

### County of Fresno

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

### Planning Commission Staff Report Agenda Item No. 2 August 26, 2021

SUBJECT: Unconditional Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3714

**Environmental Review No. 8082** 

Allow unmanned telecommunications tower equipment on an existing PG&E transmission tower as well as ground equipment associated with the tower on 378.75 sq. ft. lease area in the R-R (Rural Residential, minimum 2-acre minimum parcel lot size) Zone

District.

LOCATION: Proposed Site located 500 feet east of the N. DeWolf Avenue and

E. Escalon Avenue intersection. Ref# CVL02011/Bullard Ave.

(APN: 553-060-13) (Sup. Dist. 5)

OWNER: Baldev Singh Khela

**APPLICANT:** Epic Wireless- Carl Jones

STAFF CONTACT: Elliot Racusin, Planner

(559) 600-4245

David Randall, Senior Planner

(559) 600-4052

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

 Approve Unclassified Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Application No. 3714 with recommended Findings and Conditions; and

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

### **EXHIBITS:**

- 1. Conditions of Approval & Project Notes
- 2. Location Map
- 3. Zoning Map
- 4. Land Use Map
- 5. Cell Towers
- 6. Site Plans
- 7. Elevations/Site Photos
- 8. Operational Statement

### SITE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATIONAL INFORMATION:

Criteria	Existing	Proposed
General Plan Designation	Residential	No change
Zoning	R-R (Rural Residential)	No change
Parcel Size	2.32	No change
Project Site	PG&E Lattice Tower	No change
Structural Improvements	Existing PG&E tower in a 378.75 sq. ft. lease area	Addition of a 12ft lattice tower extension (referred to as a "top hat") extension on an existing PG&E tower to enable antennas to be installed, with ground equipment and a backup generator installed underneath the tower
Nearest Residence	120 feet north of the parcel	No Change
Surrounding Development	The project site is surrounded by single-family residences.	No Change
Operational Features	PG&E Lattice Tower	Operation of the project will occur 12 months a year, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day consistent with the continuous schedule of normal telephone company operations
Employees	N/A	The facility is "unmanned" and will be visited on an "as needed" basis only. No more than two technicians will attend the facility. Their schedule will be on a 24-hour basis. No more than two service vehicles, being either a van or a small pickup truck will visit the facility.
Customers/Supplier	N/A	N/A
Traffic Trips	N/A	One maintenance trip per month
Lighting	N/A	The only lighting at the site will be a shielded down tilt light with motion

Criteria	Existing	Proposed
		sensor & auto shut off
		timer installed at the door
		entrance to the shelter.
Landscaping	None	No Change

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

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

It has been determined pursuant to Section 15061(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, 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 54 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 the five 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:**

Applicant seeks a 12-foot lattice tower extension (referred to as a "top hat") on an existing PG&E tower to enable antennas to be installed, with ground equipment and a backup generator installed underneath the tower inside a 378.75 sq. ft. lease area.

### 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	Front Yard: 35 Feet	No Change	Υ
	Side Yard: 20 Feet		
	Rear Yard: 20 Feet		
Parking	No Requirement	No Requirement	Y
Lot Coverage	No Requirement	No Requirement	Y

	Current Standard:	Proposed Operation:	Is Standard Met (y/n)
Space Between Buildings	6-feet	N/A	Υ
Wall Requirements	6-feet maximum	N/A	Υ

### **Reviewing Agency/Department Comments Regarding Site Adequacy:**

Fresno County Zoning staff agree the fence is an integral part of the cell tower structure. Therefore, height limits will be controlled by the height of the structure and are not impeded by Fresno County's current zone standards.

**Analysis Finding 1:** The parcel's size and shape is adequate to accommodate the proposed use, all development standards can be met.

### **Recommended Conditions of Approval:**

See Mitigation Measures and recommended Conditions of Approval attached as Exhibit 1.

### **Conclusion Finding 1:**

Finding 1 can be made based on the above analysis, staff finds that the proposed use is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the proposed use.

**Finding 2:** 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	Escalon and Bataan are private roads within CSA 35AM	No Change
Public Road Frontage	No	N/A	N/A
Direct Access to Public	No	N/A	N/A
Road			
Road ADT		N/A	N/A
Road Classification		Bataan Avenue Escalon Avenue Both are not County maintained roads.	No Change
Road Width		N/A	N/A
Road Surface		N/A	N/A
Traffic Trips		N/A	N/A
Traffic Impact Study (TIS) Prepared	No	N/A	N/A
Road Improvements Required		No	N/A

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

Department of Public Works and Planning - Road Maintenance & Operations states: Subject parcel does not front or impact any County maintained roads.

### **Analysis Finding 2:**

Based on the above information and with adherence to the Conditions of Approval and Project Notes, staff believes there will be negligible traffic created from this proposal. The affected streets, N. Bataan Avenue and E. Escalon Avenue, will remain adequate to accommodate the proposed use.

### **Recommended Conditions of Approval**

See Project Notes, and recommended Conditions of Approval attached as Exhibit A.

### **Conclusion Finding 2:**

Finding 2 can be made, the proposed project will not increase traffic in the area.

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

	Surrounding Parcels					
	Size:	Use:	Zoning:	Nearest Residence (from nearest property line):		
North	2.01-acres	Single-Family Residence	RR	128 feet		
East	2.43-acres	Single-Family Residence	RR	280 feet		
South	2.13-acres	Single-Family Residence	RR	302 feet		
West	2.10acres	Single-Family Residence	RR	240 feet		

### **Reviewing Agency/Department Comments:**

Fresno County Fire Protection District: 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.

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

### **Analysis Finding 3:**

Based on the above information, and with adherence to Conditions of Approval, and mandatory Project Notes, staff believes that the proposal will not have significant adverse effects upon surrounding properties.

### **Recommended Conditions of Approval:**

Recommended Condition of Approval attached as Exhibit A.

### **Conclusion Finding 3:**

Finding 3 can be made as there are no adverse effects on abutting property and surrounding neighborhood.

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

Relevant Policies:	Consistency/Considerations:
Policy PF-J.4:	The applicant shall adhere to Fresno County's
The County shall require compliance with the Wireless Communications Guidelines for siting of communication towers in unincorporated areas of the County	Wireless Communication Guidelines.
Policy LU-E.1 In areas designated Rural ResidentialThe County may allow by discretionary permit certain other agricultural uses and non- agricultural uses,	The project meets this provision by virtue of the Application for a Conditional Use Permit.

### **Reviewing Agency Comments:**

Policy Planning Section of the Department of Public Works and Planning stated: The Policy Planning Unit has reviewed the proposed project and determined that there are no Williamson Act Program or General Plan issues with Unclassified CUP Application No. 3714.

### **Analysis Finding 4:**

As noted above, the County General Plan allows for the proposed use in areas designated Rural Residential, provided that the use substantially adheres to the wireless Communications Guidelines. The proposal meets this Policy.

### **Recommended Conditions of Approval:**

None

### **Conclusion Finding 4:**

Finding 4 can be made based on the applicant complying with General Plan Policy PF-J.4 Wireless Communications Guidelines for siting of communication towers in unincorporated areas of the County.

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

### **Analysis Finding 5:**

The proposed conditions of approval were developed based on studies and consultation with specifically qualified staff, consultants, and outside agencies. They were developed to address the specific impacts of the proposed project and were designed to address the public health, safety, and welfare. Additional comments and projects notes have been included to assist in identifying existing non-discretionary regulations that also apply to the project. The Applicant has signed an acknowledgment agreeing to the proposed mitigation measures and has not advised staff of any specific objection to the proposed conditions of approval.

### **Recommended Conditions of Approval:**

None.

