

Board of Supervisors Agenda Item Report

Submitting Department: Planning

Meeting Date: October 24, 2017

SUBJECT

Planning Department - Appeal of the Planning Commission's denial of a Use Permit request (UP-17;5-2) to install a 136-foot-tall monopole wireless communication tower with twelve 6-foot-tall panel antennae, two 4-foot diameter microwave dishes, and associated tower and ground equipment in an "R1A," Single-family Residential and Agricultural district.

Recommendation:

After taking public comment, the Board of Supervisors may deny or grant the Use Permit with such conditions it deems just and appropriate.

4/5 vote required:

No

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ATTACHMENTS

- [BOS Staff Report and Conditions.10-24-17 Epic Wireless Huot Rd.docx](#)
- [AT&T Appeal of PC Denial.pdf](#)
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STAFF REPORT TO: AMADOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FOR MEETING OF: OCTOBER 24, 2017

Public Hearing – Appeal of the Planning Commission’s denial of a Use Permit request (UP-17;5-2) to install a 136-foot-tall monopole wireless communication tower with twelve 6-foot-tall panel antennae, two 4-foot diameter microwave dishes, and associated tower and ground equipment in an “R1A,” Single-family Residential and Agricultural district.

Applicant: Epic Wireless Group, Inc., on behalf of AT&T Mobility, LLC

Property Owner: Villegas Family Trust

Supervisory District 5

Location: 6202 Huot Road, approximately 2,200 feet west of Willow Creek Road (APN 008-120-098).

- A. **General Plan Designation of Area:** A-G, Agricultural-General
- B. **Current Zoning:** “R1A,” Single-family Residential and Agricultural
- C. **Description:** Epic Wireless, Inc., is requesting a Use Permit for the installation of a 136-foot-tall monopole design wireless communication tower for the purpose of improving high speed internet service in the area. The project is part of the FCC’s Connect America Fund program to expand broadband and voice service to underserved areas. County Code requires a Use Permit for communication towers in excess of 50 feet.

An existing 100-foot-tall monopole communication tower owned by American Tower Corporation (ATC) is located approximately 3,200 feet southeast of the project site. The existing tower was permitted in 1996 with a base elevation of 823 feet MSL and height of 923 feet MSL. The base of the proposed tower is 666 feet MSL, placing the top of the tower at 802 feet MSL. The base of the ATC tower is 21 feet higher than the top of the proposed tower.

Pursuant to County Code Section 19.48.150 (Wireless Service Facilities), communication towers shall not exceed existing tree lines along a skyline by more than 15 feet. County elevation data for the ridgeline to the south of the project indicates ground elevations of 760 to 840 feet (attached). The applicant has supplied photo simulations as well as diagrams that indicate the height of trees along the adjacent ridgeline to be 121 feet above the base of the proposed tower. Therefore, the wireless facility cannot be any taller than 136 feet (121 + 15).

- D. **Staff Review and Recommendation:** This project was reviewed by staff which found no technical objections to the approval of the Use Permit subject to the Conditions of Approval and findings attached to the staff report. The project is not subject to CEQA per Section 15061(b)(3), and is Categorical Exempt per Section 15303(c) of the CEQA guidelines.
- E. **Planning Commission Action:** The Planning Commission, after opening a public hearing and accepting public comments during its July 11, 2017 meeting, continued the public hearing to September 12, 2017. The continuance was to allow time for the applicant to determine what modifications would be required of the existing 100-foot-tall tower located at 15501 Willow Creek Road (APN 008-150-005) in order to meet the applicant’s

objectives (minutes attached).

Following additional public comments during the Planning Commission's September 12, 2017 meeting, the Planning Commission denied the Use Permit request (minutes attached).

- F. Board of Supervisors Action/Alternatives:** After taking public comment, the Board of Supervisors may deny or grant the Use Permit with such conditions it deems just and appropriate. If the Board decides to grant the Use Permit, the findings below are recommended.
- F. Findings:** If the Board of Supervisors grants the Use Permit, the following findings are recommended for adoption:
1. The project, as proposed and conditioned, is consistent with the Amador County General Plan and the "R1A" zoning district at this location;
 2. The approval of the Use Permit is sanctioned by County Code Section 19.48.150 (Wireless Service Facilities) and is consistent with County Code Section 19.56.040 (Use Permit Findings) in that the establishment, maintenance or operation of proposed use will not be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort, and general welfare of the persons residing or working in the neighborhood of such proposed use or be detrimental or injurious to property and improvements in the neighborhood or the general welfare of the County.
 3. The project is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Section 15601(b)3 of the CEQA Guidelines in that the project is covered by the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment; and is Categorically Exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section and 15303(c) in that it is small project under 2,500 square feet and not involving the use of significant amounts of hazardous materials. Therefore a Notice of Exemption will be filed with the Amador County Recorder.

USE PERMIT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
FOR
EPIC WIRELESS, INCORPORATED

PERMITTEE: Epic Wireless Group, Incorporated (Stephanie Dowdle, representative)
(On behalf of AT&T Mobility, LLC)

ADDRESS: 8700 Auburn Folsom Road #400
Granite Bay, CA 95746

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Use Permit to install a 136-foot tall monopole wireless communications tower.

PROJECT LOCATION: 6206 Huot Road, approximately 2,200 feet west of Willow Creek Road and 2,200 feet south of Highway 16.

ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER: 008-120-098

USE PERMIT NO.: UP-17;5-2

PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL DATE: DENIED SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL DATE:

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1. *This Use Permit shall not become valid, nor shall any uses commence until such time as the Permittee is either found to be in compliance with or has agreed, in writing, to a program of compliance acceptable to the County. At that time the permit shall be signed by the Planning Department and the use shall commence. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS REQUIREMENT.*
 2. *The issuance of this Use Permit is expressly conditioned upon the permittee's compliance with all the provisions contained herein and if any of the provisions contained herein are violated, this Use Permit may be subject to revocation proceedings as set forth in Amador County Code. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS REQUIREMENT.*
 3. The permittee shall acquire a building permit for all facilities and any other related equipment. Construction and location shall be substantially the same as shown on the approved project description. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS CONDITION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT.
 4. Any security lighting for the ground facilities shall be shielded and directed in such a manner so as not to direct light onto neighboring properties/buildings/roadways. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS CONDITION.
 5. Any proposed generator shall be constructed and insulated such that it will not exceed the Noise Element Guidelines of the Amador County General Plan at the project boundary.

THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS CONDITION.

6. The permittee must substantially comply with all applicable requirements regarding use and storage of hazardous materials as well as handling and disposal of hazardous wastes as required by the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA). THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS CONDITION.
7. The wireless service facility shall be a monopole design substantially the same as depicted in the application materials. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS CONDITION.
10. This Use Permit shall comply with all applicable requirements of County Code Section 19.48.150 (Wireless Service Facilities) including, but not limited, to the following:
 - A. The permittee shall provide an engineer's estimated cost for removal of the monopole and ancillary equipment;
 - B. Provide a performance bond in the amount of 100% of the County's estimated cost of removal for the wireless service facility and other equipment, including administrative costs;
 - C. The wireless service facility shall be removed when it becomes no longer necessary or not in use for a six month period;
 - D. A minimum setback from all property lines and public road right-of-ways shall be equal to the height of the facility; and
 - E. The height of facilities shall not exceed existing tree lines or buildings along a skyline by more than 15'

THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS CONDITION.

8. The permittee shall submit proof to the Planning Department that all FCC and FAA regulations for wireless service facilities have been researched and complied with according to their requirements, including but not limited to, that the facility shall not emit harmful rays, noxious odors, heat, excessive noise or pollutants. The facilities shall not interfere with radio, television or phone transmissions, and will not interfere with the operation of household appliances, door openers, or other machinery in the area. If public complaints occur, the burden of proof in fulfilling this condition shall be upon the permittee. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS CONDITION.
9. Any future co-location shall comply with County Code Section 19.48.150. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS CONDITION.
10. In the event the permittee encounters any historic, archaeological or paleontological resource during any construction undertaken to comply with these Use Permit conditions, permittee shall stop work immediately within a ten-yard perimeter of the find and retain the services of a qualified archaeologist for the purpose of recording, protecting, or curating the discovery as appropriate. The archaeologist shall be required to submit to the Planning Department a written opinion concerning the importance of the resource and the need to preserve the resource or otherwise reduce impacts of the project. The permittee shall notify the Amador County Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the find and provide proof to the Planning Department that any/all recommendations and requirements of the archaeologist have been complied with. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS MITIGATION.



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September 22, 2017

Via E-Mail & Hand Delivery

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Amador County Board of Supervisors
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Re. Appeal of September 12, 2017 Planning Commission Decision to Deny
AT&T's Application for Use Permit (UP-17; 5-2)

To the Clerk:

I write on behalf of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T Mobility (AT&T) to appeal the Planning Commission's denial on September 12, 2017, of AT&T's application for a special use permit ("Application") to construct a 136-foot tall monopole wireless communications facility at 6202 Huot Road, Plymouth, Amador County, California ("Proposed Facility"). This site is necessary to meet two important service objectives. First, the Proposed Facility will help AT&T satisfy its commitment as part of the Federal Communications Commission's Connect America initiative to provide high-speed broadband service to rural portions of the country, including Amador County. Second, this site is necessary to close a significant gap in AT&T's 4G LTE service coverage in this portion of the county. The purposes of this letter are to perfect the appeal, to provide the Amador County Board of Supervisors with an overview of the Proposed Facility, and to discuss applicable federal laws that warrant approval of AT&T's Application.

AT&T's Proposed Facility

AT&T seeks to build the Proposed Facility in Amador County to fulfill its commitment to the FCC's Connect America initiative, which aims to provide high-speed broadband service to rural America. The Connect America Fund (CAF) – also known as the universal service High-Cost program – is the FCC's program to expand access to voice and broadband services for areas where they are currently unavailable. Through one component of the program, called CAF Phase II, the FCC provides funding to local telephone companies to subsidize the cost of building new network infrastructure or performing network upgrades to provide voice and broadband service in areas where it is lacking. AT&T is a participant in CAF Phase II, and through the Proposed Facility will deploy the necessary network infrastructure to bring these services to the surrounding area.

Since the Summer of 2016, AT&T's team has investigated opportunities in this area to locate a site from which AT&T can provide wireless high-speed broadband service to as many households (known as living units) as possible, and to close AT&T's significant gap in its 4G LTE service in the area. AT&T's team worked with county staff to identify appropriate candidate sites. AT&T's primary candidate for this site was a collocation opportunity on an existing 100-foot tall tower that is owned by American Tower Company and located on a hilltop at 15501 Willow Creek Road in Plymouth (the "ATC Tower"). But county staff advised AT&T that collocation on the ATC Tower is not allowed because the tower is a legal nonconforming structure. That tower was constructed before the current height limit under the Amador County Code. Specifically, Section 19.48.150(G)(3) of the County Code provides "The height of facilities shall not exceed existing tree lines or buildings along a skyline by more than fifteen feet." Because the ATC Tower exceeds the height limit, and because Section 19.48.150(G)(3) does not allow a waiver as to the height limit, this tower is not available for collocation.

After the collocation opportunity in the area was ruled out as unavailable, AT&T pursued the Proposed Facility, which is a 136-foot tall monopole that will comply with the county's height limit and other zoning criteria under Section 19.48.150 of the County Code, regarding commercial wireless service facilities. The Proposed Facility is expected to serve 329 living units. In addition, as depicted by the propagation maps that were submitted with the Application, AT&T has a significant gap in its 4G LTE service coverage in this portion of the county and the Proposed Facility will help close that gap.

Applicable Federal Law

The federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. § 332 ("Act") provides rights to wireless service providers and establishes limitations upon state and local zoning authorities with respect to applications for permits to construct personal wireless service facilities. This law was enacted in part to prioritize and streamline proliferation of wireless technologies on a national basis. The United States Supreme Court has explained that the Act encourages deployment of wireless telecommunications facilities through the "reduction of the impediments imposed by local governments upon the installation of facilities for wireless communications, such as antenna towers."¹

The Planning Commission violated the Act by denying the application without substantial evidence in a written record

The Act defines the scope and parameters of the county's overall review of AT&T's Application. Specifically, the Act prescribes certain procedural and substantive standards that local governments must meet when considering a request to construct or modify a wireless communications facility. Under the Act, a local government can only deny an application to construct a wireless communications facility based on substantial evidence contained in a written

¹ *City of Rancho Palos Verdes v. Abrams*, 544 U.S. 113, 115-16 (2005).

record.² This means that the decision must be authorized by applicable local regulations and supported by a reasonable amount of evidence. As the Ninth Circuit United States Court of Appeals has held, “we must take applicable state and local regulations as we find them and evaluate the City decision’s evidentiary support (or lack thereof) relative to those regulations. If the decision fails that test it, of course, is invalid”³

The only written record of the Planning Commission’s denial of AT&T’s Application is found in the minutes of the Planning Commission’s July 11, 2017 meeting, at which the Application was considered. At its July 11, 2017 meeting, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Application and then continued the matter to its September 12, 2017 meeting. But minutes from the September 12, 2017 Planning Commission meeting are not yet available. At both meetings, the central complaint about AT&T’s Application was that AT&T should have collocated on the existing ATC Tower rather than to construct the Proposed Facility. Ultimately, the Planning Commission denied AT&T’s Application for that reason. At both meetings, however, county staff explained that under the County Code AT&T cannot collocate on the ATC Tower. County staff explained that the tower does not comply with the height limit under County Code Section 19.48.150(G)(3). As county staff also explained, unlike other applicable development standards from which a waiver may be obtained, this height limit cannot be waived. Thus, the Planning Commission’s decision to deny the Proposed Facility was not based on the applicable local law. The decision to deny the Application lacks substantial evidence in violation of the Act and, therefore, must be reversed on appeal.

The Planning Commission violated the Act by effectively prohibiting AT&T from providing personal wireless service

The Act also prohibits a local government from denying an application for a wireless communications facility where doing so would “prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting the provision of personal wireless services.”⁴ Courts have found an “effective prohibition” exists where a wireless carrier demonstrates (1) a “significant gap” in wireless service coverage; and (2) that the proposed facility would provide the “least intrusive means,” in relation to the land use values embodied in local regulations, to provide the service coverage necessary to fill that gap.⁵ If a wireless carrier satisfies both of these requirements, local standards that would otherwise be sufficient to deny the facility are preempted and the municipality must approve the wireless facility.⁶ When a wireless provider presents evidence of a significant gap and the absence of a less intrusive alternative, the burden shifts to the local government to prove that a less intrusive alternative exists. In order to meet

² See 47 U.S.C. § 332(c)(7)(b)(iii).

³ *Metro PCS, Inc. v. City and County of San Francisco*, 400 F.3d 715, 724 (9th Cir. 2005), abrogated on other grounds, *T-Mobile South, LLC v. City of Roswell*, 135 S.Ct. 808 (2015).

⁴ See 47 U.S.C. §332(c)(7)(B)(i)(II).

⁵ See e.g., *Metro PCS, Inc.* 400 F.3d at 734-35 (9th Cir. 2005); *Sprint PCS Assets, LLC v. City of Palos Verdes Estates*, 583 F.3d 716, 726 (9th Cir. 2009).

⁶ See *T-Mobile USA, Inc. v. City of Anacortes*, 572 F.3d 987, 999 (9th Cir. 2009).

this burden (and overcome the presumption in favor of federal preemption), the local government must show that another alternative is available that fills the significant gap in coverage, that it is technologically feasible, and that it is “less intrusive” than the proposed facility.⁷

Here, AT&T demonstrated that it has a significant gap in service coverage. AT&T has a significant gap in its 4G LTE service coverage in this portion of the county. In addition, as part of the FCC’s Connect America initiative, AT&T is committed to providing wireless high-speed broadband services to living units in Amador County. AT&T has shown that the Proposed Facility meets both of these service objectives. AT&T also demonstrated that it is doing so by the least intrusive means. Section 19.48.150(F)(1) of the County Code requires applicants to provide an analysis of alternatives, including “a map and analysis of existing facilities and a report explaining why co-location is not feasible.” As part of its Application, AT&T filed an Alternative Site Analysis that meets the requirements of Code Section 19.48.150(F)(1). AT&T’s analysis explains that the Proposed Facility will provide coverage to 67 more homes than it could by collocating on the existing ATC Tower. And again, the ATC Tower is not available for collocation because the tower does not comply with the height requirement under County Code Section 19.48.150(G)(3).

Because AT&T demonstrated that the Proposed Facility is the least intrusive, the burden shifted to the county to demonstrate the existence of a less intrusive alternative that is available and feasible. The Planning Commission identified the ATC Tower as its preferred alternative. But that alternative is not available under the County Code. Having failed to identify an available, feasible, and less intrusive alternative, the Planning Commission was bound by the Act to approve the Proposed Facility. By denying the Application, the Planning Commission effectively prohibited AT&T from providing service, which violates the Act.

Conclusion

AT&T is diligently trying to upgrade its network to meet the growing wireless communications demands within Amador County, and is doing so in a manner that takes prudent and careful consideration of the impacts of its facilities and the values that the county seeks to promote. AT&T’s Proposed Facility complies with the County Code and is the least intrusive means by which AT&T can close its significant service coverage gap and meet its coverage objectives in this portion of Amador County. The Planning Commission’s denial of the Application violated the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. For the reasons explained, the Board of Supervisors should approve this appeal and the Application. In addition, AT&T reserves the right to raise additional appeal issues.

Very truly yours,

/s/ John di Bene

John di Bene

⁷ *Id.*, 572 F.3d at 998-999.

Clerk of the Amador County Board of Supervisors

September 22, 2017

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the tree because he heard, on his phone, Mr. Laurant talking to someone on his radio telling them he had the tower 100' in the air. He feels it's inconsiderate that Mr. Laurant hasn't taken the proper steps to make sure it doesn't bleed-over on anyone's phone, stereo system, or computer.

