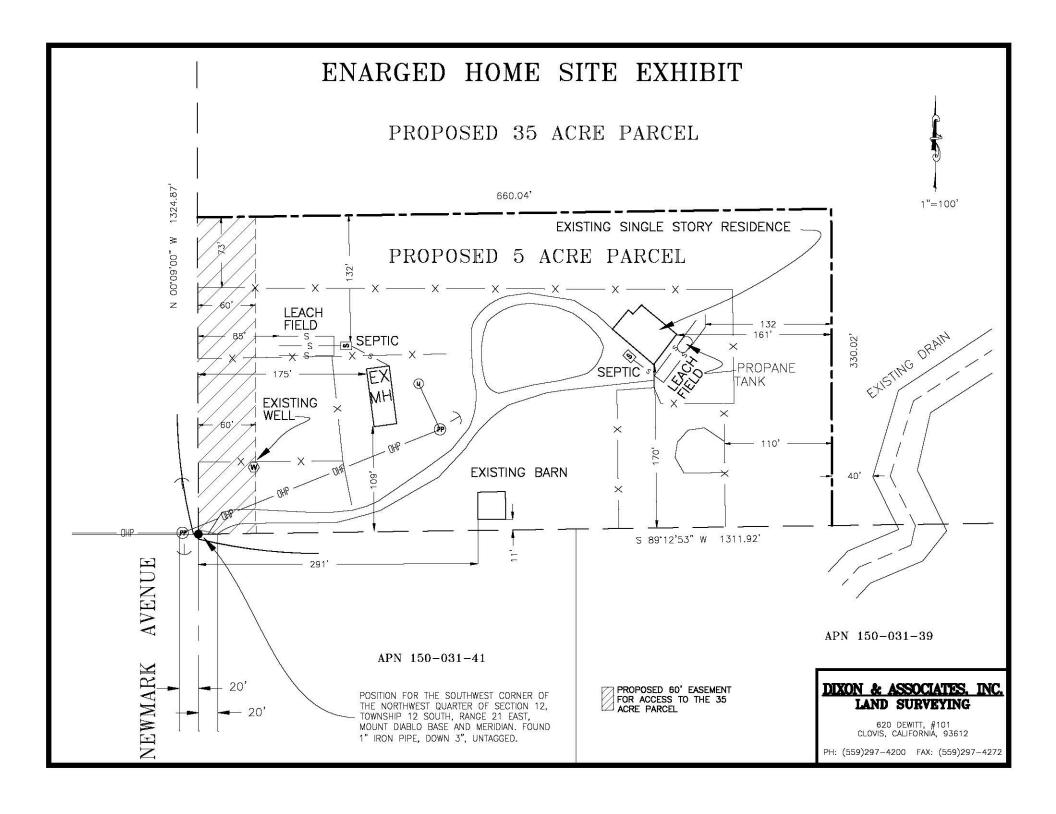


EXHIBIT 6



- 1. The Property at 11610 and 11614 N. Newmark has been in the family for 4 generations. This 40 acre parcel represents the last piece from the original property which at one time included both sides of Newmark out to highway 168 and totaled a little over 200 acres.
 My wife's great grandparents began purchasing portions of this property in the early 1920's. At that time her great grandmother's parents owned nearly 1,000 acres off of Watts Valley road. That Kirch family homestead was sold out of the family a few years ago. This 40 acre parcel we live on is the last piece of property still owned by family that had an original home on it.
- 2. It is our hope to keep all or at the very least the original home site of my wife's great grandparents. The neighbors to the South who purchased the 60 acre property from my wife's grandmother has gifted his three children 5 acre's each. There are going to be four new homes on Newmark. This is not against the law and it is in accordance with county ordinances. We have been approached by three of our adjoining neighbors about selling the 40 acre's. We do not want to move. We could go the gifting route, but then we would have to wait 5 years before we could sell if necessary. We would like to keep 5 acre's and sell 35 which is why we are asking for the variance. The 5 acre parcel is where the original house was. The 5 acre parcel butts up against the 5 acre parcels the neighbor has gifted his children.
- 3. We were raising horses, buying and selling a few calves and goats. We are no longer doing that and the property is becoming more of a burden as we are both getting up in age. The neighbors who have inquired about the property are all in the agricultural business. The 35 acre parcel has a very good well and is very advantageous to the neighbors that run cattle.
- 4. The neighbors North and East are all old established families who still run cattle or horses thus meeting the objective of the Fresno County General Plan of keeping the land in agriculture would be preserved.