### **Conclusion Finding 5:**

Finding 5 can be made based on the above information, the proposed mitigation measures and conditions of approval are necessary to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

### **SUMMARY CONCLUSION:**

Staff believes the required Findings for granting the CUP Application can be made based on the factors cited in the analysis, in conjunction with the recommended Conditions of Approval and Project Notes regarding mandatory requirements. Staff therefore recommends approval of Classified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3714, subject to the recommended Conditions.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION MOTIONS:**

### **Recommended Motion** (Approval Action)

- Move to determine the required Findings can be made as recommended by the Staff Report and move to approve Conditional Use Permit No. 3714, subject to the 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 Conditional Use Permit No. 3714; 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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### **EXHIBIT 1**

## Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3714 (Including Conditions of Approval and Project Notes)

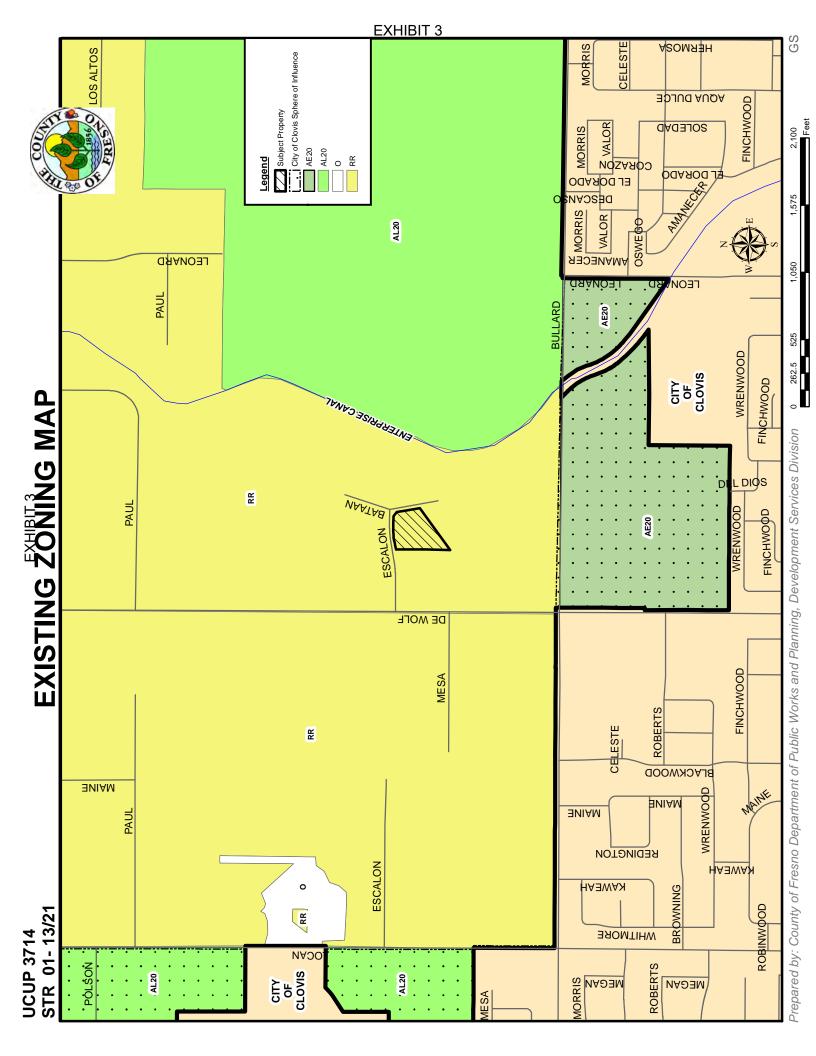
	Conditions of Approval
<del>-</del> -	Development shall be in substantial compliance with the approved site plan and elevations. The proposed tower shall be substantially the same as depicted in the drawings and/ or photographs submitted by the applicant.
25	Development of the property shall be in accordance with the Site Plan, Elevations and Operational Statement approved by the commission.
ri e	The approval shall expire if use of the tower ceases for a period more than two years. At such time the tower and related facilities shall be restored as nearly as practical to its original conditions. This stipulation shall be recorded as a Covenant running with the land.
4	Note: This Department will prepare the Covenant upon receipt of the standard processing fee, which is currently \$243.50.
5.	Prior to building permits being issued for the project proposal, the Applicant shall submit an updated lease agreement that reflects the proposed lease area so that staff can verify colocation of the project site is accommodated in the agreement.

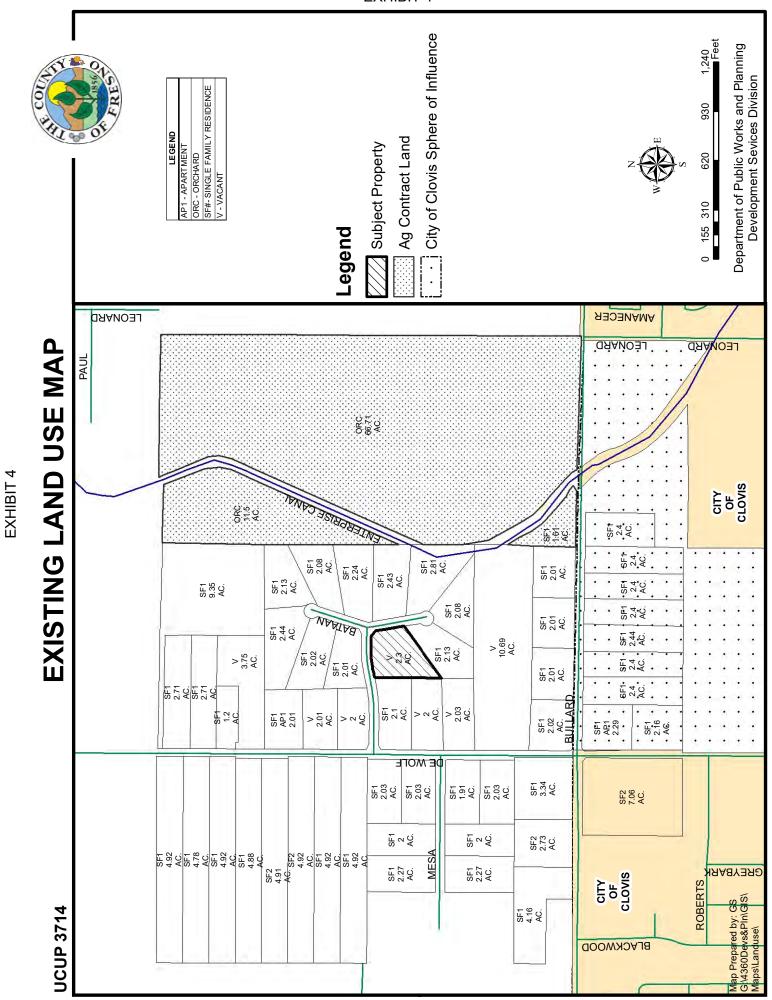
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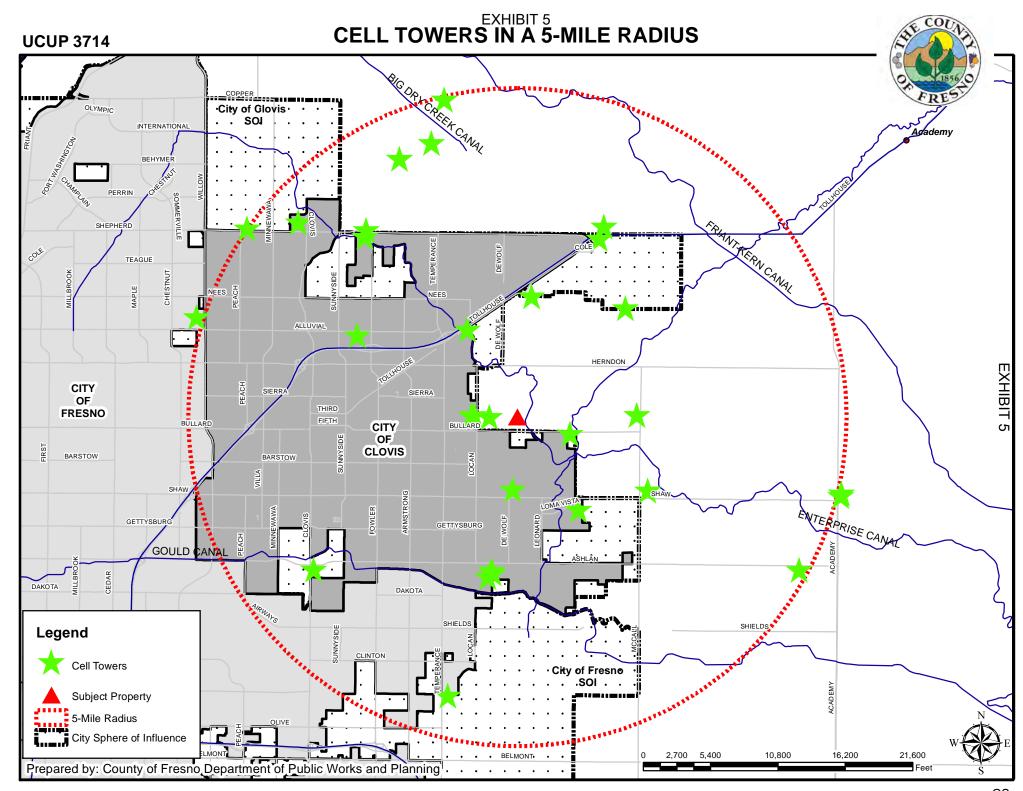
	Notes
The following Note	The following Notes reference mandatory requirements of Fresno County or other Agencies and are provided as information to the project Applicant.
+	Escalon is a private local road, CSA 35AM for maintenance.
2.	According to FEMA FIRM Panel 1585H, the property is not subject to flooding from the 100- year storm.
3.	According to the U.S.G.S. Quad Map, there are no intermittent streams present within the subject parcel.
4.	A grading permit or voucher may be required for any grading proposed with this application. The finished pad elevation should be at
	or above the crown of the road. Any storm water runoff is to be directed to the existing basin for this parcel.
5.	All application types stated above SHALL comply with California Code of Regulations Title 24 – Fire Code. Prior to receiving your
	FCFPD conditions of approval for your project, you must submit construction plans to the County of Fresno Public Works and
	Planning and FCFPD for review. It is the Applicants Responsibility to deliver a minimum of two (2) sets of plans to the FCFPD.
9.	Your Project/Development may be required to annex into the into Community Facilities District No. 2010-01 of the Fresno County
	Fire Protection District. Project/Developments included: Single Family Residential (SFR), SFR Properties subdivided into three (3)
	or more housing units, Multi-Family Residential (MFR) Property, Commercial Property, Industrial Property, and/or Office Property.
7.	Project/Developments will be subject to the requirements of the current Fire Code and Building Code when a building permit or
	certificate of occupancy is sought.
	Before plans are submitted to the Fresno County Fire Protection District, please visit our website at www.fresnocountyfire.org and
	complete the Fire Permit Application to submit with your plans.
8.	Please Note – requirements for your project may include but are not limited to: Water Flow Requirements, Fire Hydrants, Water Storage Requirements, Fire Sprinklers Systems, Fire Pumps, Fire Alarm Systems, Road Access m & Premises Identification