Mr. Laurant responded that the issue is really a personal issue between him and Mr. Stacey due to a restraining order he had put in place against Mr. Stacey. The antenna has been a problem ever since. He stated he is willing to work with Mr. Stacey and even buy some 900 MHz telephones as he did for the neighbors next door. The new phones only have .1 megabyte that a motorcycle going down the street, if it doesn't have a regulator on it, will bleed onto a phone.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Callsen, seconded by Commissioner Ryan and unanimously carried to grant the Use Permit to exceed the height limit subject to the conditions and findings contained in the staff report.

NOTE: Mr. Beatty, Planner III, advised those present that the Planning Commission has approved the requested Use Permit to exceed the height limit. If anyone wishes to appeal the decision of the Commission they may do so by submitting to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors a written request for appeal prior to Friday, September 22, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. along with the appropriate appeal fee.

Item 3 - continued - Request for a Use Permit (UP-17;5-2) to install a 136-foot-tall monopole wireless communication tower with twelve 6-foot-tall panel antennae, two 4-foot diameter microwave dishes, and associated tower and ground equipment.

Applicant: Epic Wireless Group, Inc., on behalf of AT&T Mobility, LLC

Property Owner: Villegas Family Trust

Supervisory District 5

Location: 6202 Huot Road, Plymouth, approximately 2,200 feet west of Willow Creek Road (APN 008-120-098).

Chuck Beatty, Planner III, summarized the staff report, which is hereby incorporated by reference into these minutes as though set forth in full.

Chairman Wardall asked the applicant if they had anything to add. At the last meeting the Commission asked to have the potential of collocating on the existing tower evaluated and asked if they had any information related to that request.

Alice Perez, AT&T, introduced herself and stated Stephanie Dowdle would speak to the question from last meeting and she would be available to answer questions as they arise about the Connect America grant funding and what the process is about.

Stephanie Dowdle, Epic Wireless, stated they did go back to the radio frequency engineers about collocating on the existing tower and it ultimately came down to location and the existing tower location just doesn't provide the coverage to the same number of living units as the proposed tower location.

Commissioner Ryan asked if an analysis was run and tested, or did they just come to that decision? He asked if the existing tower was increased in height, would there be any chance it could be used? Ms. Dowdle stated they did run an analysis.

Alice Perez, stated AT&T accepted the \$360 million in Federal grant money in California to provide broadband service to over 141,500 homes and small businesses in FCC identified census blocks. Specifically, unlike other cell towers, this is specific to the number of living units covered. Their goal is to provide service to the maximum number of living units possible and the proposed location provides

service to more living units than the existing tower. Additionally, the existing tower is non-compliant today.

Commissioner Ryan asked if the engineering team were given the opportunity to consider an elevation increase of the existing tower prior to reaching their decision. At the last meeting it was discussed, if the County were willing to grant a variance to increase the height of the existing tower, will it do the job? Ms. Perez responded, "No."

Ms. Perez reiterated the purpose of the grant funding and added that when the engineers are looking for a site they look at census blocks to get the maximum coverage for CAF II eligible areas identified by the FCC. The elevation, the environment, the distance, and density of eligible homes are all factors in selecting a cell site. So movement of a site 100' can significantly affect the number of households that can be served.

Commissioner Ryan asked what is the total number of households they were expected to serve under the grant for this site? Ms. Perez responded the number of households expected to be served by the proposed site is 329. In response to a question from Commissioner Ryan, Ms. Perez confirmed that if this tower is denied and they have to find another location or collocate on the existing tower 67 households would not receive service. She added the other thing about this site is that AT&T received funding to provide broad band services but AT&T is also doing an additional investment in infrastructure to increase cell coverage which would impact public safety by ensuring areas that don't currently have in-building coverage will have that coverage as well as transit areas that don't currently have coverage would have coverage which also impact public safety.

Commissioner Ryan asked what alternate locations were looked at that would give as much or slightly less coverage if not located in someone's backyard or perceived to be in someone's backyard. Ms. Perez responded that when engineers look for areas for coverage it starts with where the FCC has identified as the areas eligible for coverage. They started with 5 existing towers – they increased and modified the coverage on 5 existing towers and additionally they looked at other areas where they may need to put new towers because the option of collocation or current coverage is not available there today. This proposal is very different from a normal cell tower in that this is about covering a specific number of households, not an area. This is an area that if they can't get the number of households they need to cover they may determine not to build in that area so it wouldn't get the coverage.

Commissioner Ryan stated he had done some research online about the program and commented that he understood they bid on and acquire the right to serve specific areas where service is needed. Then it is broken down further into the "n" number of households that must be served then it is broken down into how many have to be served in each year over a 6 year period. He felt that in six years the 67 houses that wouldn't be served if this site were denied would be served by some other technology that has evolved. The question is, from AT&T's perspective, if this tower is denied does using the existing tower make sense. Ms. Dowdle commented that the existing tower is non-compliant to which Commissioner Ryan said the Commission was very clear that they would consider recommending changes to the Board of Supervisors that would allow use of the existing tower so the fact the existing tower is non-compliant won't wash. Commissioner Ryan then asked if from an engineering standpoint is it just that the existing tower will fall short of serving 67 homes. Ms. Perez stated 67 homes in a rural area is a lot of homes particularly when you are talking the 329 homes potentially getting this technology. AT&T is looking at providing the service across the State of California. The engineers look at each community based on the maximum coverage. If they can't build at this site, they will look elsewhere to make up the minimum number of households they have to serve and there is no guarantee they will come back to this area because they won't get the maximum amount of coverage. So if they lose 67 households here they will have to go elsewhere to make up that number because, per the terms of the grant, there is a minimum number of households they have to serve.

In response to comments from Commissioner Ryan related to why there are objections to this site and not

to other recently permitted sites, Ms. Perez commented there are options they can offer as far as aesthetics of the tower are concerned. She stated she receives calls from County citizens as well as government representatives (e.g., Supervisors and Assemblyman Bigelow's office) asking what they are doing to increase coverage in the County, but nobody wants it in their backyard; they are trying to do the best they can.

Ms. Perez added this is the first time AT&T has accepted funding because this is the first time the funding has bridged the gap of the economics of building this type of the service in rural communities and 67 households is a lot in the number they are looking at. She reiterated they may have to go elsewhere if this site is not approved.

Ms. Dowdle restated that the engineers say the location is just not the right location to serve the numbers needed and .6 of a mile in hilly terrain is significant.

Chairman Wardall asked those present not to repeat comments heard at the last meeting but if there is anything new to add the Commission would like to hear from them.

Ms. Terry Villagas, owner of the proposed tower site, clarified the tower is over 700' away from the nearest residence. She stated they had an open house this afternoon to allow neighbors to come see the site and that there are trees and ridges that hide the site from the neighbors.

Ms. Virginia Groza, who lives across Highway 16 from the proposed site, related her experience with poor service from AT&T and stated after she dropped AT&T and went to Verizon she was told by Verizon that AT&T used to operate the existing tower but they pulled out. She supports extending the existing tower but doesn't want another tower after AT&T abandoned the existing tower.

Kelly Prime, mother of an 11-year-old diagnosed with pediatric cancer in 2016, stated for 5 years her son attended school on a campus with a cell tower less than 500' from the classrooms. She provided information from research she's done since her son's diagnosis. The public puts a lot of trust in the FCC Guidelines for cell towers and the radiation they emit but they haven't been updated since 1998. Many physicians have started to research the topic and have found some information that is alarming and have asked the FCC to reevaluate their standards. Ms. Prime added that Cindy Lee Russell, M.D., and Vice President of the Santa Clara County Medical Association, introduced a resolution she co-authored that states, physicians and scientists have recognized for years the dangers of ionizing radiation from X-rays and nuclear weapons. Tissue is directly damaged causing cancer and a wide range of other health effects. The non-ionizing microwave radiation from wi-fi routers, iPads, cell phones and cell towers has been thought to be harmless until the last few decades as a rapidly growing body of peer reviewed, not telecommunications reviewed, research shows very troubling biological health effects from even low levels of exposures. The studies have shown negative effects in the cell structures and brain function in animals and plants. Many experts feel this is a looming public health problem as the use of wireless technology swiftly rises in our homes, offices, and schools. EMF standards need to be reevaluated and designed for safety based on biological effects on living structures and not heat as is currently being done. In August of 2013 the American Academy of Pediatrics, which is a professional organization representing 60,000 physicians, sent a letter to the FCC and the FDA urging the FCC to adopt radiation standards that protect children's health and well-being. Current FCC standards do not account for the unique vulnerability specific to pregnant women and children. It is essential any new standards for cell phone or wireless devices be based on protecting the youngest and most vulnerable populations to ensure that they are safe throughout their lifetimes. American Academy of Environmental Medicine has also reached out. Adverse health effects such as learning disabilities, altered immune responses, headaches, etc. from wireless radio frequency fields do exist and are well documented in scientific literature. Safer technology such as hard wiring must be seriously considered in schools for the safety of those susceptible individuals who may be affected by this phenomenon. The facts are out there and the facts are simply our children were not taken into consideration when the FCC put the current standards into place. Our children are worth more than any amount of money a tower can give to you. She has

lived the possible effects that are affecting her son and has seen cancer in children and she urged the Commission to deny the Use Permit for this cell tower to protect the children living in the area.

Ms. Perez, AT&T, stated safety of customers is paramount to AT&T. She stated the FCC, American Cancer Society, and World Health Organization have all concluded there are no known health concerns related to cell site RF exposure and she provided handouts (attached) with information and facts of research that has been done.

Monica Ferrilli stated her son was diagnosed with brain cancer in January of 2017 at the age of 10 and he attends the same school (Weston Elementary) as Ms. Prime's son. A tower was installed in 2009 at his school and since then 5 students and 2 teachers have been diagnosed with cancer. There are safety standards established by the FCC but these standards, which were established 20 years ago, are currently being challenged. Some of the problems with these FCC guidelines for exposure safety limits are that they are based on an average exposure of 30 minutes, not prolonged exposure. Cell towers give off pulses throughout the day at various levels; some pulses are at very high limits and some are at low limits at other times. The standards the FCC has don't take into account the consideration of these pulses. The FCC compliance testing uses a model of a 220 lb. male's head which doesn't take into account effects on children's smaller bodies and heads. The FCC standards also only account for thermal exposure which causes heating to the body, which is not an issue. Hundreds, if not thousands, of studies have shown adverse health effects from headaches to many types of cancer, including brain cancer and all these studies show no temperature change. FCC exposure limits don't take into account health effects of chronic exposure, especially in children. Not everyone has sensitivity to radiation. For example, not everyone who smokes gets lung cancer. The standards are not intended to address low intensity, non-thermal, long term exposure. Investigation as to whether there may be effects from this exposure that is too low to cause heating is continuing. Cell towers were classified as possible carcinogens to humans in 2011. Ongoing research may change this classification to a known carcinogen. Studies are inconclusive and no safe levels for children or pregnant women have been determined. Therefore the claim a device meets the standards is a false impression of safety. It's not about the aesthetics or the safety of exposure, it's about the health of our community and our children. She highly recommended the Commission deny the proposed site.

Jeff Cartwright stated he visited the site today during the Villegas's open house. He feels there's false data being provided as to the number of homes being provided service. He believes they are using 2010 census date and they are making the assumption people who currently have internet will switch to AT&T. He believes the real reason is for improved cell service but are using the internet. He's never been asked if he has adequate internet service – he has Vita with a bounce from El Dorado Hills for \$40/ month and it's fabulous. It seems they are solving a problem that doesn't exist. He recommended a survey be taken to find out how many people need or want service.

John Somerville, adjacent resident, stated he wanted to correct the distance from his house to the tower location is more like 700 feet away, not 300 feet as his letter indicated. He read his presentation which is attached to these minutes. He asked the Commission to deny the Use Permit for this cell tower.

James Hernandez, 6200 Huot Rd. resident, stated he was torn because he doesn't want to see another tower but believes the Villegases should be able to do what they want with their property with the approval of the County. He also doesn't want to see the existing tower extended because it is in his view.

Kathleen Utley, Huot Rd. resident, stated she comes from a science background and doesn't understand how a taller tower doesn't provide more coverage and she wanted to see the study that proves it.

Tom Bridges, resident on Shakeley Lane in Lone, stated he was in favor of the tower. He visited the site today and it is remote and he doesn't see any issue with putting it there from an aesthetic point of view. He didn't feel it would reduce property values. He read an excerpt from the American Cancer Society which says the amount of energy (RF) decreases rapidly as the distance from the antenna increases. As

a result, the level of exposure to radio waves at ground level is very low compared to the level close to the antenna. Public exposure to radio waves from cell tower is slight for several reasons. The power levels are relatively low, the antennae are mounted high enough above ground level and the signals are transmitted intermittently rather than constantly. At ground level near a typical cellular base station, the level of RF energy is thousands of times less than the limits for safe exposure set by the FCC and other regulatory authorities. It is very unlikely a person will be exposed to RF levels in excess of these limits just by living near a cell tower. At this time there is very little evidence to support the idea that the risk of cancer or other health problems is increased by living near a cell tower.

Jason Bates read an email from Brian Dano, American Tower Corp. (attached) which was received by the Planning Department and distributed to the Commissioners prior to the meeting (see Correspondence listed on page one of these Minutes). He added that collocation is an advantage from an emergency responders' perspective due to the hazardous materials that are sometimes stored at these sites. He asked to see the evidence that the existing site is not viable.

Kelly Prime stated she wanted to address the American Cancer Society (ACS) information that was provided tonight. Not all the information from the webpage was provided. The page also states that very few human studies focused on cellular phone towers and cancer risks. Along with that, the ACS doesn't do the research, they are provided the information and they go by the FCC standards. These research projects that are done are industry funded, they are not peer research. Peer research does identify concerns about health risks in both children and pregnant women.

Ernest Gallo, area resident, thanked Commissioner Ryan for his research. He stated he's been lied to by AT&T about why his land line was going out. He wanted to know when technology changes, who is going to take down the tower?

Monica Ferilli pointed out that on the same American Cancer Society website there is a study of 2600 children with cancer compared to similar group of children without cancer and they found those who lived in a town where they were exposed to higher than average RF radiation from cellular phone towers in the previous 5 years had a slightly higher risk of cancer so there is a reason it is classified as a possible carcinogen.

Richard Utley, Huot Rd. resident, stated he doesn't understand why they can't collocate or put another tower next to or near the 67 homes that wouldn't be served. He was concerned about the amount of radiation he would be exposed to which, according to their information .35 for 30 minutes is safe but it will be .20 on his rooftop 24/7. It doesn't sound good to him. He also questioned the reasons for why the tower can't look like a tree. The reasons stated seem to be conflicting. He feels it's all about cost and profit.

Stacy Clark, grandfather of Harper Somerville, expressed his concern about the levels of radiation she will be exposed to if the tower is installed in the proposed location.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Callsen, seconded by Commissioner Ryan, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing.

Under discussion, Stephanie Dowdle with Epic Wireless, responded to the comments made. They are willing to work with the County on the aesthetics of the tower; there are different types of towers they can do. She explained that line of sight is very important for this project in order to provide the service they are tasked with providing and they tried to make this proposed tower not visible as possible behind a hill, not out in the open. They are also willing to have a requirement for removal of tower in the event it is no longer being used. That is a typical requirement they encounter. She confirmed that no request to collocate on the existing tower had been submitted. She explained that is because a request to co-locate is made after it's determined the location will work and in this case the existing tower doesn't meet their needs, but they did evaluate the site. She reviewed the reasons Planning staff had given as to why a

waiver or variance to exceed the height limit isn't an option. The communication tower section of the code does not have a provision for a waiver or deviation to the standards and a variance can only be granted if the strict application of the code deprives the property of a use or activity that other properties in the same zone district are able to have, which doesn't apply to this request. She added that Planning staff also stated they didn't feel the findings for a variance could be made. Ms. Dowdle stated they have a timeline they have to adhere to and to pursue an ordinance change is a long process and they don't have that time under the CAF II program.

Commissioner Byrne stated he would be interested to see the types of "camouflage" towers that could be constructed.

Commissioner Ryan commented that he didn't feel any new information had been provided as had been requested at the last hearing. No information from the engineers showing they had evaluated the existing tower site at a higher height had been presented. All he had heard is that it won't work. He doesn't know if enough effort had been put into it to know what to do with this.

Commissioner DesVoignes added he, too, was disappointed to see that after 2 months there wasn't any new information in the staff report; it didn't appear any effort was made.

Commissioner Byrne, stated he wasn't going to second guess the engineers. They are trying to comply with the requirements of a federal agency. He sees it as another piece of infrastructure that is needed in this County.

Commissioner Ryan, stated the issue was that there wasn't any new information that indicates a second study was done from the existing tower.

Commissioner Byrne stated he didn't have the same concerns as other Commissioners so he was satisfied with the information.

Commissioner Callsen, stated she didn't have anything to add but that she has concerns about the tower and the need for it.

Chairman Wardall stated he'd like to see the current tower extended or a second tower on that same site. He was also willing to recommend to the Board of Supervisors they grant a variance or some other dispensation if they had to increase the height to use the existing tower.

Ms. Perez explained this isn't about cell coverage it is to provide broadband service which is different from cell phone service. This is a fixed-loop technology. It's not the same as providing service in a city or on flat terrain. It's because of the terrain that a different type of technology has to be used. Moving the tower isn't going to provide the service to the number of households they need to meet the grant requirements.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Ryan, seconded by Commissioner DesVoignes and carried by the following vote to deny the Use Permit for a wireless communication tower.

Ayes: Commissioners, Wardall, DesVoignes, Callsen, and Ryan

Noes: Commissioner Byrne

NOTE: Mr. Beatty, Planner III, advised those present that the Planning Commission denied the requested Use Permit for a 136' tall wireless communication tower at 6206 Huot Road. If anyone wishes to appeal the decision of the Commission they may do so by submitting to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors a written request for appeal prior to Friday, September 22, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. along with the appropriate appeal fee.