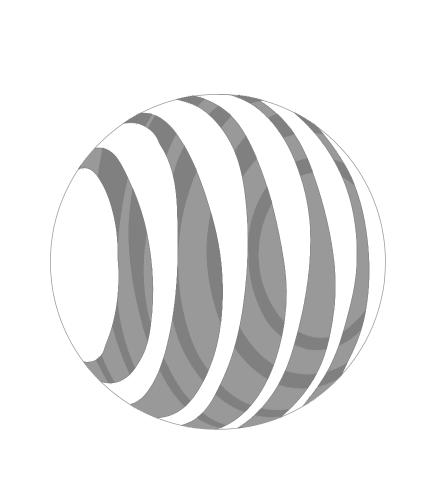
	Notes
·6	Please contact the FCFPD at (559) 493-4359 to schedule an over-the-counter meeting to receive specific requirements for your project. Failure to schedule an appointment with the FCFPD will affect your ability to obtain final approval for your project.
10.	The construction and project may result in significant short-term localized noise impacts due to intermittent use/maintenance of the proposed generator. Equipment shall be maintained according to manufacturers' specifications, and noise-generating equipment equipped with mufflers. Consideration should be given to the County Noise Ordinance Code and to the City of Clovis municipal code.
11.	As a measure to protect ground water, all water wells and/or septic systems that exist or have been abandoned within the project area should be properly destroyed by an appropriately licensed contractor.
12.	If any underground storage tank(s) are found during construction, 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 Fresno County Hazmat Compliance Program at (559) 600-3271 for more information.

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FA LOCATION#: 15376643 **PACE ID#: MRSFR073882** 3701A0WG2K USID#: 297121 PTN#:

**INITIATIVE:** 

RFDS VER#: 2.00\_04/15/2021 RFDS ID #: 4258809

> PG&E LINE NAME: KERCKHOFF-CLOVIS-SANGER #2 PG&E CONTACT: MELISSA CHAVEZ PG&E TOWER #: C001/010 SAP #: 40604438

MKWF@PGE.COM (661) 473-9199

### MAP **∠ICINIT**

e Wolf Ave

(P) AT&T UNMANNED TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY CONSISTING OF INSTALLING:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- (P) AT&T 378.75 SQ FT LICENSE AREA BELOW (E) PG& LATTICE TOWER
  (P) 12'-0" TOWER TOP EXTENSION
  (7) (P) PG&E APPROVED 3'-0" H-FRAMES BELOW CONDUCTORS
  (3) (P) PG&E APPROVED 3'-0" H-FRAMES ABOVE CONDUCTORS
  (6) (P) AT&T ANTENNAS W/ BSAMNT-LW BRACKETS ABOVE CONDUCTORS
  (8) (P) AT&T ANTENNAS W/ BSAMNT-3 BRACKETS BELOW CONDUCTORS
  (9) (P) RTUS UNITS BELOW CONDUCTORS
  (10) (P) RTUS UNITS BELOW CONDUCTORS
  (11) (P) FIBER TRUNKS CABLES & (12) (P) POWER TRUNK CABLES TO SURGE SUPPRESSORS BELOW CONDUCTORS
  (12) (P) FIBER TRUNKS CABLES & (12) (P) POWER TRUNK CABLES TO ANTENNAS ABOVE CONDUCTORS
  (13) (P) ½" JUMPERS FROM SURGE SUPPRESSORS BELOW CONDUCTORS TO ANTENNAS ABOVE CONDUCTORS
  (P) 30KW DIESEL GENERATOR ON (P) 132 GALLON UL 2085 RATED FUEL TANK
  (P) UTILITIES TO (P) AT&T EQUIPMENT LICENSE AREA

# PROJECT INFORMATION

SITE NAME:	BULLARD AVE	SITE #:	CVL02011
COUNTY:	FRESNO	JURISDICTION:	FRESNO COUNTY
APN:	553-060-13	POWER:	PG&E
SITE ADDRESS:	EAST ESCALON AVENUE CLOVIS, CA 93619	LATITUDE:	N 36°49'35.38" NAD 83
CURRENT ZONING:	(RR) RURAL RESIDENTIAL	LONGITUDE:	W 119°38′37.11″ NAD 83
CONSTRUCTION TYPE:	I– B	AMSL:	±396.1°
OCCUPANCY TYPE:	U, (UNMANNED COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY)		
PROPERTY OWNER:	BALDEV KHELA 11770 N BELLA VISTA AVENUE FRESNO, CA 93730	ZONING CONTACT:	ATTN: CARL JONES (916) 798—2275 CARL.JONES@EPICWIRELESS.NE
TOWER OWNER:	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY 245 MARKET STREET MAIL CODE N10D	CONSTRUCTION CONTACT:	ATTN: PETE MANAS (530) 383-5957

### SITE LOCATION N De Wolf Ave De V

### DIRECTIONS DRIVING

5001 EXECUTIVE PARKWAY, SAN RAMON, CA 94583 EAST ESCALON AVENUE, CLOVIS, CA 93619 FROM: TO:

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A-7 DETAILS	A   &

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2019 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, PART 1, TITLE 24 C.C.R.
2019 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE (CBC), PART 2, VOLUME 1&2, TITLE 24 C.C.R.