STAFF REPORT TO: AMADOR COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
FOR MEETING OF: SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

Item 3 - Public Hearing - Request for a Use Permit (UP-17;5-2) to install a 136-foot-tall monopole wireless communication tower with twelve 6-foot-tall panel antennae, two 4-foot diameter microwave dishes, and associated tower and ground equipment.

Applicant: Epic Wireless Group, Inc., on behalf of AT&T Mobility, LLC

Property Owner: Villegas Family Trust

Supervisorial District 5

Location: 6202 Huot Road, approximately 2,200 feet west of Willow Creek Road (APN 008-120-098).

A. General Plan Designation of Area: A-G, Agricultural-General

B. Current Zoning: "R1A," Single-family Residential and Agricultural

C. Description: Epic Wireless, Inc., is requesting a Use Permit for the installation of a 136-foot-tall monopole design wireless communication tower for the purpose of improving high speed internet service in the area. The project is part of the FCC's Connect America Fund program to expand broadband and voice service to underserved areas. County Code requires a Use Permit for communication towers in excess of 50 feet. The location of the proposed tower is approximately 2,200 feet from Willow Creek Road, Carbondale Road, and Highway 16, and approximately 3,200 feet northwest of an existing 100-foot-tall monopole tower.

The base of the proposed tower will be at elevation 666 feet MSL, placing the top of the tower at elevation 802 feet MSL. The base of the existing monopole tower is at elevation 823 feet MSL, 21 feet higher than the top of the proposed tower.

Pursuant to County Code Section 19.48.150 (Wireless Service Facilities) such facilities shall not exceed existing tree lines along a skyline by more than 15 feet. County elevation data for the ridgeline to the south of the project indicate ground elevations of 760 to 840 feet (attached). The applicant has supplied photo simulations as well as diagrams that indicate the height of trees along the adjacent ridgeline to be 121 feet above the base of the proposed tower. Therefore, the wireless facility cannot be any taller than 136 feet.

D. Staff Review and Recommendation: This project was reviewed by staff which found no technical objections to the Planning Commission approving the Use Permit subject to the Conditions of Approval and findings attached to the staff report. Staff also recommends the Commission find this project is not subject to CEQA per Section 15061(b)(3), and is Categorical Exempt per Section 15303(c) of the CEQA guidelines.

E. Prior Planning Commission Action: The Planning Commission, after opening a public hearing and accepting public comments during its July 11, 2017 meeting, continued the public hearing to September 12, 2017. The continuance was to allow time for the applicant to determine what modifications would be required of the existing 100-foot-tall tower located at 15501 Willow Creek Road (APN 008-150-005) in order to meet the applicant's objectives. Depending on the necessary modifications, the County Code may

need to be amended to accommodate the tower.

- F. Planning Commission Action:** After taking additional public comment and reviewing the requested information from the applicant, a decision to either deny the Use Permit grant the Use Permit with the proposed conditions (or as amended) can be made.
- F. Findings:** If the Planning Commission approves this Use Permit, the following findings are recommended for adoption:
1. The project, as proposed and conditioned, is consistent with the Amador County General Plan and the “RIA” zoning district at this location;
 2. The approval of the Use Permit is sanctioned by County Code Section 19.48.150 (Wireless Service Facilities) and is consistent with County Code Section 19.56.040 (Use Permit Findings) in that the establishment, maintenance or operation of proposed use will not be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort, and general welfare of the persons residing or working in the neighborhood of such proposed use or be detrimental or injurious to property and improvements in the neighborhood or the general welfare of the County.
 3. The project is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Section 15601(b)3 of the CEQA Guidelines in that the project is covered by the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment; and is Categorically Exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section and 15303(c) in that it is small project under 2,500 square feet and not involving the use of significant amounts of hazardous materials. Therefore a Notice of Exemption will be filed with the Amador County Recorder.

**STAFF REPORT TO: AMADOR COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
FOR MEETING OF: JULY 11, 2017**

Item 4 - Public Hearing - Request for a Use Permit (UP-17;5-2) to install a 136-foot-tall monopole wireless communication tower with twelve 6-foot-tall panel antennae, two 4-foot diameter microwave dishes, and associated tower and ground equipment.

Applicant: Epic Wireless Group, Inc., on behalf of AT&T Mobility, LLC

Property Owner: Villegas Family Trust

Supervisorial District 5

Location: 6202 Huot Road, approximately 2,200 feet west of Willow Creek Road (APN 008-120-098).

A. General Plan Designation of Area: A-G, Agricultural-General

B. Current Zoning: "R1A," Single-family Residential and Agricultural

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D. Staff Review and Recommendation: This project was reviewed by staff which found no technical objections to the Planning Commission approving the Use Permit subject to the Conditions of Approval and findings attached to the staff report. Staff also recommends the Commission find this project is not subject to CEQA per Section 15061(b)(3), and is Categorical Exempt per Section 15303(c) of the CEQA guidelines.

E. Planning Commission Action: After taking public comment a decision to either grant or deny the Use Permit with the proposed conditions (or as amended) can be made.

F. Findings: If the Planning Commission approves this Use Permit, the following findings are recommended for adoption:

- 1. The project, as proposed and conditioned, is consistent with the Amador County

General Plan and the "R1A" zoning district at this location;

2. The approval of the Use Permit is sanctioned by County Code Section 19.48.150 (Wireless Service Facilities) and is consistent with County Code Section 19.56.040 (Use Permit Findings) in that the establishment, maintenance or operation of proposed use will not be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort, and general welfare of the persons residing or working in the neighborhood of such proposed use or be detrimental or injurious to property and improvements in the neighborhood or the general welfare of the County.
3. The project is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Section 15601(b)3 of the CEQA Guidelines in that the project is covered by the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment; and is Categorical Exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section and 15303(c) in that it is small project under 2,500 square feet and not involving the use of significant amounts of hazardous materials. Therefore a Notice of Exemption will be filed with the Amador County Recorder.

USE PERMIT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
FOR
EPIC WIRELESS, INCORPORATED

PERMITTEE: Epic Wireless, Incorporated (Stephanie Dowdle, representative)

ADDRESS: 8700 Auburn Folsom Road #400
Granite Bay, CA. 95746

PHONE: (916) 781-5921

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Use Permit to install a 136-foot tall monopole wireless communications tower.

PROJECT LOCATION: 6206 Huot Road, approximately 2,200 feet west of Willow Creek Road and 2,200 feet south of Highway 16.

ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER: 008-120-098

USE PERMIT NO.: UP-17;5-2

PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL DATE:



1. *This Use Permit shall not become valid, nor shall any uses commence until such time as the Permittee is either found to be in compliance with or has agreed, in writing, to a program of compliance acceptable to the County. At that time the permit shall be signed by the Planning Department and the use shall commence. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS REQUIREMENT.*
2. *The issuance of this Use Permit is expressly conditioned upon the permittee's compliance with all the provisions contained herein and if any of the provisions contained herein are violated, this Use Permit may be subject to revocation proceedings as set forth in Amador County Code. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS REQUIREMENT.*
3. The permittee shall acquire a building permit for all facilities and any other related equipment. Construction and location shall be substantially the same as shown on the approved project description. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS CONDITION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT.
4. Any security lighting for the ground facilities shall be shielded and directed in such a manner so as not to direct light onto neighboring properties/buildings/roadways. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS CONDITION.
5. Any proposed generator shall be constructed and insulated such that it will not exceed the Noise Element Guidelines of the Amador County General Plan at the project boundary. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS CONDITION.

6. The permittee must substantially comply with all applicable requirements regarding use and storage of hazardous materials as well as handling and disposal of hazardous wastes as required by the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA). THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS CONDITION.
7. The wireless service facility shall be a monopole design substantially the same as depicted in the application materials. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS CONDITION.
10. This Use Permit shall comply with all applicable requirements of County Code Section 19.48.150 (Wireless Service Facilities) including, but not limited, to the following:
 - A. The permittee shall provide an engineer's estimated cost for removal of the monopole and ancillary equipment;
 - B. Provide a performance bond in the amount of 100% of the County's estimated cost of removal for the wireless service facility and other equipment, including administrative costs;
 - C. The wireless service facility shall be removed when it becomes no longer necessary or not in use for a six month period;
 - D. A minimum setback from all property lines and public road right-of-ways shall be equal to the height of the facility; and
 - E. The height of facilities shall not exceed existing tree lines or buildings along a skyline by more than 15'THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS CONDITION.
8. The permittee shall submit proof to the Planning Department that all FCC and FAA regulations for wireless service facilities have been researched and complied with according to their requirements, including but not limited to, that the facility shall not emit harmful rays, noxious odors, heat, excessive noise or pollutants. The facilities shall not interfere with radio, television or phone transmissions, and will not interfere with the operation of household appliances, door openers, or other machinery in the area. If public complaints occur, the burden of proof in fulfilling this condition shall be upon the permittee. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS CONDITION.
9. Any future co-location shall comply with County Code Section 19.48.150. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS CONDITION.
10. In the event the permittee encounters any historic, archaeological or paleontological resource during any construction undertaken to comply with these Use Permit conditions, permittee shall stop work immediately within a ten-yard perimeter of the find and retain the services of a qualified archaeologist for the purpose of recording, protecting, or curating the discovery as appropriate. The archaeologist shall be required to submit to the Planning Department a written opinion concerning the importance of the resource and the need to preserve the resource or otherwise reduce impacts of the project. The permittee shall notify the Amador County Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the find and provide proof to the Planning Department that any/all recommendations and requirements of the archaeologist have been complied with. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS MITIGATION.

CORRESPONDENCE



Planning Department <planning@amadorgov.org>

Cell tower on Hunt Rd.

1 message

Zachary McFall [REDACTED]
To: planning@amadorgov.org

Thu, Sep 7, 2017 at 10:38 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request that a use permit be denied to AT&T (Epic Wireless) for the proposed construction of a monopole wireless communications tower to be built at 6202 Huot Road. I request that AT&T (Epic Wireless) find an alternative site to construct their tower that would be less intrusive to the neighborhood. Our county is very beautiful and we should strive to keep it that way. Thank you in advance with your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Zachary McFall

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**AMADOR COUNTY
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**



Susan Grijalva <sgrijalva@amadorgov.org>

Fwd: Huot Rd Monopole

1 message

Herminia Perry [REDACTED]
To: Susan Grijalva <sgrijalva@amadorgov.org>

Wed, Sep 6, 2017 at 12:43 PM

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From: John Somerville [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, Sep 5, 2017 at 2:42 PM
Subject: Huot Rd Monopole
To: Planning Department <planning@amadorgov.org>**John H. & Mercedes Somerville**
[REDACTED] Plymouth Ca 95669

To Members of The Amador County Planning Commission,

This letter is in regards to the proposed broadband tower at 6202 Huot Road. My family and I live at [REDACTED] Huot Road. Our property is adjacent to the proposed project and will be directly impacted by the installation of a seconded monopole. The proposed location is less than 2/3 of a mile from an existing tower that has land and lease area available. We believe that the alternative location on or adjacent to the existing tower is the best choice for the residents of Amador County.

We are aware that this proposed monopole is part of the FCC's CAF II project whose primary objective is to bring high-speed internet to underserved areas. Secondly, to improve wireless capacity and coverage in this area. My home and the other residences on Huot Road are located in location in an ineligible location for connect America Phase II requirements per www.fcc.gov. (Location of existing tower is in an eligible area) In addition to the possible issue with the CAF II status, we have other questions and concerns regarding the proposed location.

1. The alternative site analysis states the project must meet an objective living unit target, but does not state what this number is or by how many units the existing tower falls short.
2. Can the existing tower be expanded to meet the target goal for service?
3. Why have the Muller Road and Wait property alternative sites not chosen?
4. Will homes on the adjoining properties to the proposed tower receive service?
5. How much more traffic will be increased on Huot Road due to construction and constant maintenance?

We also have questions about the application requirements and if they are being met.

1. There were only two alternative sites proposed, one of which is the current tower that is 3,200 feet SE of the proposed project.
2. The report does not state the number of homes the current tower location could serve. Only that 64 additional homes could be served by installing a new tower. Will those of us that are with in

- 1,000 ft of proposed tower receive service?
3. No photo simulations from adjacent homes have been provided. Only views from Roads.
4. No documents showing summary estimates of electric magnetic field strength on the site or adjacent properties have been made available.
5. Aesthetic considerations. A monopole is inconsistent with existing vegetation and nearby structures. Two cell phone towers within 3,200 ft of each other will adversely affect the visual quality of the neighborhood and have a possible negative affect on property values damaging our "curb appeal".

6. Skyline considerations: The view from our property at 6350 Huot Road looking towards the proposed monopole is currently an open, unobstructed view with beautiful oaks and pine trees. The tower at the proposed location will be visible from our three bedroom windows, front porch, back porch, front and back yards. Since the proposed tower is only 300 feet from our home it will appear that the 136 foot monopole will be hovering over us encroaching on our personal space. The proximity of this tower to our home will significantly decrease our property value.

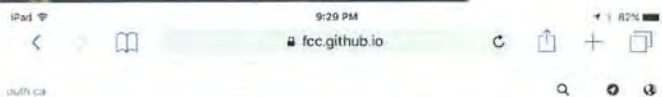
Not only are we concerned about the close proximity of this tower to our home (300 ft) and the proximity of this proposed tower to the existing tower less than 2/3 of a mile. We also are concerned about the overall aesthetics of the county since any person who resides or visits the area via Highway 16 will be greeted with three undisguised towers. We have worked very hard so that we could live in this wonderful community and unfortunately if this is approved much of our hard work will be diminished. As parents to a 16 month old daughter we have many concerns about raising her and future children in such close proximity to the proposed tower. This proposed build may benefit others but will be extremely detrimental to those of us who live on Huot road, willow creek estates and others in the county.

We ask that you do not approve this project at the proposed site for all the previous reasons stated. In addition, county code section 19.48.150 (wireless service facilities) & county code section 19.56.040 (use permit findings) the establishment, maintenance and operation of the proposed monopole will be detrimental to our health, safety, peace, comfort and general welfare.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider this letter. Attached are some photos from our home with indicators for the approximate positioning of the proposed monopole.

Sincerely,
John & Mercedes Somerville
Homeowners [REDACTED]
Plymouth, CA 95669





County Summary
Amador County, CA
Total Price Cap (PC) County Locations: 13,208

PC Carrier	State	Eligible Locations	Support Amount
AT&T	CA	2,370	\$1,053,960
Verizon	CA		
Total		2,370	\$1,053,960

California State Summary

PC Carrier	Eligible Locations	Support Amount
AT&T	141,540	\$60,240,439
CenturyLink	45	\$55,366
Consolidated Communications	71	\$14,836
Frontier Communications	12,822	\$6,096,765
Verizon	77,402	\$31,978,058
Total	231,880	\$98,385,466



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AMADOR COUNTY
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Dear Amador County Planning Commission,

Included are the signatures we have collected from our petition on Change.org against the Proposed Mircowave Cell Tower. As of September 1st, we have a total of 370 signatures. We will bring an updated total to the hearing on September 12th. We also have a total of 226 followers at our facebook page @StopPlymouthTower. As you can see there is a lot of opposition locally and even throughout the country regarding this tower near our home. We have sent another letter with all the comments from neighbors opposing the tower. Please include those in your staff report too. We are continuing to gather support everyday!

Link to petition

https://www.change.org/p/stop-plymouth-cell-tower-from-being-built-300-feet-from-baby?recruiter=120965420&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=copylink&utm_campaign=share_petition

Thank you,

Mercedes Somerville


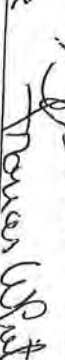


STOP THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF 136' MONOPOLE WIRELESS TOWER

Petition summary and background

AT&T (Epic Wireless) has proposed the construction of a 136' monopole wireless communication tower in close proximity to many homes and children.

Action petitioned for

We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge The Amador County Planning Commission to deny a use permit to AT&T (Epic Wireless) for the proposed construction of a 136' wireless communications tower located at 6202 Huot Road, Plymouth, CA.

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Gregg Lamin		[REDACTED]	USE the old one	8/14/17
Frances White		[REDACTED]	Use the current one	8-14-17
Linda McEler		[REDACTED]	Please use the existing	8-24-17
Taylor Hammer		[REDACTED]	NO THANKS!!!	8-26-17
Ed Gallup		[REDACTED]	Use prove the old one	8-28-17

Signatures

Name	Location	Date
Mercedes Somerville	Rancho Cordova, CA	2017-07-16
Amy Jenkins	Stockton, CA	2017-07-17
Stacy Clark	Manteca, CA	2017-07-17
Karen Morss	Redwood City, CA	2017-07-17
Cody Foss	Rancho Cordova, CA	2017-07-17
Marisa Obert	Oakland, CA	2017-07-17
Maria Clark	Manteca, CA	2017-07-17
Sean Oliphant	Folsom, CA	2017-07-17
Ciecie Yanti	Singapore, Indonesia	2017-07-17
Meagan Silva	Stockton, CA	2017-07-17
Alexis Clark	Walnut Creek, CA	2017-07-17
Amber Ellis	North Fork, CA	2017-07-17
Gama Leong	George Town, Malaysia	2017-07-17
Esther Kemperle	Berg, Austria	2017-07-17
Leonella Leoni	Italy	2017-07-17
gina de.minelli.alf	France	2017-07-17
Marie - Louise Galliker	Basel, Switzerland	2017-07-17
Silvia Steinbrecher	Germany	2017-07-17
bos claudine	poligny, France	2017-07-17
ken roach	Rocester, England, UK	2017-07-17

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Fernande Fournier	Luxembourg, Luxembourg	2017-07-17
Christine Thörnwall	Norrköping, Sweden	2017-07-17
olga hernandez	miami, FL	2017-07-17
marielaure vignaud	France	2017-07-17
Laila Sunde	Odda, NV	2017-07-17
wendy bailey - hill	Adelaide, Australia	2017-07-18
土佐 理子	Sakado-shi, Japan	2017-07-18
Gary Schutt	Abbots Langley, England, UK	2017-07-18
manuela wolter	st-cruiz, Costa Rica	2017-07-18
Jennifer Brandt	Avondale, AZ	2017-07-18
Maria Alice Rocha simao almeida	brasilia, Brazil	2017-07-18
zara c	Stretford, England, UK	2017-07-18
Meike Heckel	Germany	2017-07-18
jocelyne lapointe	Terrebonne, CA	2017-07-18
hortencia mendoza	Mexico	2017-07-18
Kathy Efthymiakopoulos	Longueuil, Canada	2017-07-18
H Mol	Poortvliet, NE	2017-07-18
達知 美加	Japan	2017-07-18
Renchen N-e	Hamburg, Germany	2017-07-18
Ted Williams	Ralls, U.S. Outlying Islands	2017-07-18
yolanda schultes	Wittenbach, Switzerland	2017-07-18

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Inge Stadler	Germany	2017-07-18
Sharifah Farah Debah Syed Mohammad	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	2017-07-18
Sabine Hellpape	Germany	2017-07-18
Luis Villarreal	Modesto, CA	2017-07-18
Gabriella Cantu	Los Angeles, CA	2017-07-18
alison jones	Holyhead, Wales, UK	2017-07-18
angelika+ thomas wegner	Germany	2017-07-18
grouci djamila	nanteuil les meaux, France	2017-07-18
Silvia Lossgott	Vienna, Austria	2017-07-18
catherine cheneval	LYON, France	2017-07-18
ilona klinkert	Germany	2017-07-18
Lorena Camps	Alcala de Henares, Spain	2017-07-18
Sabine Möhler	sabine.stiker@web.de, Germany	2017-07-18
jerome masuy	paris, France	2017-07-18
joyce alexander	Edinburgh, Scotland, UK	2017-07-18
Stanislav Aksyonov	Тюмень, Russia	2017-07-18
cornelia springer	vienna, Austria	2017-07-18
Willem Kom	Hoogezand, Netherlands	2017-07-18
Rosi Zang	Germany	2017-07-18
Gonny Stevens	Lanaken, Belgium	2017-07-18
Sigrid Müller	Germany	2017-07-18

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Maria Van Geel	Zdroisko, Poland	2017-07-18
Julien Eberle	France	2017-07-18
Andrea Knöpfler	Germany	2017-07-18
Renate Ebrecht	Germany	2017-07-18
Alexandr Yantselovskiy	Vyshneve, Ukraine	2017-07-18
SILVESTRE BEATRICE	LIEGE, Belgium	2017-07-18
Eva Maria Genovese	Muttenz, Switzerland	2017-07-18
josete ignacio	Spain	2017-07-18
carol bischoff	Junction city, Netherlands	2017-07-18
Siegrid Roedel	Germany	2017-07-18
Astrid van der Geest	Zoetermeer, Netherlands	2017-07-18
Αναστασία Χλωρού	ΕΥΟΣΜΟΣ, Greece	2017-07-18
laborgrupo armer teufel c/ o reger	Germany	2017-07-18
Lydia Zink	Hanover, Germany	2017-07-18
Marina Kotelnikova	Moscow, Russia	2017-07-18
Kathy Betlan	Mooresville, NC	2017-07-18
celine duburg anchen	montevideo, Uruguay	2017-07-18
bellinda rolf-jansen	Oosterbeek, Netherlands	2017-07-18
Athina Peter	Germany	2017-07-18
B Kools	Ridderkerk, Netherlands	2017-07-18
Suzanne Grunberg	Sydney, Australia	2017-07-18

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Roswitha Hanowski	Wedel, Germany	2017-07-18
Chardonnens Sonja	Mannens, Switzerland	2017-07-18
Sylvia Gries	Eppenbrunn, Germany	2017-07-18
Marc van de Waarsenburg	Middelburg, Netherlands	2017-07-18
Jodi Geery	Danville, CA	2017-07-18
Hans de Vos	Schoondijke, Netherlands	2017-07-18
Bobbi Parsley	Atwood, IL	2017-07-18
George J. Winter	Izola, Slovenia	2017-07-18
Brigitte Donkers	Heerlen, Netherlands	2017-07-18
Karin Guenther	Germany	2017-07-18
AnnMarie Hodgson	Barrie, Canada	2017-07-18
Eva-Maria Haak	Salzgitter, Germany	2017-07-18
Annette Berghammer	München, Germany	2017-07-18
Barbara Schmölzer	Nestelbach bei Graz, Austria	2017-07-18
Marion Schiffers	Brussels, Belgium	2017-07-18
Mignot Ghislaine	Vasselin, France	2017-07-18
patsy van cleemput	ternat, Belgium	2017-07-18
Fazend Mo	São Paulo, Brazil	2017-07-18
nastja potočnik	Bistrica, Slovenia	2017-07-18
Cherie Gresham	Turlock, CA	2017-07-18
Dwayne Thornton	Reno, NV	2017-07-19
Michhelle Martinez	Lathrop, US	2017-07-19

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Ricki Cantu	Modesto, CA	2017-07-19
Anthony Givens	Rancho Cordova, CA	2017-07-19
黒川 知子	Japan	2017-07-19
Kathleen Utley	Plymouth, CA	2017-07-19
Claudia Tuechler	8082 Kirchbach, Austria	2017-07-19
Manuela Nestler	Germany	2017-07-19
Gabriela Gurdziel	Germany	2017-07-19
Agnès MOREAU	France	2017-07-19
Anke O. Schaller	Germany	2017-07-19
Cornelia Abedini	Germany	2017-07-19
Gerlinde Holzer	Guntersdorf, Austria	2017-07-19
Rita Stämpfli	Kirchdorf, Switzerland	2017-07-19
patricia wood	Málaga, Spain	2017-07-19
Bruce Bilderback	stockton, CA	2017-07-19
stan nicollette	bucuresti, Romania	2017-07-19
Nina Hagen	Germany	2017-07-19
Antoinette C. Gonzales	Victorville, CA	2017-07-20
Janina Grage	Germany	2017-07-20
Karin Zimmermann	Germany	2017-07-20
Mary LAM	Hong Kong, Hong Kong	2017-07-20
Claudia Neuhalfen	Germany	2017-07-20
Sabine Mayr	Innsbruck, Austria	2017-07-20

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Kathrin Siegmund	Blankenfelde, Germany	2017-07-20
Lisa Salazar	Shasta Lake, CA	2017-07-20
Cinzia Milo	Milano, Italy	2017-07-20
Lee Yuk Yee	kln, Hong Kong	2017-07-21
goldi muencz	ramat hashofet, Israel	2017-07-21
Silja Alter	Germany	2017-07-21
Steph Gitlin	New York, NY	2017-07-21
Gero Wölfel	Ichtershausen, Germany	2017-07-22
Angela Fricke	Germany	2017-07-22
Angela Kohnke	25436, DE	2017-07-23
Rita Wolff	Hannover, Germany	2017-07-23
erna theil	Germany	2017-07-25
SARA ALLEN	Arnold, CA	2017-07-25
John Somerville	Placerville, CA	2017-07-25
Paul Crowther	Plymouth, CA	2017-07-26
Barbara Richardson	Plymouth, CA	2017-07-26
Ron Johnson	Plymouth, CA	2017-07-26
Sarah Moe	Dickinson, ND	2017-07-26
Michael Tillery	Ione, CA	2017-07-26
Gerald Faulk	Plymouth, CA	2017-07-26
Heather Monita	West Sacramento, CA	2017-07-26
gerald wier	Shingle Springs, CA	2017-07-26

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Carol Sunada	Honolulu, HI	2017-07-26
William Scanlon	Plymouth, CA	2017-07-26
Joyce Crowther	Plymouth, CA	2017-07-26
oscar martínez	barcelona, Spain	2017-07-27
Emily Scanlon	Plymouth, CA	2017-07-27
Jeffrey Cartwright	Plymouth, CA	2017-07-27
Frances Gettys	Sacramento, CA	2017-07-27
Alberta Yturralde	Ione, CA	2017-07-27
michon Hawkins	Plymouth, CA	2017-07-27
Robert L Gurley	Plymouth, CA	2017-07-27
Theresa Almeda	Plymouth, CA	2017-07-27
Monica Ferrulli	Ripon, CA	2017-07-27
Regan Colwell	Ione, CA	2017-07-27
Laurie Lord	Ione, CA	2017-07-27
Dagan Fox	Placerville, CA	2017-07-28
Patti Williams	Plymouth, CA	2017-07-28
jeanne breeden	ione, CA	2017-07-28
Matthew Shriver	Albuquerque, NM	2017-07-29
Brittany Smith	Rancho Cordova, CA	2017-07-29
Maria Klein	Innsbruck, Austria	2017-07-29
Melinda McCracken	Sacramento, CA	2017-07-31

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Kelly & Larry Thompson Thompson	Arnold, CA	2017-07-31
anita cushing	Mather, CA	2017-07-31
Kathleen Vicini	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-02
Linda Santucci	Tucson, AZ	2017-08-02
Deborah Snider	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-02
Averia Barajas	Morgantown, WV	2017-08-02
Norma Loewen	Pioneer, CA	2017-08-05
Kristina Criss	Folsom, US	2017-08-05
Christopher Myers	Placerville, CA	2017-08-06
Lisa Moss	Belmont, CA	2017-08-06
Tracee Franks	Modesto, US	2017-08-08
Tarra Thornton	Folsom, CA	2017-08-08
Bolly Maus	Innsbruck, Austria	2017-08-09
Victor Cushing	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-11
PARRAVICINI MARCO	MILANO, Italy	2017-08-11
Jeanne Meyer	Lodi, US	2017-08-11
Jennifer Vicini	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-11
Karen Lowe	Placerville, CA	2017-08-11
Haley Stewart	US	2017-08-11
Amy Morse	Pioneer, CA	2017-08-11
Christina Legg	US	2017-08-11

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Amanda Stone	Ione, CA	2017-08-11
Shirley Souza	Logan, US	2017-08-11
Dennis Greenhalgh	Folsom, CA	2017-08-11
Steffani Abercrombie	US	2017-08-11
Alex Sommerfeldt	Winters, CA	2017-08-11
erin pfeiffer	Lemoore, CA	2017-08-11
Sara Dentone	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-11
Amy Des Roches	Valley Springs, CA	2017-08-11
Joseph Soares	Valley Springs, US	2017-08-11
Bridget Ramsey	San Francisco, US	2017-08-11
Jeff Simonsen	Elk Grove, CA	2017-08-11
Martin Greenhalgh	Alamo, CA	2017-08-11
lisa mckinney	Pismo Beach, CA	2017-08-11
Daniel Dentone	Shingle Springs, CA	2017-08-11
Chelsi Andres	Ione, CA	2017-08-11
Daniele Molin	Ione, CA	2017-08-11
Cari Southard	Lincoln, CA	2017-08-11
Virginis Donatelli-Groza	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-12
Sheila Regina Southard	Ione, CA	2017-08-12
Cheryl Brunkhorst	Volcano, CA	2017-08-12
Jamie Scanlon	Lodi, US	2017-08-12
Amy Reilly	Pioneer, CA	2017-08-12

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Sarah Bolton	Manteca, US	2017-08-29
Liz Harvey	Fair Oaks, CA	2017-08-31
Danielle Umatum	Roseville, CA	2017-08-31
Davy Vandersommen	US	2017-08-31
Kate Nolen	Rocklin, US	2017-08-31
Tammy Nichols	West Sacramento, CA	2017-08-31
Madison McCoy	Roseville, CA	2017-08-31
Brittney Bears	Anchorage, US	2017-08-31
Larry Finney	Bremerton, US	2017-08-31
Brittany Mashino	Citrus Heights, CA	2017-08-31
Tina Beard	Sacramento, CA	2017-08-31
Mark Ward	Sacramento, CA	2017-08-31
Dan McGuane	Granite Bay, US	2017-08-31
Steven Harvey	Union City, US	2017-09-01
Casey Lyons	Placerville, US	2017-09-01
Ione Fisher	Pioneer, CA	2017-09-01
Jared Weatherly	Pomona, US	2017-09-01
Bryan Van Winkle	Sacramento, US	2017-09-01

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Barb Vaith	Lodi, US	2017-08-12
Briana Espiritu	Alamo, US	2017-08-12
Susan Emerson	Ione, CA	2017-08-12
Dave Karr	Rocklin, CA	2017-08-12
Susan Dorris	Pine Grove, US	2017-08-12
Megan Reaves	Ione, CA	2017-08-12
Linda Osen	Ione, CA	2017-08-12
Roger Fugere	Volcano, CA	2017-08-12
Jennifer Monge	Visalia, US	2017-08-12
Ginger Barton	Sutter Creek, CA	2017-08-12
Hillary Sweetman-Garcia	Ione, CA	2017-08-12
Ashley Taylor	Pleasanton, US	2017-08-12
Pam Benson	Union City, US	2017-08-12
Jeanne Faulk	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-12
Chad Vaith	West Sacramento, US	2017-08-12
Shannon Vaith	Union City, US	2017-08-12
Tammy Faulkner	Corona, US	2017-08-12
Pritam babrah	Elk Grove, CA	2017-08-12
Phyllis Smith	Sacramento, US	2017-08-12
Julie Hamer	Oakland, CA	2017-08-12
Kimberly Banegas	Oakland, US	2017-08-12
Justin Fischer	Houston, US	2017-08-12

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Patrick Tschabold	Roseville, US	2017-08-12
Amber Blake	Pleasanton, US	2017-08-12
Lena Stiward	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-12
Linda Molin	Jackson, CA	2017-08-12
Gail Jennings	Pioneer, US	2017-08-12
Frank Neas	Stockton, CA	2017-08-12
Gail VAVROSKY	Woodland, CA	2017-08-12
Carrie Mote	Valley springs, CA	2017-08-12
Annemarie Cronin	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-12
Jenelle Frizzell	Sacramento, CA	2017-08-12
Eric Vaith	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-12
Bine Regensburger	innsbruck, Austria	2017-08-12
Deborah Donahoo	Pine Grove, US	2017-08-12
Janese Favret	Jackson, CA	2017-08-12
Judy Albro	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-12
Alison Armstrong	Concord, US	2017-08-12
Katherine Moede	Jackson, CA	2017-08-12
traci hicks	copperopolis, CA	2017-08-13
Tina Dennis	Pioneer, US	2017-08-13
Sue Shoemaker	Logan, UT	2017-08-13
Pearl Flores	Lodi, CA	2017-08-13
Rachella Thomas	Alamo, CA	2017-08-13

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kristie smallfield	Valley Springs, CA	2017-08-13
Brandy Maugeri	Ione, US	2017-08-13
Machele Gomez	Pine grove, CA	2017-08-13
Maria Celia Munguia	Rancho Cordova, CA	2017-08-13
Chelsea Hills	Sutter Creek, CA	2017-08-13
Anne Cronin	Ione, CA	2017-08-13
Arianna Carrillo	Ione, US	2017-08-13
Kristine King	Valley Springs, CA	2017-08-13
Raquel Perez	Valley Springs, US	2017-08-13
Jennifer Arriero	Lodi, US	2017-08-13
Michael LaGrange	Reno, NV	2017-08-13
Crystal Massey	Stockton, US	2017-08-13
Melissa McKenzie	Altadena, CA	2017-08-13
Peggysue Ruiz	Sacramento, US	2017-08-13
Blanca Dominguez Guzman	Boring, OR	2017-08-13
Roy Gonzalez	Portland, US	2017-08-13
Rea Holman	Oak View, CA	2017-08-14
Rea Cheney Holman	Blocksburg, US	2017-08-14
Ashley finegan	Ione, CA	2017-08-14
Rosie Fisher	Lodi, US	2017-08-14
Ashley Chamberlain	Manteca, US	2017-08-14
Cathy Harry	Fresno, US	2017-08-14

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Christina Gilbert	Ione, CA	2017-08-15
Cienna Brown	Alamo, US	2017-08-15
jamie wilcox	Pine Grove, CA	2017-08-16
Ashley Friend	Angels Camp, US	2017-08-16
Lisa Weinstein	Ripon, US	2017-08-16
Shoshanah Garcia	Jackson, CA	2017-08-17
Monique Carlson	Oakland, US	2017-08-17
Sara Liesenfeld	Fremont, CA	2017-08-18
David Violet	Ripon, US	2017-08-18
Mary Bullock	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-18
Jessica Vaughn	Pioneer, CA	2017-08-19
Greg Cronin	Plymouth, US	2017-08-20
Kerri O'Connell	Victor, US	2017-08-21
Gail Tudor	Elk Grove, CA	2017-08-21
Kayleigh Helfer	Lodi, CA	2017-08-21
Kathy Munoz	Citrus Heights, CA	2017-08-21
yolanda bennett	Ione, CA	2017-08-21
Kimberly Aleman	Ripon, CA	2017-08-22
Carrie Phillips	Sonora, CA	2017-08-22
Josh Pitre	Thibodaux, US	2017-08-22
Jordan Ott	Fresno, CA	2017-08-22
Sierra Gonzalez	Coarsegold, CA	2017-08-22

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Serene Mcnutt	Bakersfield, CA	2017-08-22
Wyatt Somerville	Auberry, US	2017-08-22
Naomi Turner	Fresno, CA	2017-08-22
Colleen Ohira	Folsom, US	2017-08-22
Amanda Rivera	US	2017-08-22
Amy Ott	West Lebanon, US	2017-08-22
Karen Martin	Highland Falls, US	2017-08-23
Marina Koorkoff	Murphys, US	2017-08-23
Darcy Gagnon	Houston, TX	2017-08-23
Joelle Hussey	Thousand Oaks, US	2017-08-23
Rebecca Lefor	Clovis, CA	2017-08-23
Veronica Larson	Auberry, CA	2017-08-23
Jeanine Valle	Kingsburg, US	2017-08-23
Jose Guzman	Ceres, US	2017-08-24
Adam cox	Tracy, CA	2017-08-24
Nathan Drechsler	Manteca, CA	2017-08-24
Michelle Bateman	Castro Valley, CA	2017-08-24
Thomas Monaco	Willow Spring, NC	2017-08-24
John Leoni	Lathrop, CA	2017-08-24
joseph white	Palatka, FL	2017-08-24
Miguel Maciel	Citrus Heights, US	2017-08-24
Jaymie Rodriguez	San Jose, CA	2017-08-24

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lisa mace	El Dorado Hills, US	2017-08-24
Adam Kaluba	Cincinnati, OH	2017-08-24
Jo-Ann Carmody	Queens, NY	2017-08-24
Chantelle Smalley	Millville, NJ	2017-08-25
David Pritchard	Wellborn, FL	2017-08-25
Julie Green	Manteca, US	2017-08-25
Michelle Fuller	Tracy, CA	2017-08-25
Denia Phipps	Union City, US	2017-08-25
Analysa Bidwell	San Andreas, US	2017-08-25
Alicia Shaw	Valley Springs, US	2017-08-25
Cole Champion	Lodi, US	2017-08-25
Pat Curry	Stockton, CA	2017-08-25
Laura Fry	Ione, CA	2017-08-26
Jennifer Leyendecker	Manteca, US	2017-08-26
vincent valadez	Amador City, CA	2017-08-27
Paula Valadez	Winters, CA	2017-08-27
Lissette Nukida	Carson, CA	2017-08-28
Kimberly Lyons	Antelope, US	2017-08-28
Heather Raven	Elk Grove, US	2017-08-28
Marie Joly	Sacramento, US	2017-08-28
LaChawnda Horton	Bakersfield, CA	2017-08-29
Sandra Cox	Sacramento, CA	2017-08-29

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AMADOR COUNTY
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Letter: Greetings,

Dear Caring Reader,

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this letter and to sign our petition. My husband and I moved to Amador County from Rancho Cordova to our dream home during the fall of 2015. I was pregnant at the time with our daughter who is now one. We envisioned raising a family in this quiet rural setting and we were overjoyed when we were able to close on the property. It was a fixer-upper but that only made it more enticing because it meant we could build our American Dream, our way (my husband is a Veteran).