(2018 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE AND 2019 CALIFORNIA AMENDMENTS)
2019 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE (CEC), PART 3, TITLE 24 C.C.R.

(2017 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE (CMC) PART 4, TITLE 24 C.C.R.

(2018 UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE AND 2019 CALIFORNIA AMENDMENTS)
2019 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE (CPC), PART 5, TITLE 24 C.C.R.

(2018 UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE (CEC), PART 6, TITLE 24 C.C.R.
2019 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, PART 9, TITLE 24 C.C.R.

(2018 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND 2019 CALIFORNIA AMENDMENTS)
2019 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, PART 11, TITLE 24 C.C.R.
2019 CALIFORNIA REFERENCED STANDARDS, PART 12, TITLE 24 C.C.R.

COMPLIANCE

PRELIMINARY: NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION KEVIN R. SORENSEN S4469

NOT FOR HUMAN HABITATION. DISABLED ACCESS & REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED IN STATE BUILDING CODE, TITLE 24 PART 2, SECTION 11B-203.5

ALONG WITH ANY OTHER APPLICABLE LOCAL & STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

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REQUIREMENTS

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THIS FACILITY IS UNMANNED & ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA

SHEET SHEET TITLE: 

SHEET NUMBER

**2AN RAMON, CA 94583** 2001 EXECUTIVE PARKWAY

PLAN

ELECTRICAL

ESTIMATED DISTANCE: 170 MILES

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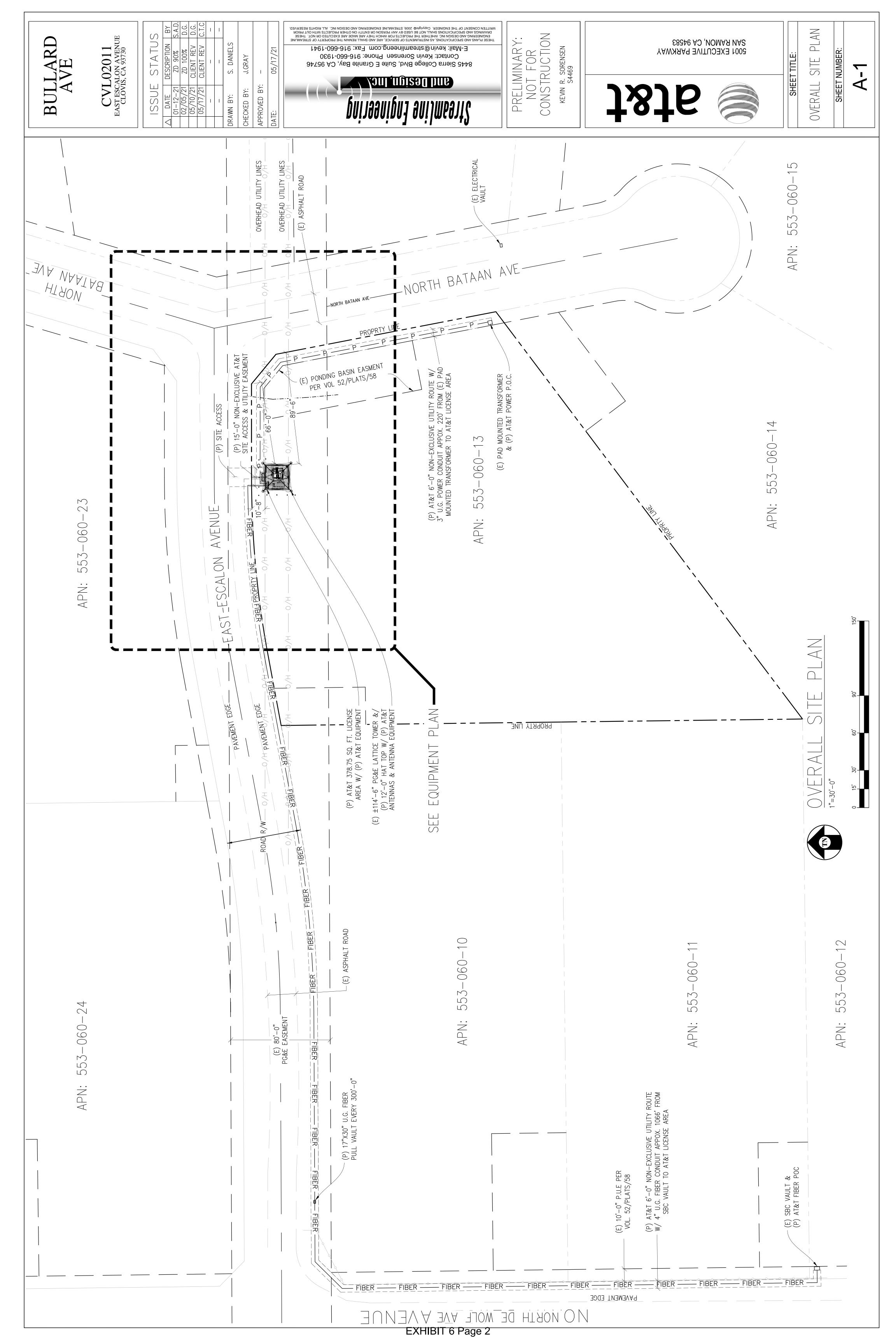
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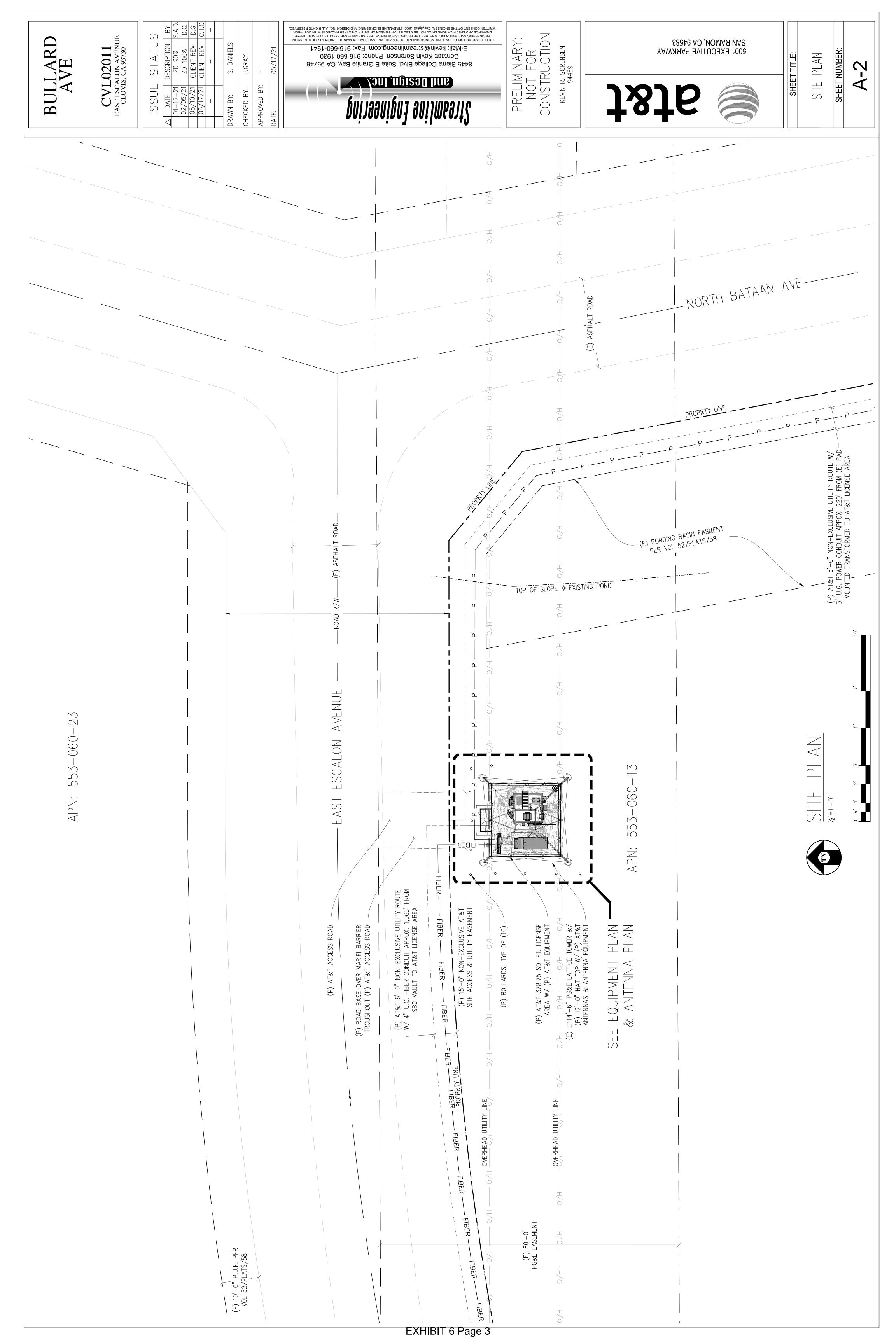
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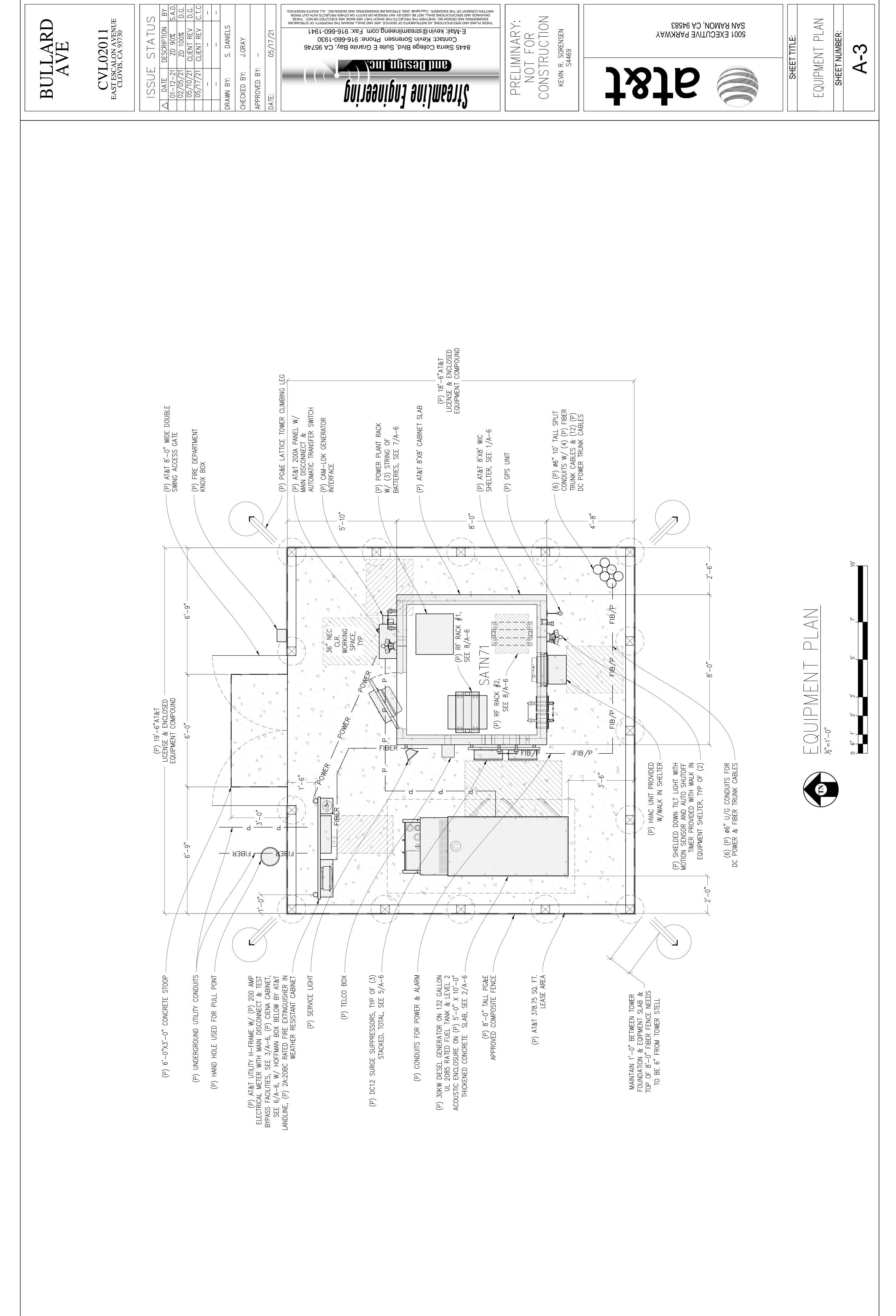
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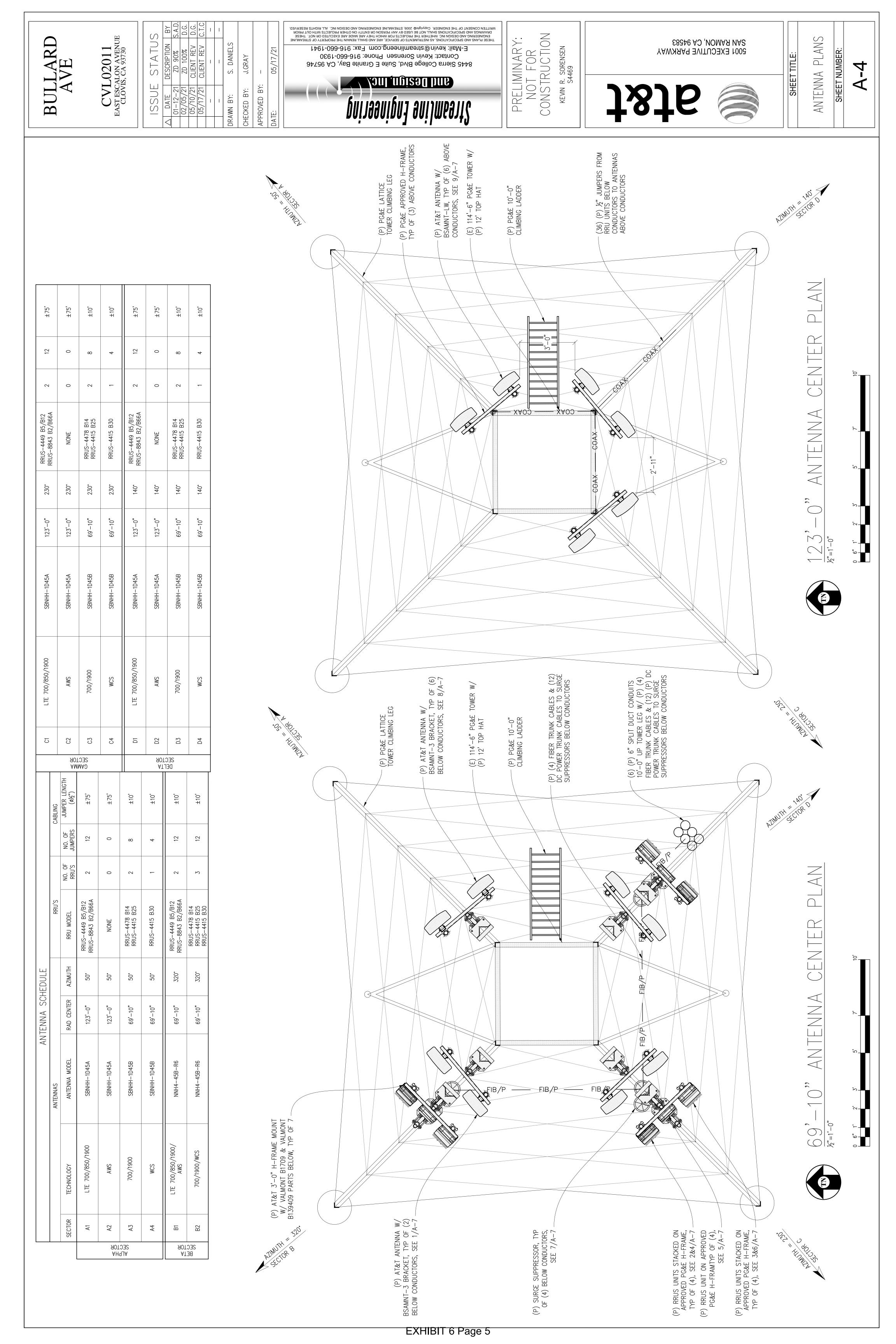
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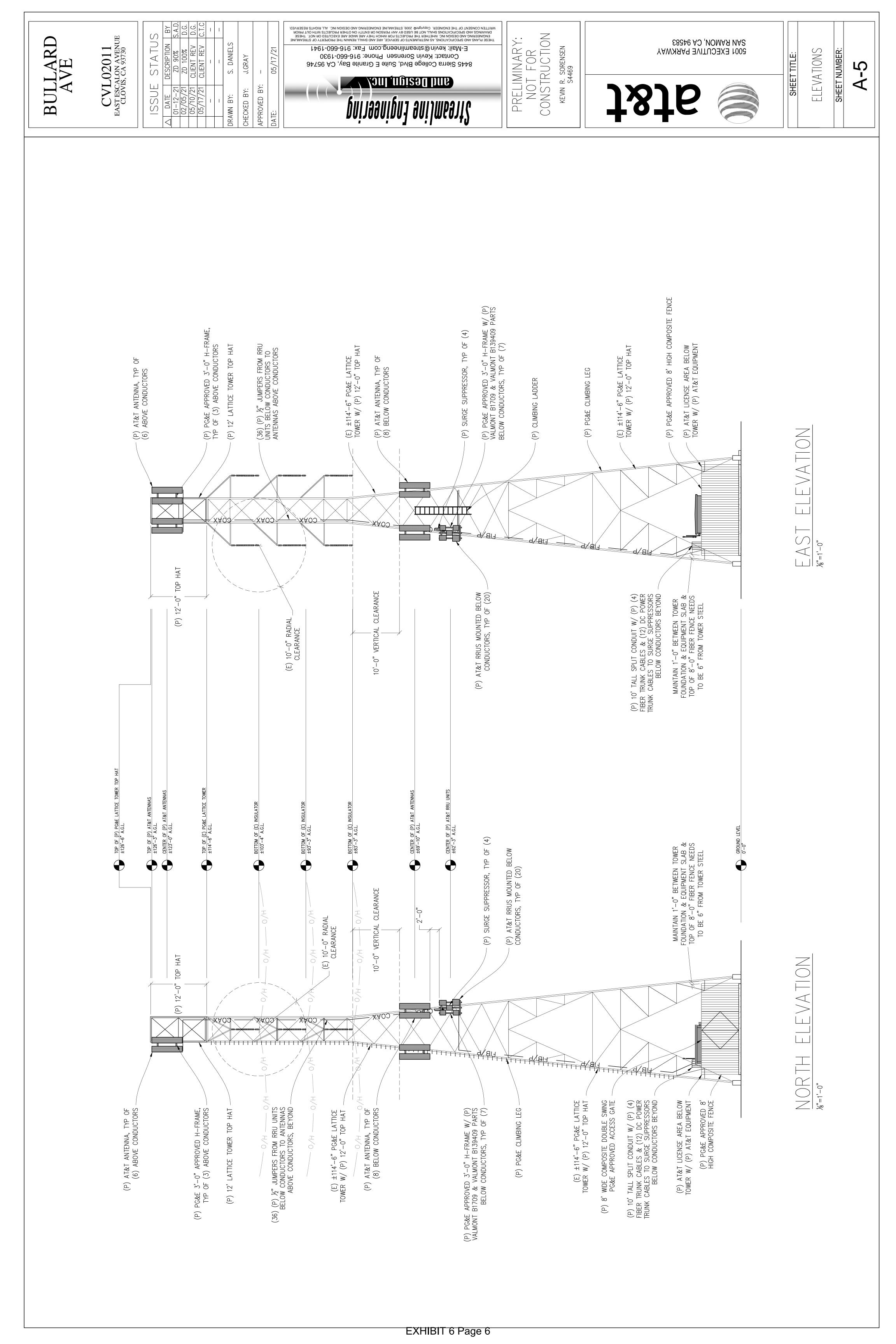
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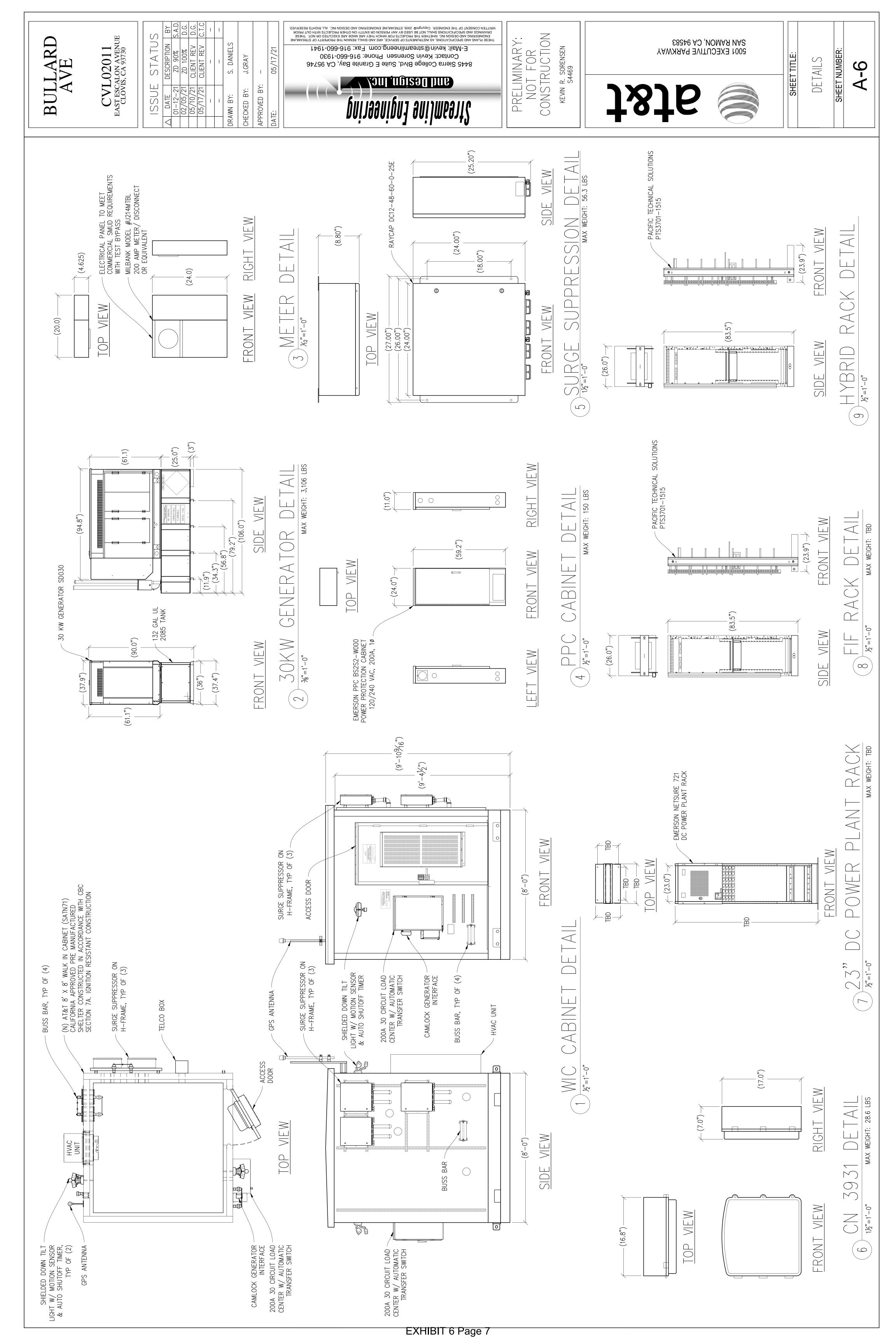