On Saturday July 1, 2017, three days before Independence Day on July 4th, we received a notice from Amador County Community Development Agency Planning Department of a proposed 136' tall Microwave/Cellular tower to be built on the property immediately adjacent to ours. This microwave tower would be approximately 300 feet from our home and 150 feet from our property line, or better said...

When we purchased the property we were aware of a cell phone tower in Sutter Creek and an additional tower nearby on Willow Creek Road. Since we relocated here we have had no issues with cellular service (AT&T, Verizon or Net10) or the internet which is provided by local businesses.

After researching the issue we have found that this tower is part of the FCC's Connect America Phase II which subsidizes companies to expand their cellular and internet service. However our area is not even eligible for said service. To add insult to injury the tower currently on Willow Creek Road has vacancies and in fact is a more suitable site. This tower is only 3,000 feet away from the proposed site, and actually sits at a higher elevation. It is also interesting to note that the proposed tower for some reason is exempt from environmental standards (CEQA)!

Ironically, regarding our daughter's health, our own health and the health of our neighbors and their grazing livestock, upon further research we were absolutely dumbfounded to find that in 1996 the Government passed a law

that does not allow counties to deny permits to cell companies based on health concerns.

I cannot understand how in this great country of ours how a person's health (or an animal's in the food chain for that matter) is not taken into account especially when that risk concerns a young growing child's! I personally feel that this tower is an assault on my family's welfare, property value, peace and security...an assault on our American Dream.

So, if health is off the table for the sake of argument let's touch upon the fact that property values around these antennas drop by an average of 40 percent as compared to other similar properties without an antenna. Simply put, would you choose to live next to such an eyesore?

We love living here and do not want to move, nor can we afford to. We have put everything, including many hours of blood, sweat and tears into our little piece of America. We have formed many relationships with our neighbors who also relocated to this area for the rural setting, family values and the amazing views.

Please help us in our fight to protect our dream, for in the larger scheme of things it is your dream too.

We along with our neighbors will be at the public hearing September 12, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California. Epic wireless will be answering the commissioners questions about co-location at the existing site. They will be making a decision on whether to approve a use permit at that meeting. Please feel free to attend.

Thank You,
The Somervilles

Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Stacy Clark	Manteca, CA	2017-07-17	The "baby" is my granddaughter!
Fernande Fournier	Luxembourg, Luxembourg	2017-07-17	Nehmen, Sie Ihre Verantwortung, bitte. Helfen und handeln Sie menschlich und zügig. Zivilisierte, Gesellschaft? Traurig, dass man Petionen unterschreiben muss. Dies, sollte selbstverständlich sein. Merci.
Maria Van Geel	Zdroisko, Poland	2017-07-18	Getekend
Michelle Martinez	Lathrop, US	2017-07-19	I'm concerned for my family's wellbeing.
Anthony Givens	Rancho Cordova, CA	2017-07-19	Why the hell would you sacrifice the well being of a growing human for profit? Offer discounted home wifi unit instead. place it farther away. You have options!
Kathleen Utley	Plymouth, CA	2017-07-19	It's an unnecessary tower that will be lower than the existing one and too close to existing homes.
SARA ALLEN	Arnold, CA	2017-07-25	As a Real Estate Broker, I have concern about how the close proximity of a cell tower will affect future property values.
Paul Crowther	Plymouth, CA	2017-07-26	This tower seems unreasonably close to a family home and an alternate tower site would appear to be available.
Michael Tillery	Ione, CA	2017-07-26	Use the tower that is there already
Alberta Yturralde	Ione, CA	2017-07-27	This is to close to properties
Robert L Gurley	Plymouth, CA	2017-07-27	Microwaves that close to animals affect biological tissues. Upgrade the existing one off Willow Creek Road...
Monica ferrulli	Ripon, CA	2017-07-27	Cell towers are classified as a possible carcinogen and should not be near children! FCC guidelines are outdated and do protect against children and chronic exposure!!!
Laurie Lord	Ione, CA	2017-07-27	A substantive need has not been demonstrated.
Dagan Fox	Placerville, CA	2017-07-28	Infrasound and radio waves cause radiation and cancer.
Patti Williams	Plymouth, CA	2017-07-28	I do not want another tower so close to homes. Mine home included. There is one already close.
jeanne breeden	ione, CA	2017-07-28	not a new tower, we don't need it!
Matt Shriver	boise, ID	2017-07-29	Human beings matter more than money.
Kelly & Larry Thompson Thompson	Arnold, CA	2017-07-31	Health Reasons
anita cushing	Mather, CA	2017-07-31	Please put the tower where the old one is. Dont jeopardize lives..

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Kathleen Vicini	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-02	These wifi/cell towers and poles need to be clustered together, not allowed to pop up on every hilltop!
Kathleen Vicini	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-02	There is already a tower with cell, wifi, equipment & fiber optic to it a couple thousand feet away..why ruin more view shed?
Linda Santucci	Tucson, AZ	2017-08-02	I believe overdone Microwave and Cellular transmissions should be prohibited, given there are already others in place. Just because different companies are involved, has no bearing on overdone, overuse of multitudinous Microwave and Cellular poles for more and more transmission locations all over the County.
Deborah McKee Snider	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-02	I live just down the road. Deny this permi and relocate away from homes or add the array to the existing tower
jeanne breeden	ione, CA	2017-08-06	Much too close to homes and people and unsightly...move it further away.
Christopher Myers	Placerville, CA	2017-08-06	I'm opposed to this project. The disruption to our own electomatic nervous system is distructive and can cause permanent damage as even death. Do not let this tower be built.
Mercedes Somerville	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-10	Thank you everyone for signing our petition. We are roughly a month away from our 2nd public hearing on Sept 12th @ 7pm at 810 Court St Jackson, Ca. We hope to see as many of you there as possible. There is strength in numbers especially in these situations. We have started a website at http://www.stophuotmonopole.com which is a wealth of information. Please share our petition on your social media along with our website. Thanks again, we will never forget your support!
Jennifer Vicini	Jackson, CA	2017-08-11	My husband owns property very close to where this is. We plan on building a home within the next couple of years and have 3 children. We also have family that already has existing homes near this as well as a business owned and operated on Willow Creek Rd.
Karen Lowe	Placerville, CA	2017-08-11	I believe it does not need to be close to homes ... plenty of land open !!!!
Jeff Simonsen	Elk Grove, CA	2017-08-11	The company can relocate this cell tower to another area away from this person's property as they want to develop and establish a home for there family.
Daniel Dentone	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-11	My family lives in Willow Creek Ranch Estates and I don't want this tower any where near them.
Virginis Donatelli-Groza	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-12	AT&T already abandoned their spot on the EXISTING tower (sold or gave it to Verizon). Thus, we lost AT&T cell services, necessitating our change to Verizon (better service). AT&T may join others on the EXISTING tower without causing additional inconvenience or concern to the surrounding residents.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Jeanne Faulk	Shingle Springs, CA	2017-08-12	We already have a cellphone tower, we don't need another one in the same area. The existing one needs to be utilized 100% before the placement of a new pole is thought about!
Jeanne Faulk	Shingle Springs, CA	2017-08-12	We already have a cell phone tower in our community that is under utilized, we don't need another one!
Frank Neas	Stockton, CA	2017-08-12	I believe in it!
Gail VAVROSKY	Woodland, CA	2017-08-12	For the health and welfare of all involved. This should NOT happen.
Mercedes Somerville	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-12	Thank you Daniel for signing our petition and commenting. We have been informed that we need a total of 5 families to oppose this tower to the HOA board and they will then write a letter to the county. Please let your family and friends know so they can contact the HOA board. Thank you so much for your support. We are going to win this!
Mercedes Somerville	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-12	Thank you and hope you can build your dream home soon! Hope to see your family at the public hearing on Sept 12 (7pm 810 Court St. Jackson, CA) If you want to write to the commissioners their email planning@amadorgov.org
Mercedes Somerville	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-12	Thanks for signing and commenting, not sure if you live in the Willow Creek Estates but we have been told that we need a total of 5 families to oppose tower to HOA board and they will write a letter to the county on behalf of the community.
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Jeanne Faulk	Shingle Springs, CA	2017-08-12	I don't live in WCE, my house is on Willow Creek Road right across from where Mueller intersects.
Judy Albro	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-12	Concerned about health effects of young children. Mine is grown with children of her own, and I wouldn't want them exposed each and every day while they're growing up either. People are more important than technology.
Pearl Flores	Lodi, CA	2017-08-13	I care about kids and it's not safe!!
Machele Gomez	Pine grove, CA	2017-08-13	I don't believe it is good for the safety of the family
Anne Cronin	Ione, CA	2017-08-13	The science on magnetic fields is clear. Induced magnetic fields, whether a cell tower or a cell phone, distort the natural magnetic fields of people and animals.
Robert L Gurley	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-14	We're on WCR, 1/2 mile from the Verizon tower. Still we think no need for an additional tower...
Sara Liesenfeld	Fremont, CA	2017-08-18	No one should have this forced on them. Unethical.
Annemarie Cronin	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-21	I agree with my daughter thought about the new tower and do not think it is a good idea nor does it seems to be needed Anny Miller
Gail Tudor	Elk Grove, CA	2017-08-21	There can be another place for the tower away from houses.
Kimberly Aleman	Ripon, CA	2017-08-22	Because it causes cancer.
Veronica Larson	Auberry, CA	2017-08-23	Everyone knows what radiation can do to a person. Can you imagine what it will dontonthis baby!! If there is a better building site then use that one. Protect this family!!
Nathan Drechsler	Manteca, CA	2017-08-24	Because, I stand With Adam Cox
Chantelle Smalley	Millville, NJ	2017-08-25	There is no need for this tower to be so close to homes.
Pat Curry	Stockton, CA	2017-08-25	It is wrong to not care for the people!!!
Laura Fry	Ione, CA	2017-08-26	I'm singing because I love babies more than cell service.
Judy Albro	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-26	Children just starting their lives living close to a cell tower and parents not knowing the long run consequences of that, is enough to concern me. People are more important than technology.
vincent valadez	Amador City, CA	2017-08-27	Stop the Tower. Stop the placement of towers near inhabited areas and the senseless death of our Birds and birds of pray
Mercedes Somerville	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-28	Thank you for your support. Where we live there is a huge variety of birds. Hawks, vultures, cranes, doves, robins, woodpeckers, hummingbirds. A neighbor told me there was a species out here that the university studies but I haven't been able to find that info yet.
Mercedes Somerville	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-29	Good Evening Everyone! We are so thankful for each one of you that have stood with us. We have a big favor to ask of you.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
	Roseville, CA	2017-08-31	<p>We have been contacting our local news stations for weeks now and no one will return our messages. We need media coverage and feel like we are being ignored unfortunately. If possible can you guys contact them too? Here's links and emails to get in touch with our local news. Thank you! http://sacramento.cbslocal.com/category/call-kurtis/ news@kovr.com Newstips@kcra.com mozdaglar@hearst.com Good day Sacramento 916-374-1301 (News)209-466-6985 (Stockton Bureau)800-374-8813 (Toll-free)</p>
Danielle Umatum	Roseville, CA	2017-08-31	This would be inhuman!
Tammy Nichols	West Sacramento, CA	2017-08-31	Having a cell tower with this much emission is a health hazard. This is not o.k.
Tina Beard	Sacramento, CA	2017-08-31	This is so wrong!!

Recipient: Amador County Community Development Agency

Letter: Greetings,

Dear Caring Reader,

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this letter and to sign our petition. My husband and I moved to Amador County from Rancho Cordova to our dream home during the fall of 2015. I was pregnant at the time with our daughter who is now one. We envisioned raising a family in this quiet rural setting and we were overjoyed when we were able to close on the property. It was a fixer-upper but that only made it more enticing because it meant we could build our American Dream, our way (my husband is a Veteran).

On Saturday July 1, 2017, three days before Independence Day on July 4th, we received a notice from Amador County Community Development Agency Planning Department of a proposed 136' tall Microwave/Cellular tower to be built on the property immediately adjacent to ours. This microwave tower would be approximately 300 feet from our home and 150 feet from our property line, or better said...

When we purchased the property we were aware of a cell phone tower in Sutter Creek and an additional tower nearby on Willow Creek Road. Since we relocated here we have had no issues with cellular service (AT&T, Verizon or Net10) or the internet which is provided by local businesses.

After researching the issue we have found that this tower is part of the FCC's Connect America Phase II which subsidizes companies to expand their cellular and internet service. However our area is not even eligible for said service. To add insult to injury the tower currently on Willow Creek Road has vacancies and in fact is a more suitable site. This tower is only 3,000 feet away from the proposed site, and actually sits at a higher elevation. It is also interesting to note that the proposed tower for some reason is exempt from environmental standards (CEQA)!

Ironically, regarding our daughter's health, our own health and the health of our neighbors and their grazing livestock, upon further research we were absolutely dumbfounded to find that in 1996 the Government passed a law

that does not allow counties to deny permits to cell companies based on health concerns.

I cannot understand how in this great country of ours how a person's health (or an animal's in the food chain for that matter) is not taken into account especially when that risk concerns a young growing child's! I personally feel that this tower is an assault on my family's welfare, property value, peace and security...an assault on our American Dream.

So, if health is off the table for the sake of argument let's touch upon the fact that property values around these antennas drop by an average of 40 percent as compared to other similar properties without an antenna. Simply put, would you choose to live next to such an eyesore?

We love living here and do not want to move, nor can we afford to. We have put everything, including many hours of blood, sweat and tears into our little piece of America. We have formed many relationships with our neighbors who also relocated to this area for the rural setting, family values and the amazing views.

Please help us in our fight to protect our dream, for in the larger scheme of things it is your dream too.

We along with our neighbors will be at the public hearing September 12, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California. Epic wireless will be answering the commissioners questions about co-location at the existing site. They will be making a decision on whether to approve a use permit at that meeting. Please feel free to attend.

Thank You,
The Somervilles

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FRIENDS WE NEED YOUR HELP! AS MANY KNOW THEY ARE TRYING TO PUT A TOWER IN MY "BACKYARD" EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE A 14 MONTH OLD BABY!

THIS WILL BE THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING. EPIC WIRELESS (ATT) WILL BE ANSWERING THE COMMISSIONERS QUESTIONS REGARDING CO-LOCATION ON EXISTING TOWER SITE.