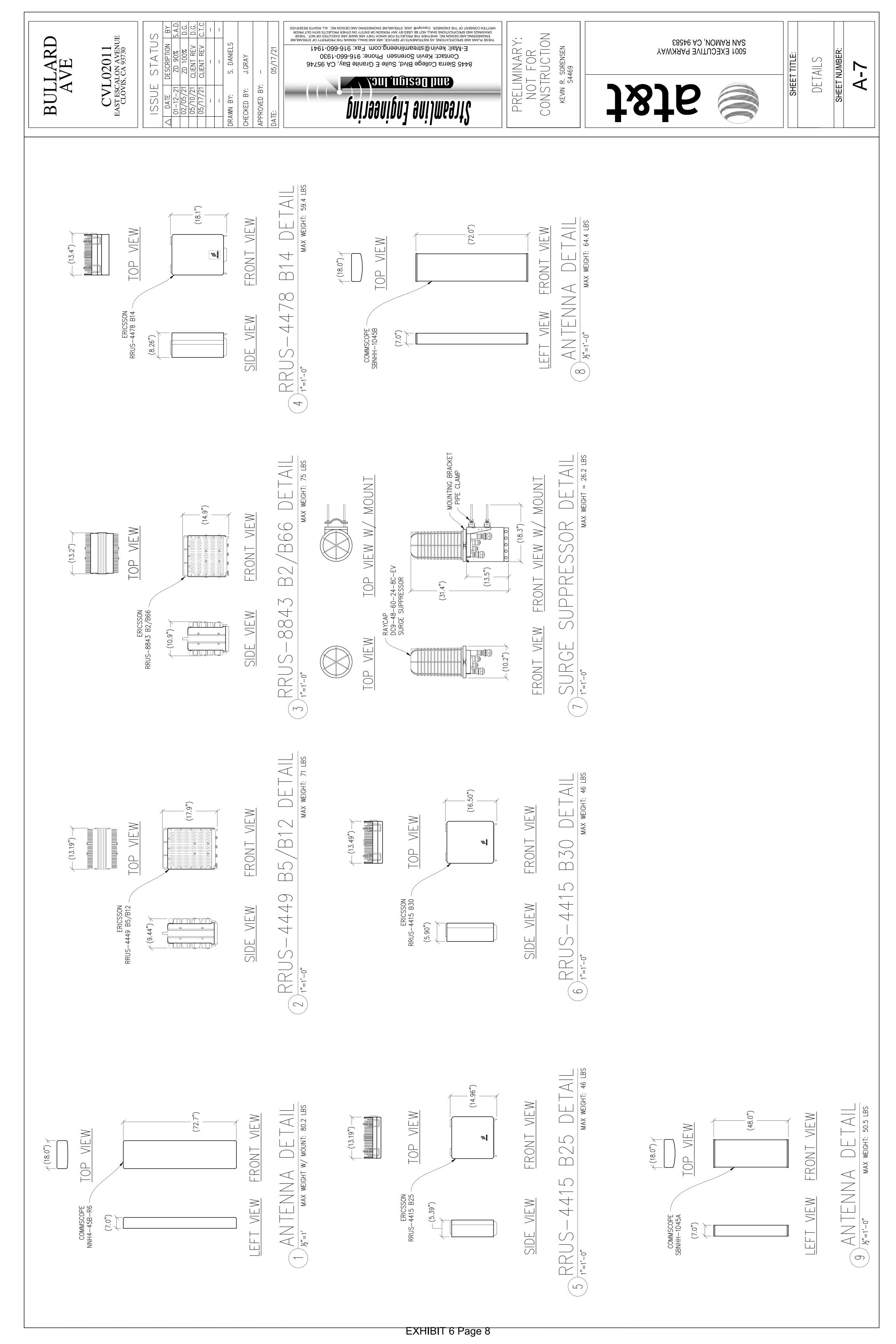


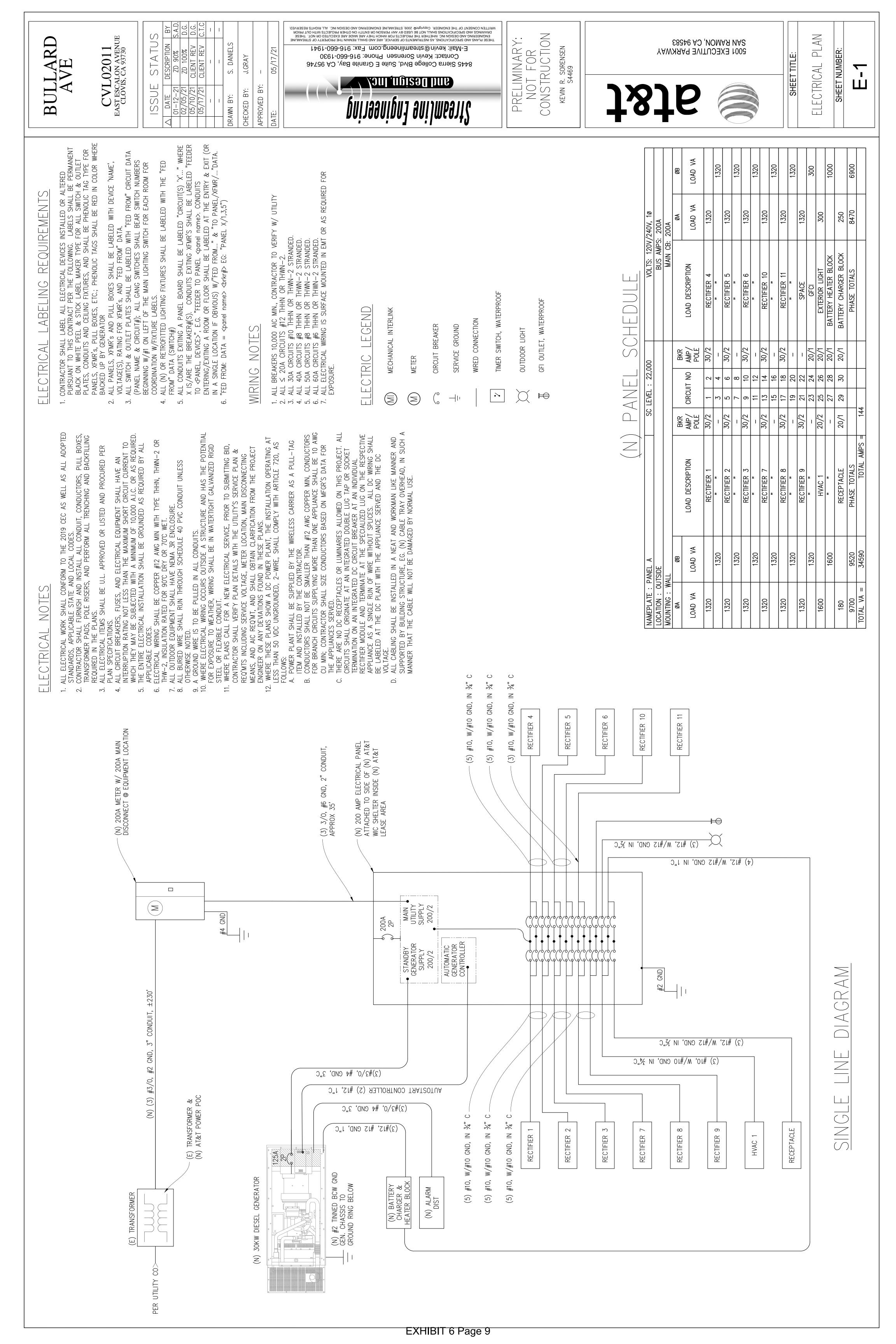


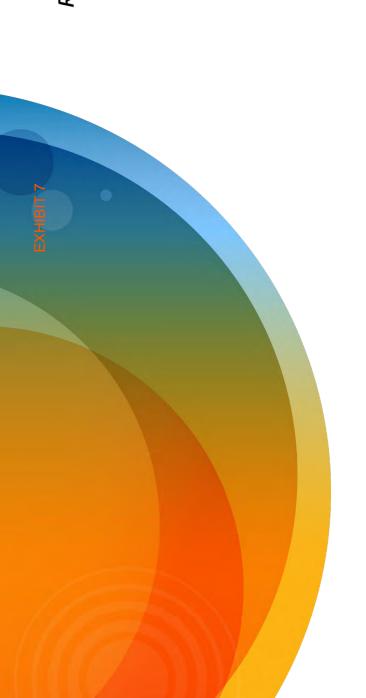












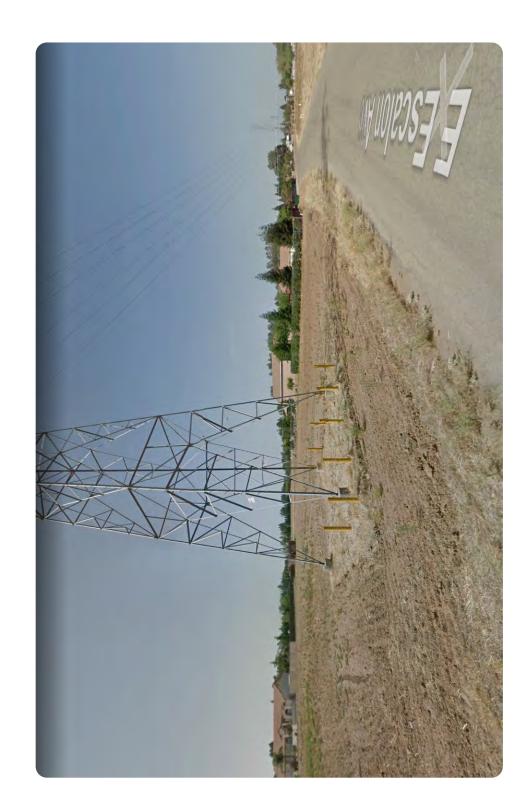
## PG&E Tower East Escalon Ave, Clovis CA 93619 CVL02011 - Bullard Ave

### On Site Photos











# PG&E Tower Site. View looking northwest.











DATE: 02/25/2021

Department of Public Works and Planning Development Services and Capital Projects 2220 Tulare St. 6th Floor Fresno, CA 93721

### **Project Support/Operational Statement**

Re: Proposed New AT&T Telecommunications Facility (cell site) Site Ref# CVL02011/Bullard Ave. Located at: off East Escalon Avenue Clovis, CA 93619 APN: 553-060-13

### **Introduction**

Installation of a new AT&T unmanned telecommunication facility.

AT&T proposes to install a 12ft. top hat extension on the existing PG&E tower to enable (9) panel antennas to be installed above and below conductors on the existing PG&E tower. The ground equipment and a backup generator will be installed underneath the tower inside a 378.75 sq. ft. AT&T lease area enclosed and camouflaged by a new 8ft composite fence.

### Collaboration

AT&T seeks to fill a significant gap in service coverage using the least intrusive means under the values expressed in the Fresno County Wireless Communication Guidelines. AT&T seeks to meet the Code requirements and provide the best available design by utilizing the existing PG&E tower structure for the placement of this WCF in a (RR) Rural Residential Use zone at the minimum height needed to address the significant service coverage gap.

### **Visual and Noise Considerations**

AT&T'S engineers have reviewed the proposed location and believe installing AT&T equipment on and directly underneath the existing PG&E tower will minimize aesthetic impacts to adjacent homesites on surrounding properties and will have the least visual impact on the local area, blend best with the surroundings and provide the best camouflage and concealment for the proposed antennas.

### **Project Justification.**

AT&T Wireless is currently improving the existing wireless network in the area of Clovis, Fresno County. The new proposed WCF and installation of AT&T's telecommunication equipment will improve wireless and broadband internet coverage for the local area and provide First Net capability. The First Net program also known as First Responders Network <a href="https://www.firstnet.gov/">https://www.firstnet.gov/</a> is the country's first nationwide public safety communications platform dedicated to first responders. Being built with AT&T, in public-private partnership with the <a href="https://www.firstnet.gov/">First Responder Network Authority</a> AT&T seeks to engage and work with federal, state and local governmental agencies as part of FirstNet buildout to enhance coverage for first responders. Additionally, the improved network will provide an extremely valuable service to those who live, travel, and do business from home in the local area. It will give people the ability to call for emergency services in the event of an accident, the ability to communicate with employees or clients outside of the office, and the ability to communicate with family members when needed. The project engineer has indicated that the proposed location will provide the necessary coverage and capacity with the ability to hand off the wireless signal to the next telecommunications site. This will enable travelers and community members to have reliable and continuous wireless coverage.

- Operation of the project will occur 12 months a year, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day consistent with the continuous schedule of normal telephone company operations.
- The facility is "unmanned" and will be visited on an "as needed" basis only. No more than two technicians will attend the facility. Their schedule will be on a 24-hour basis. No more than two service vehicles, being either a van or a small pickup truck will visit the facility.
- Access will be via E. Escalon Ave directly to the site with parking available adjacent to the site.
- The proposed facility does not cause any unsightly appearance. There will be no noise, glare, dust or odors associated with the facility with the exception of an emergency generator which will Only operate in the event of a commercial power failure.
- There will be no solid or liquid waste produced by the proposed project. Water is not required for the operation of the facility.
- Advertising will never exist in any form at the site.
- The building used to house the communication equipment is an 8'wide by 8' long by 10' high "modular" shelter, placed under the tower on a reinforced concrete slab. The building itself has a light brown earth tone aggregate finish on all outside walls.
- The ONLY lighting at the site will be a shielded down tilt light with motion sensor & auto shut off timer installed at the door entrance to the shelter.
- There will be No landscaping at the site.
- The proposed facility will be enclosed and secured by an 8ft composite fence.
- The equipment located within AT&T's lease area will be used for telephone operations.
- The proposed on site 190 gallon diesel backup generator will <u>ONLY</u> run in the event of an emergency and for maintenance purposes approx. (1) time per month for approx. (20) to (30) mins. In the event of power outage, the generator has the capacity to power the site for up to (3) days before refueling is required.

### **Conclusion**

AT&T would like to apply for a Use Permit for the project. The Proposed Facility is the least intrusive means by which AT&T can close its significant service coverage gap in this portion of Fresno County. Denial of AT&T's application would materially inhibit AT&T's ability to provide and improve service in this portion of the County.

Sincerely,

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