JOIN US IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED TOWER LOCATION. WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF CO LOCATION OR LOCATION AT ANOTHER SITE THAT DOES NOT RISK THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND PROPERTY VALUES OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. WRITE TO PLANNING@AMADORGOV.ORG (mailto:PLANNING@AMADORGOV.ORG) TO VOICE YOUR OPPOSITION TO THE MICROWAVE TOWER 300 FT FROM MY DAUGHTERS NURSERY. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

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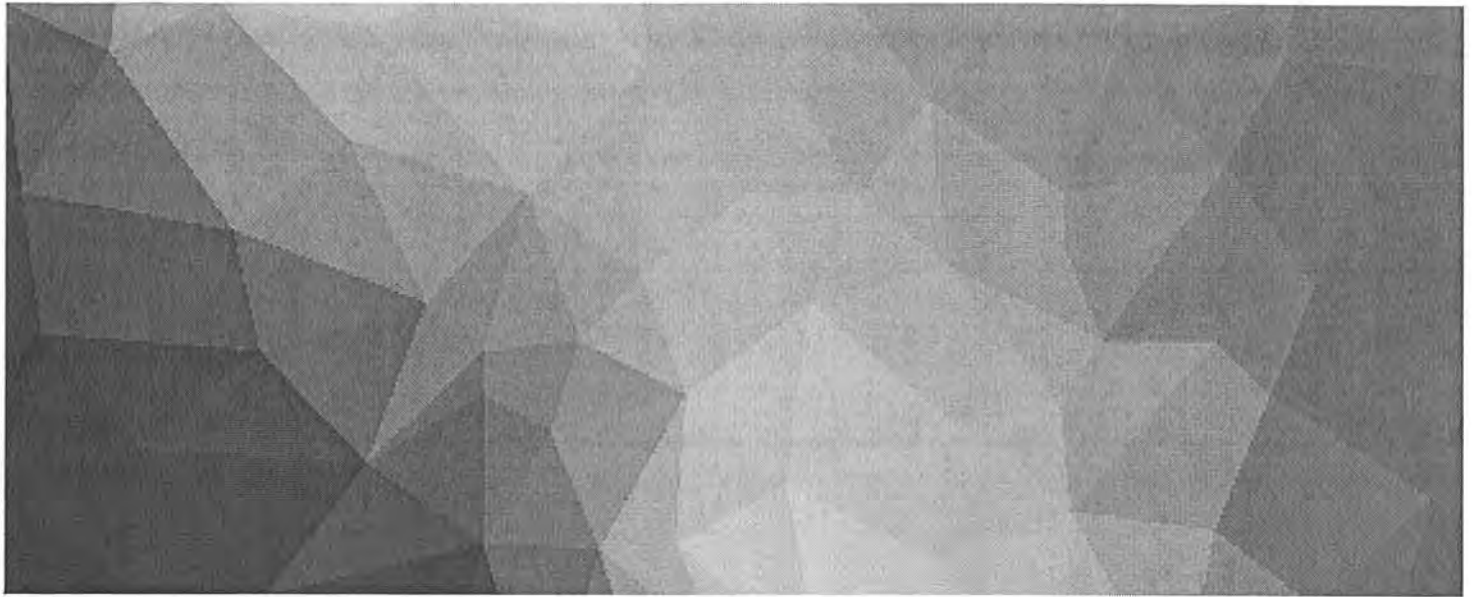
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...with most of the county having excellent signal coverage and capacity, it seems that the process for siting facilities has worked amazingly well.

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Epic wireless on behalf of At&t doesn't want to co locate on the existing tower that is only approximately a half mile from the proposed site. Even though the existing tower sits at a

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Proposed tower at 6202 Huot Road

1 message

RICHARD UTLEY [REDACTED]
Reply-To: RICHARD UTLEY [REDACTED]
To: "planning@amadorgov.org" <planning@amadorgov.org>

Tue, Sep 5, 2017 at 5:55 AM

To: The Amador County Planning Commission

Re: Communication Tower (proposed) at 6202 Huot Road, Plymouth

APN 008-120-098

Dear Sirs:

On July 11, 2017 at the public hearing on this proposal, many complaints were expressed in opposition to a new tower and most of us want to see a co-location on the nearby existing tower. The tower representative said they would miss the target service level by 67 living units if they went on to the existing tower. This has brought up more questions.

Target Service Level: The tower representative said the co-location would miss the target level by 67 living units. In my research of the F.C.C. requirements for this subsidized tower building project, I did NOT find a minimum number of living units that had to be served per tower in order for the tower construction to be subsidized by the F.C.C.. The service provider upon receiving a grant block must be providing coverage to 80% of the grant block within 6 years. It does not matter how many towers it takes. If AT&T co-locates on the existing tower, they can then build a tower next to the 67 living units they missed by co-locating.

Where exactly are those 67 living units they can't reach by co-locating on the existing tower? The color coded graphs that were shown to us were not specific to their actual physical location. Putting a tower nearer to their location would give them coverage and wouldn't affect our view or cost us the money when our house value goes down due to proximity to the tower. (AT&T is a multimillion dollar corporation that is being subsidized by the F.C.C. to provide this service. They can afford to build another tower in another location way more than my neighbors or my family can afford loss in value of our homes and property).

AT&T would not be trying to build this new tower if it weren't for the subsidizing by the F.C.C. because there isn't enough potential customers to make it profitable. They are trying to maximize their profits by building as few towers

as possible and as cheaply as possible. The tower representative said they don't want to disguise the tower as a tree because a lone "pine tree" would stick out. HOW does an undisguised tower blend in??? It DOESN'T!! Even their artist's renditions of the proposed tower shows the tower clearly standing out against the skyline and against the surrounding landscape. But (according to the tower representative) if the tower is disguised it costs more for technicians to service and maintain the tower equipment. So in order for the multimillion dollar corporation to continue to maximize their profits, my neighbors and my family will get stuck with an eyesore if the Planning Commission grants the proposal.

We still have major concerns about the emissions that will be inundating our Summervilles house and our house. It may be below the F.C.C.'s requirement for 30 minutes but it will be penetrating our homes 24/7.

Thank you for reading this letter. My wife and I plan on being at the hearing Sept. 12, 2017 in order to better express our questions and feelings.

Sincerely,

Richard Utley

P.S.: On August 17, 2017 the F.C.C. lowered the required download speed from 10mbs to 5mbs. That should lower costs for service providers.



Planning Department <planning@amadorgov.org>

Cell tower

1 message

David Jolley [REDACTED]
To: planning@amadorgov.org

Thu, Aug 31, 2017 at 2:19 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request that a use permit be denied to AT&T (Epic Wireless) for the proposed construction of a monopole wireless communications tower to be built at 6202 Huot Road. I request that AT&T (Epic Wireless) find an alternative site to construct their tower that would be less detrimental to the neighborhood, and overall look of the county.

David Jolley



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Cell Tower

1 message

Dan McGuane [REDACTED]
To: planning@amadorgov.org

Thu, Aug 31, 2017 at 12:39 PM

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Sincerely,

Dan McGuane



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Plymouth Cell Tower is unacceptable.

1 message

Mark Ward [REDACTED]
To: planning@amadorgov.org

Thu, Aug 31, 2017 at 12:39 PM

LETTER TO PLANNING COMMISSION

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Sincerely,

Mark Ward
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone



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AT&T Wireless Tower

1 message

Sean [REDACTED]
To: planning@amadorgov.org

Thu, Aug 31, 2017 at 8:50 PM

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Sincerely,

Sean Oliphant



Planning Department <planning@amadorgov.org>

AT&T Tower

1 message

Steven Harvey [REDACTED]
To: planning@amadorgov.org

Thu, Aug 31, 2017 at 8:53 PM

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Sincerely,

Steven Harvey

Sent from The HarvPhone



Planning Department <planning@amadorgov.org>

Huot monopole

1 message

Casey Lyons [REDACTED]

Thu, Aug 31, 2017 at 10:00 PM

To: planning@amadorgov.org

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Sincerely,

Casey M Lyons

**AT & T Telecommunications & Internet Facility "Drytown" New Build - 041017**

1 message

Cathy Harry [REDACTED]

Wed, Aug 30, 2017 at 8:32 PM

To: pcrew@amadorgov.org, rforster@amadorgov.org, lmorgan@amadorgov.org, faxe@amadorgov.org, boneto@amadorgov.org, planning@amadorgov.org

PLEASE MAKE THIS PART OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE AT&T TELECOMMUNICATIONS & INTERNET FACILITY "DRYTOWN" PROJECT HEARING SCHEDULED FOR Tuesday, Sept. 12th, 7:00 PM at 810 Court St in Jackson, CA

Dear Honorable Supervisors Mr. Crew, Mr. Forster, Ms. Morgan, Mr. Axe, Mr. Boneto and Amador County Planning and Planning Commissioners and Planning Department:

I am writing to respectfully request that the use permit be DENIED to AT&T (Epic Wireless) for the proposed construction of a monopole wireless communications tower to be built at 6202 Huot Road in Plymouth, CA 95669. AT&T (Epic Wireless) should be encouraged to locate an alternative site to construct their tower that would be less detrimental to the neighborhood, overall look of the county and most importantly the health of it's citizens.

As a licensed California and Nevada real estate broker, approval of this ill-conceived location will most certainly harm the values of those properties near the proposed communication pole. It is readily understood that the installation of a tower of this type will significantly diminish the value and desirability of surrounding properties.

Most individuals purchasing property take in to consideration the location of nearby features (or nuisances) when deciding to purchase or not. Approval of this project will drop the values of nearby properties significantly.

A great amount of consideration should be given to the health and safety of the local citizens who live in close proximity of this proposed project. In reviewing the request for the proposed tower, have you investigated the health and financial concerns that the residents have voiced? If not, perhaps you could request that your staff consult unbiased, well-versed sources to garner additional information that may be pertinent to your decision.

Empirical data is inconclusive as to whether or not a cell phone tower will cause health risks to humans, let alone young children. Review a report by KCRA>>> [HERE](#)

While the methodology used by Waterford Consultants looks for a willing landlord, it does not include the listening or locating of willing local residents. Once in place, these local residents will not be able to exercise control over their exposure to electro-

magnetic energy that will radiate from the facility. They will be exposed to radiated power.

Finally, I ask you this. Would you approve a facility of this type adjacent to where your children and/or grandchildren live? Please make the right decision and deny this use permit and project at it's current proposed location.

Respectfully, Cathy Harry



Cathy Harry

Office Manager - Broker
Lyon Real Estate - Elk Grove

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Elk Grove, CA 95758

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Attachment to Cathy Harry email dated Wed., August 30, 2017 at 8:32 PM

Date of Article is June 20, 2017:

RIPON, Calif. (KCRA) —

Emotions ran high at Ripon Unified School District board meeting Monday night.

Some families are worried about a cell phone tower at Weston Elementary School, where two students were diagnosed with cancer in the last year.

"I want them to convince the district to take it down," said Mason Ferrulli, a 6th grader who has attended Weston Elementary since kindergarten.

In January, he was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Mason underwent a 14-hour surgery to remove the tumor and has undergone six weeks of therapy to re-learn how to eat and walk.

"It was pretty rough," Mason's mom Monica Ferrulli said. "Get that tower down."

Doctors can't say what caused Mason's brain cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, current research is inconclusive on whether cell phones and cell phone towers are linked to cancer.

"There's not enough research to say it is or it's not," Ferrulli said. "So, why have our children be the experiment that discovers that it is later on?"

Joe and Kelly Prime's 10-year-old son Kyle also developed cancer. A tumor engulfed his left kidney and needed to be removed. He underwent months of chemotherapy and radiation, missing a year of school.

"It's not proven either way, so we don't understand why you would gamble with children's health," Joe Prime said. "We just want the school district to listen to us."

Thousands of parents and community members signed a petition to remove the tower at Weston -- and all cell phone towers near schools in the Ripon Unified School District.

"We started a petition approximately a month ago, and we received over 3,300 signatures in support," Ferrulli said.

Parents said the money the school district gets from having the tower on campus isn't worth any potential risk, even if the science on health impacts of wireless radiation is still uncertain.

"We just wanted them to be open minded and hear what we're saying," Ferrulli said.

School board president Chad Huskey released the a statement Monday night after the board meeting:

"We appreciate the comments during the public comment section tonight. We have already started and will continue to look into this topic."



Planning Department <planning@amadorgov.org>

Monopole Communications Tower

1 message

Jordan Ott [REDACTED]
To: planning@amadorgov.org

Tue, Aug 22, 2017 at 3:08 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request that a use permit be denied to AT&T (Epic Wireless) for the proposed construction of a monopole wireless communications tower to be built at 6202 Huot Road. I request that AT&T (Epic Wireless) find an alternative site to construct their tower that would be less detrimental to the neighborhood, and overall look of the county.

Sincerely,

Jordan Ott

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Huot rd cell tower

1 message


Mercedes Somerville [REDACTED]

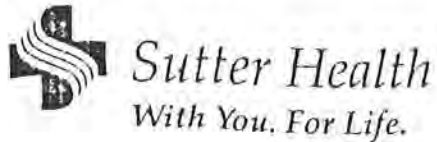
Tue, Jul 25, 2017 at 1:40 PM

To: planning@amadorgov.org

Good afternoon,

My name is Mercedes Somerville, we live at [REDACTED] Huot Road, next to the proposed cell tower at 6202 Huot Road. Attached is a letter from my daughter's pediatrician. Thank you.

 Drs note.pdf
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7/18/2017

Re: Harper Elizabeth Ruth Somerville

To Whom It May Concern,

It has come to our attention that there is a cellular and microwave tower that is to be constructed approximately 300 feet from the home of our patient, Harper. While there are no studies that can definitively point to radio and microwave wave fields as carcinogenic at this time, there is still concern that longitudinally there could be health concerns as a result of constant daily exposure. According to the FCC consumer guide, radio frequency emissions could potentially be above safe levels, for example, to a maintenance person who may be in the direct path or the beam for several minutes at a close range. Considering a short distance to the tower and constant daily exposure, we feel that the proposed position of the tower would not be in the best interest of our patient and her family and their health. If there is any alternative, it is our recommendation that it be explored thoroughly considering potential risk. Additionally, we feel that a thorough study needs to be done to ensure that the lowest possible amount of microwatts are bathing this patient's home and those surrounding it. Thank you for the consideration of the health of our community members.

Sincerely,

Aye Moe, M.D.



Planning Department <planning@amadorgov.org>

7-11 hearing

1 message

John Somerville [REDACTED]

Fri, Jul 14, 2017 at 6:59 AM

To: planning@amadorgov.org

Dear members of the Planning Commission, I am writing to thank you for your time, and patience at the public hearing on July 11. You were gracious with your time, allowing each of us who attended to be heard. Thank you for your hard work and professionalism.

Sincerely,
John Hayes Somerville

[REDACTED]
Plymouth, CA 95669
[REDACTED]



Planning Department <planning@amadorgov.org>

Huot Rd Monopole project

1 message

Brandi Peerman [REDACTED]

Thu, Jul 13, 2017 at 8:38 AM

To: planning@amadorgov.org

Dear Commissioners,

I am asking that you deny the application for the Huot Rd monopole project. This site is extremely close to several homes. The project would drastically devalue several homes in the area. I have been a top producing real estate broker for 17 years and it is my professional opinion that this project site would impact the local real estate values and economy of the community. Several studies show real estate values are affected by 20-40% for homes located near a cell tower and that 95% of home buyers would not purchase a home located near a cell tower. Please use an alternate site that will not harm families in our community.

Thank You!

Brandi Peerman

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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6202 Huot Road/July 11th meeting

1 message

Brooke Wunschel [REDACTED]
To: Planning Department <planning@amadorgov.org>

Wed, Jul 12, 2017 at 2:28 PM

To Whom it may concern - I'd like to request a copy of the agenda, minutes, any actions requested by the board and maps submitted by Epic wireless at the July 11th planning commission meeting regarding the proposed monopole project at 6202 Huot Road.

Thank you,
Brooke Wunschel
[REDACTED]



Planning Department <planning@amadorgov.org>

Proposed Broadband Tower for Huot Road

1 message

kathleen utley <[REDACTED]>
To: planning@amadorgov.org

Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 9:46 AM

To whom it may concern,

This email is in opposition to the proposed broadband tower slated to be installed along Huot Road. I live at 6450 Huot Road and am already in full view of the existing tower located on the Wait Property along Willow Creek Road. I was living here when that tower was installed and it is my understanding that it was to be the "one" tower for this area. The existing tower is higher and provides a better coverage area than the proposed one (See attached Photos). I have also been informed by Eldon Wait that the tower on his property is not owned by any particular wireless provider and was installed with the understanding that any additional companies wanting to expand to this area could make use of the tower on his land. I do not believe this new tower is necessary when there is a viable alternative available. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Utley
6450 Huot Road
Plymouth, CA 95669
[REDACTED]

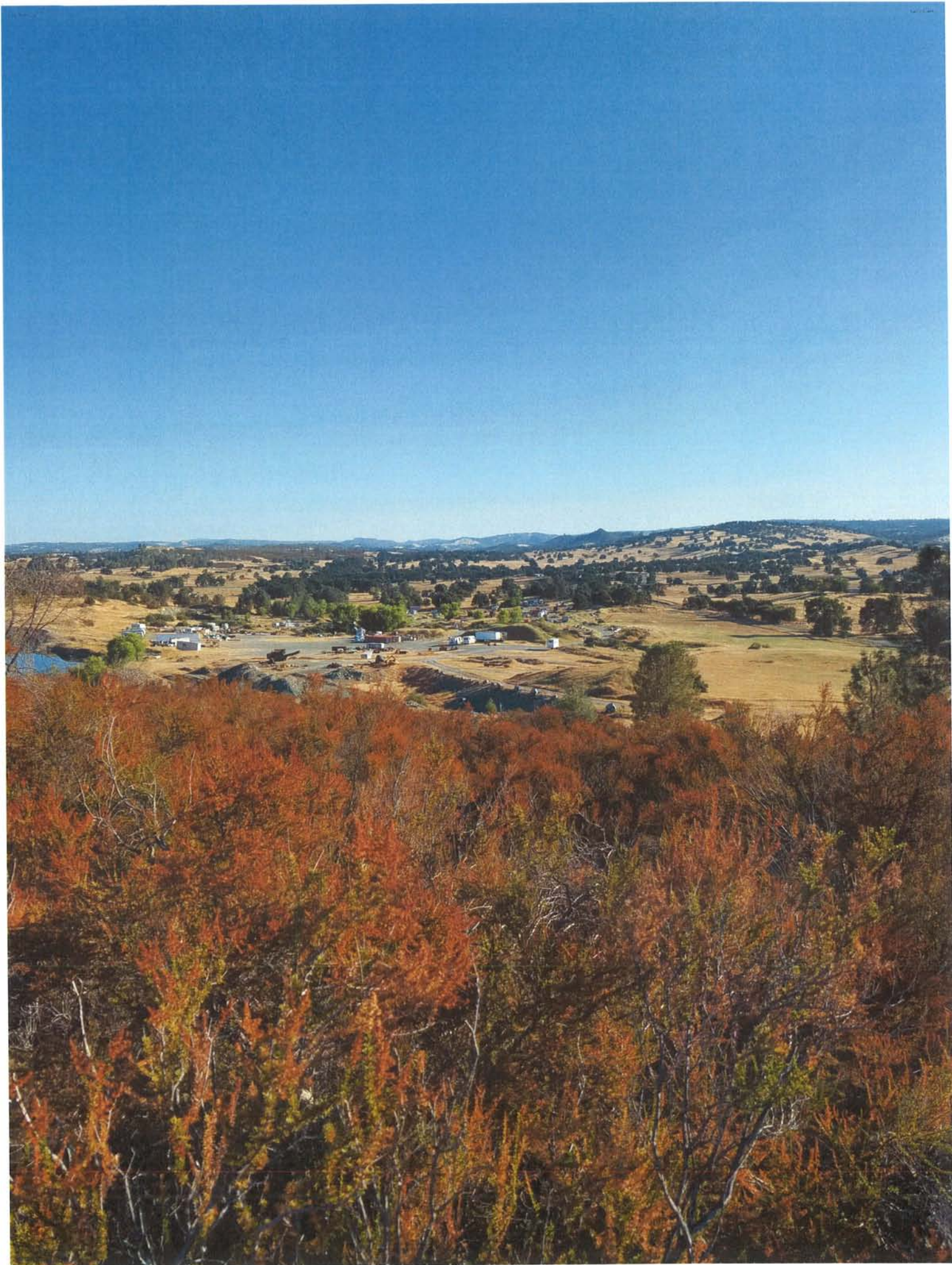
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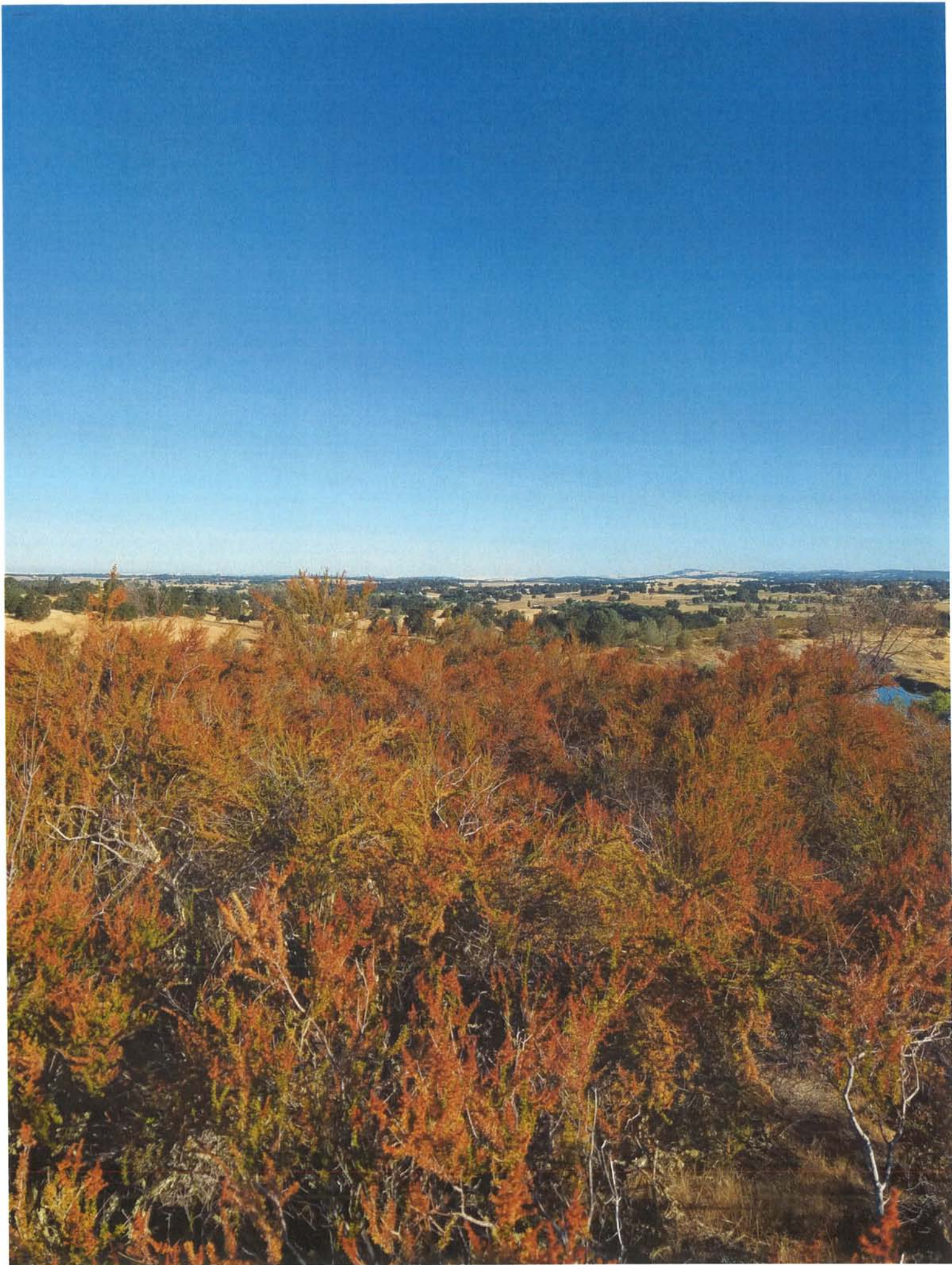


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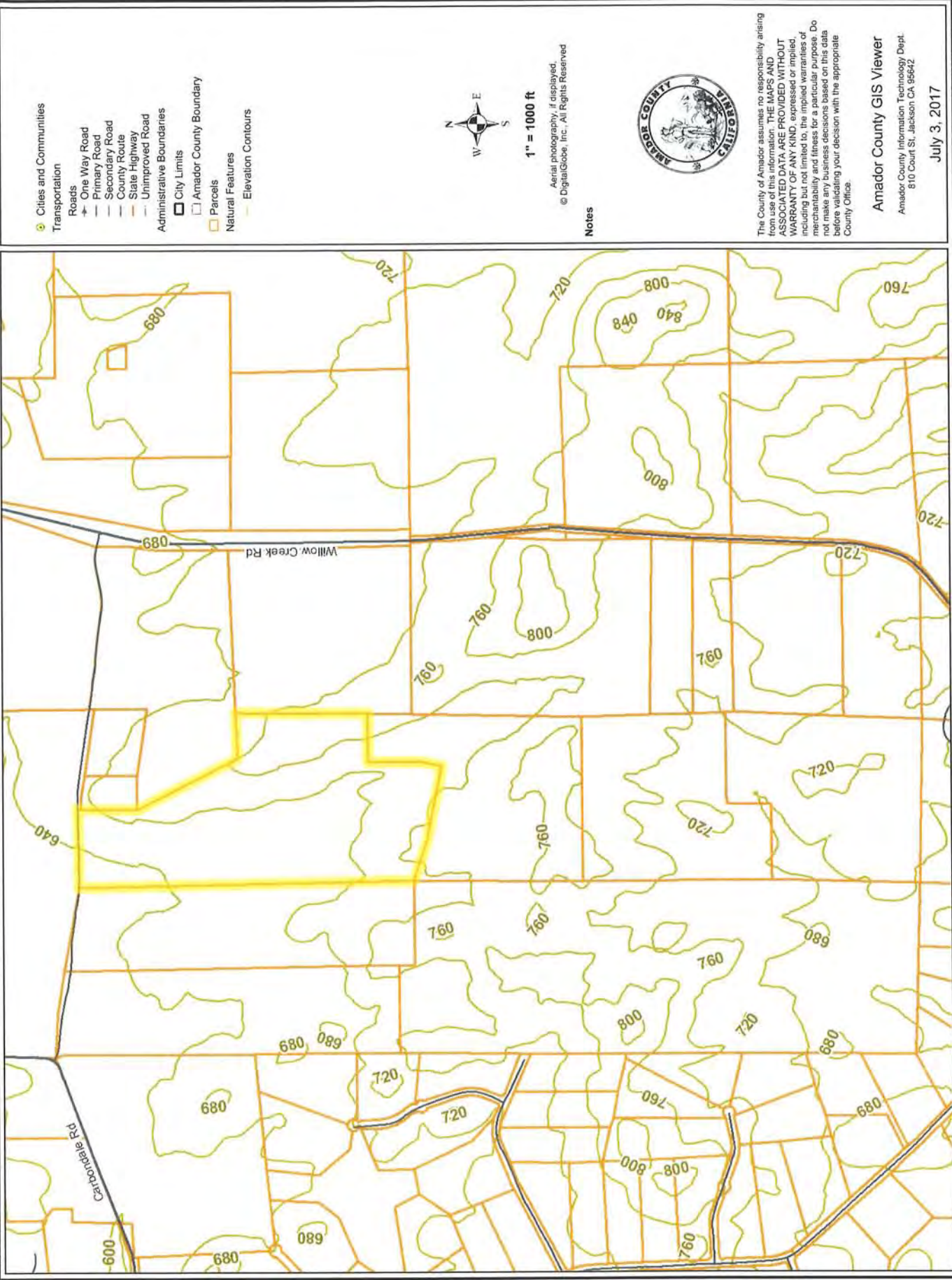


View 3 From Wait Tower.jpg
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ELEVATION DATA FROM COUNTY GIS



APPLICATION REFERRAL PACKET



**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
LAND USE AGENCY**

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APPLICATION REFERRAL

TO: Environmental Health Department
Transportation and Public Works Department
Building Department
Amador Fire Protection District
Waste Management/Air District
Surveying Department
County Counsel
Cal Fire

DATE: May 19, 2017

FROM: Chuck Beatty, Planner III

PROJECT: Request from Epic Wireless Group for a Use Permit (UP-17;5-2) to allow the construction of a 136-foot-tall tower in the "RIA," Single-family Residential and Agricultural district for the purposes of improving high-speed internet service to the area. Per Amador County Code, commercial wireless service facilities with a height greater than 50 feet are subject to a Use Permit issued by the Planning Commission.

LOCATION: 6202 Huot Road, Plymouth, approximately one-half mile west of Willow Creek Road (APN 014-020-013)

REVIEW: As part of the preliminary review process, this project is being sent to local agencies for their review and comment. At this time, the project is being processed as Categorically Exempt from CEQA and a Notice of Exemption will be adopted per CEQA Guidelines.

If you have comments or recommended conditions for this project, please forward them to the Planning Department by Wednesday, May 31, 2017.



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Date: 5/12/17

RE: Proposed AT&T Wireless Site "Drytown"
APN: 008-120-098-000

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this application is to obtain a conditional use permit for a proposed 136' wireless facility. The primary objective of this facility is to fulfill the objectives of the FCC's CAF II project and bring high speed internet to underserved communities. As a secondary purpose, this facility will also help improve the wireless coverage and capacity in this area.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like more details about this or any other CAF II projects.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Dowdle
Leasing/Planning Manager
(916) 936-5430

8700 Auburn Folsom Road, Suite 400
Granite Bay, CA. 95746
Fax (916) 781-5927

APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR USE PERMIT

A Public Hearing before the Planning Commission will be scheduled after the following information has been completed and submitted to the Planning Department Office:

_____ 1. Complete the following:

Name of Applicant AT&T - C/O Epic Wireless

Mailing Address 8700 Auburn Folsom Road, Suite 400, Granite Bay, CA 95746

Phone Number 916-781-5921

Assessor Parcel Number 008-120-098-000

Zoning District R1A General Plan Designation A-G

_____ 2. Use Permit Applied For:

_____ Excessive Height

_____ Sea Land Container

** _____ Bed and Breakfast Inn

** _____ Sign Program

** X _____ Other Wireless telecommunications facility

- _____ 3. Attach a letter explaining the purpose and need for the Use Permit.
- _____ 4. If Applicant is not the property owner, a consent letter must be attached.
- _____ 5. Attach a copy of the deed for the property (can be obtained from the County Recorder's Office).
- _____ 6. Assessor Plat Map (can be obtained from the County Surveyor's Office).
- _____ 7. Plot Plan (no larger than 11" X 17") of parcel showing location of request in relation to property lines, road easements, other structures, etc. (see Plot Plan Guidelines). Larger map(s) or plans may be submitted if a photo reduction is provided for notices, Staff Reports, etc. The need is for easy, mass reproduction.

_____ 8. Planning Department Filing Fee: \$ _____

_____ Public Works Agency Review Fee: \$ _____ Rep. Initials _____

_____ Environmental Health Review Fee: \$ _____ Rep. Initials _____

_____ Amador Fire Protection District Fee: \$ _____ Rep. Initials _____

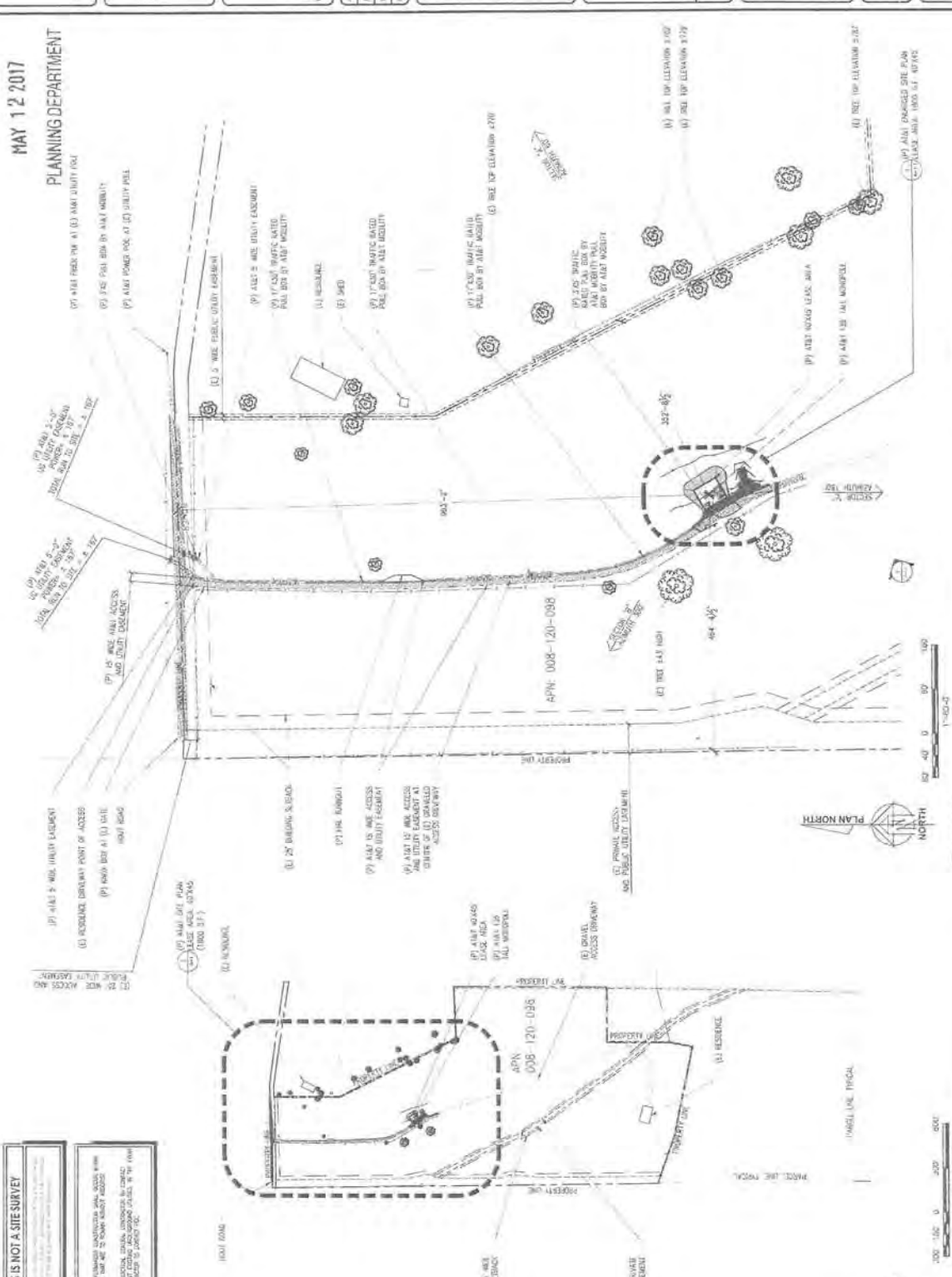
_____ 9. If necessary, complete an Environmental Information Form (ask Planning Department Staff).

**** Public Works Agency, Environmental Health Department, and Amador Fire Protection Fees apply.**

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1 OVERALL SITE PLAN 1"=320'-0"

2 SITE PLAN 1"=80'-0"

SITE TYPE: MONOPOLE/SHELTER

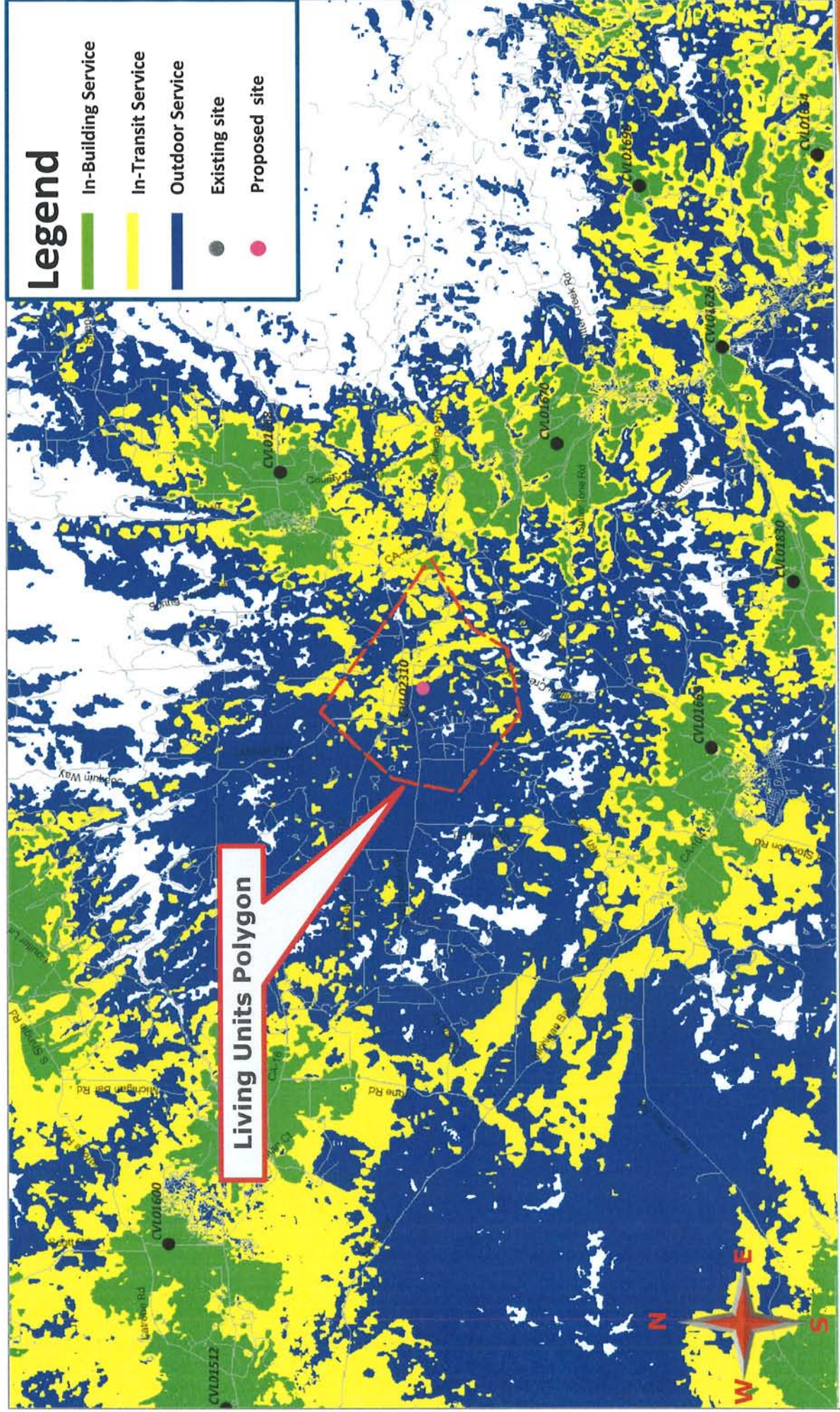
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CVL02310 Zoning Propagation Map

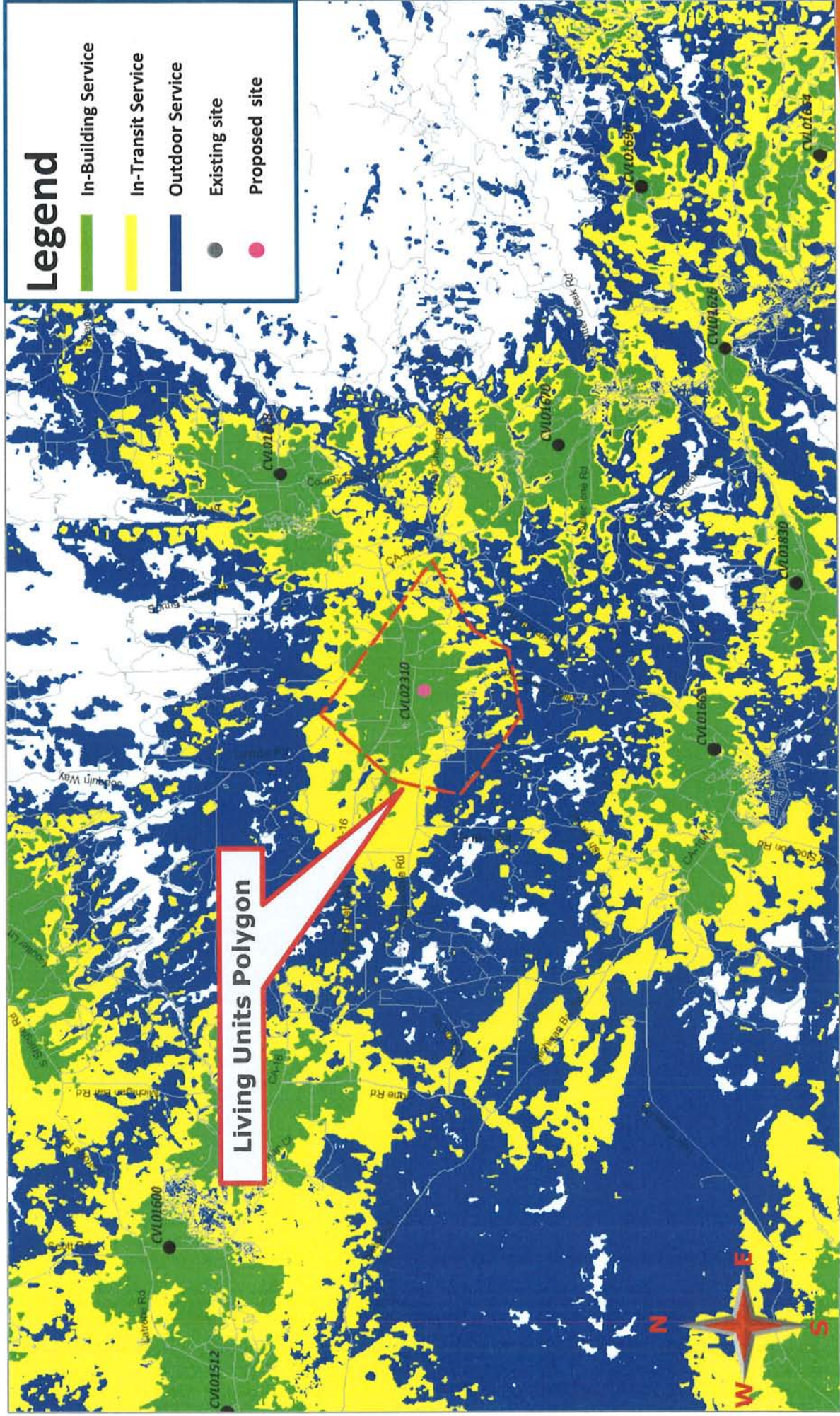
July 11th, 2017



Existing LTE 700 Coverage



Existing LTE 700 Coverage With CVL02310 @ RC - 133ft Supports 329 LU's





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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the PLANNING COMMISSION of the County of Amador, State of California, has received an application for the following:

PROJECT NAME AND DESCRIPTION: Request for a Use Permit to install a 136-foot monopole wireless communication tower the purposes of improving high-speed internet and cellular telephone services in the area. The tower would include 12 antenna panels, 2 microwave dishes, and related ancillary equipment. The project also includes a 12' x 12' equipment shelter, 35-kilowatt (47-Horsepower) backup propane generator, and 500-gallon propane tank. Per Amador County Code Section 19.48.150.E, wireless communication facilities over 50 feet in height shall be allowed upon approval of a conditions use permit.

LOCATION: 6202 Huot Road, Plymouth, CA, approximately ½ mile south of Highway 16; APN 008-120-098. (see map on back of notice)

NOTE: The Staff Report which contains further information and any recommended conditions in the event the project is approved will be available online (typically the Thursday prior to the meeting) for viewing at <http://www.amadorgov.org/> in the "Agendas and Minutes" section. A paper copy can be reviewed at the Planning Department and, if desired, be purchased for 20¢ per page to cover copying costs.

This request has been found to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15061 and 15303 of State CEQA Guidelines. Findings: 1. The project is covered by the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, 2 The project is a small structure under 2,500 square feet and not involving the use of significant amounts of hazardous materials.

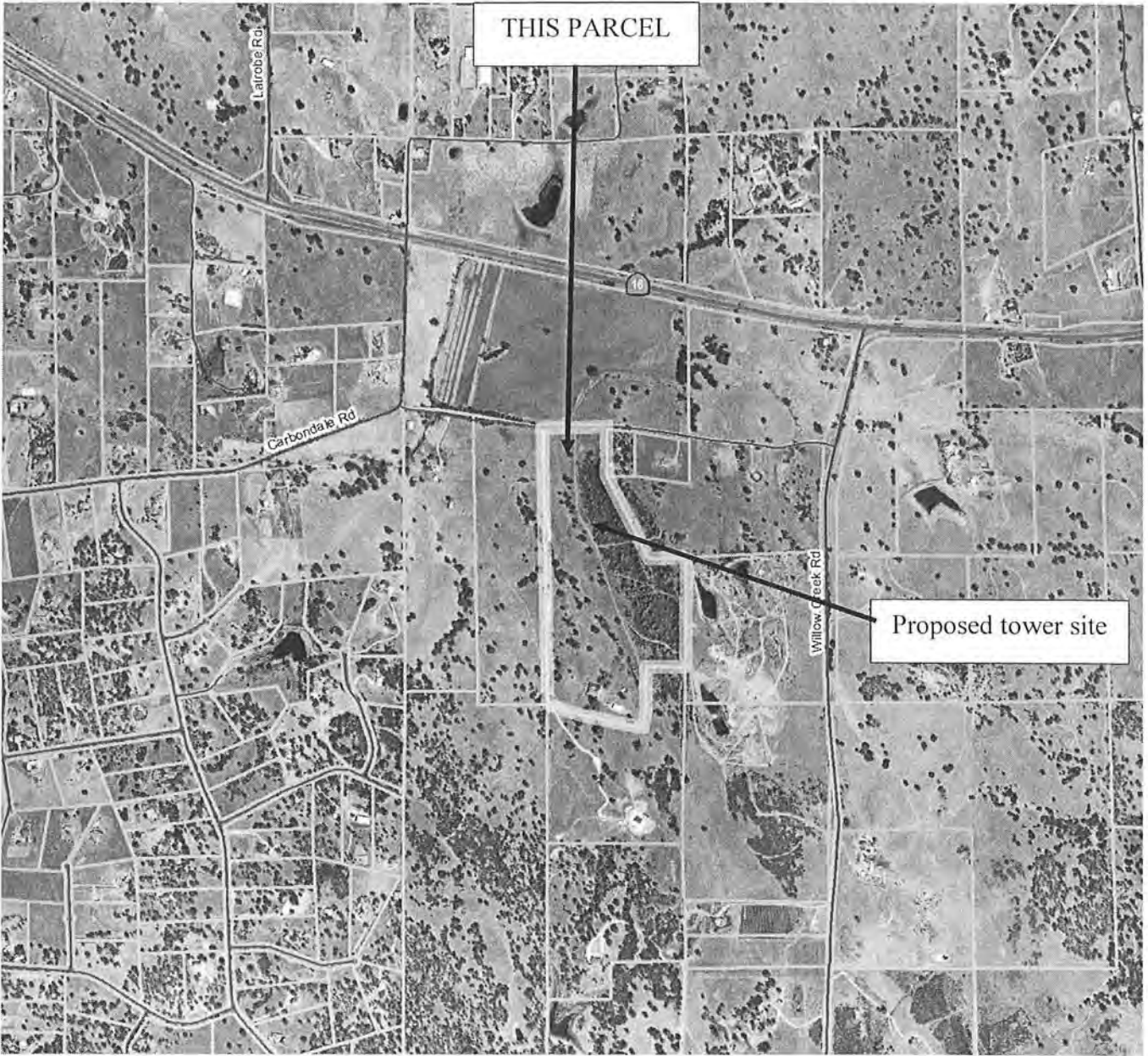
NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN said PLANNING COMMISSION will hold said PUBLIC HEARING to consider this application in the **Board of Supervisors Chambers at the County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California, on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as can be heard.

Letters of comment received regarding this matter prior to the preparation of the Staff Report (generally the Tuesday prior to the meeting) will be included in the Staff Report and mailed to each Planning Commissioner as part of the Staff Report. Letters received after the Staff Report has been prepared will be copied and provided to each Commissioner at the meeting. However, be advised the Commissioners, due to time constraints, may not be able to give those letters submitted after the Staff Report is prepared as detailed a review as those received earlier and it may be to your benefit to attend the hearing and summarize your concerns orally. Letters will not be read aloud at the Public Hearing.

NOTE: If you do not comment at the public hearing or send written comments and later decide to challenge the nature of this proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issued you raised at the public hearing or have given in written correspondence delivered to the public entity conducting the hearing at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

If you have any questions or desire more information regarding this application or the hearing process, please contact this office.

AMADOR COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
Date of this notice: June 28, 2017



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Proposed tower site

Latrobe Rd.

Carbondale Rd.

Willow Creek Rd.

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Ben Hulet, President of Mother Lode Internet, stated his company is a local provider of internet and has been providing the service for 23 years. The main objective of Mother Lode Internet is to provide internet to rural communities. The proposed project is funded by government money; a key to distributing internet in rural communities is "neighborhood networks." He stated line of site is critical to distribute data and voice communications. He asked the Commission to encourage neighborhood networks and condition any permit for such a tower to allow other tenants on the tower with unbiased rates.

Commissioner DesVoignes asked if it is common to share towers. Mr. Hulet stated it is common to share towers and given that this is a publically funded tower it should be available for other providers.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Byrne, seconded by Commissioner DesVoignes and carried to close the public hearing.

ABSENT: Commissioner Callsen

Commissioner Ryan asked if the use permit would allow co-located services. Ms. Grijalva stated Amador County Code encourages co-location and it is required to be reviewed in the alternative site-analysis; specific contracts may or may not allow it.

Chairman Wardall asked Ms. Dowdle if there is a policy regarding co-locating on the towers. Ms. Dowdle stated the towers are designed to be co-locatable and they will work with others to co-locate equipment when possible; she cannot address what is in the contracts.

Commissioner Byrne asked if this tower will have the capacity to co-locate and Ms. Dowdle stated it would.

Commissioner Ryan stated co-locating is a critical part of the process for providing services. He asked what happens when someone wants to co-locate on an existing tower. Ms. Grijalva stated a building permit is required to add equipment to an existing tower; some towers do have use permit conditions that limit the amount and type of equipment which would require a use permit amendment.

Commissioner Ryan stated he would like to have a condition to allow other service providers to co-locate and it would be up to the applicant to verify the contract meets the use permit conditions; he felt the towers are ugly and the number should be minimized as much as possible. Chairman Wardall agreed and suggested the host can charge a reasonable fee for access to the tower. Commissioner Ryan did not think pricing structure should be addressed in the use permit.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Byrne, seconded by Commissioner DesVoignes to find the project is categorically exempt from CEQA and to approve the use permit subject to the conditions and findings contained in the staff report including a condition to allow others to co-locate on the tower.

ABSENT: Commissioner Callsen

NOTE: Ms. Grijalva advised the Planning Commission approved the use permit for a 95' monopine wireless communications tower in Fiddletown. If anyone wishes to appeal the decision of the Commission they can do so by submitting in writing to the Board of Supervisors a request for appeal prior to July 21, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. along with the appropriate appeal fee.

Item 4 - Request for a Use Permit (UP-17;5-2) to install a 136-foot-tall monopole wireless communication tower with twelve 6-foot-tall panel antennae, two 4-foot diameter microwave dishes, and associated tower and ground equipment.

Applicant: Epic Wireless Group, Inc., on behalf of AT&T Mobility, LLC

Property Owner: Villegas Family Trust

Supervisorial District 5



Location: 6202 Huot Road, Plymouth, approximately 2,200 feet west of Willow Creek Road (APN 008-120-098).

Susan Grijalva, Planning Director, summarized the staff report which is hereby incorporated by reference into these minutes as though set forth in full.

Chairman Wardall opened the public hearing.

Stephanie Dowdle, Epic Wireless Group, Inc. representing AT&T, was available to answer any questions. Ms. Dowdle stated the primary purpose of the tower is to provide high-speed internet and the secondary purpose is to provide wireless coverage. The site will be capable of providing 10 Mbps download speed and 1 Mbps upload speed. Ms. Dowdle explained several sites in the area were evaluated including the existing monopole tower but the objectives of the FCC were not met at the other sites due to location and topography which led to the decision to propose the tower at this location. She stated a monopole was proposed because it would be less obvious than a mono-pine because there are not a lot of trees in the area; additionally, it is easier to maintain a monopole tower of this height.

Commissioner Ryan asked if the existing tower Ms. Dowdle referred to was the tower on Elden Wait's property. Ms. Dowdle stated the existing tower that was evaluated is owned by American Tower and approximately 3,200' away. Commissioner Ryan asked why it did not meet the objectives. Ms. Dowdle explained several options are always considered and each site is evaluated by the RF engineers; the American Tower simulations provided significantly less housing than the proposed location. The proposed location is closer to the highway and more housing so the simulations meet the objectives. Commissioner Ryan asked if the objectives could be met if the existing tower were taller; the big question is why the existing tower can't be used and what would be needed to modify the existing tower to allow it to be used. Ms. Dowdle stated County Code restricts the height of towers and it appeared the existing tower was already at the maximum height. She explained the existing tower is 3,200' away from the proposed site, the topography is very hilly and moving a proposed site even 100' can change the number of houses that can be reached. In this case, the proposed site will reach 64 more homes than the current tower; that is a significant number of homes in this rural area.

Elden Wait, area resident, stated he has a tower on his property and he receives rent for it. He stated the tower is owned by Verizon and is leased by American Tower. He stated the applicant has not approached him. Mr. Wait explained he contacted Wayne Lowell with AT&T in October and offered his site but he never heard back from him. He felt the area is already well-served by Volcano internet and does not think the proposed tower will cover any more ground. Mr. Wait stated he would like to have more rent but first he wants honesty in the neighborhood.

Jeff Cartwright, Willow Creek Ranch Estates, stated based on the map the tower will be fairly close to his home and will obstruct his view. He is also concerned about the potential health risks. Mr. Cartwright stated he has had Mother Lode Internet for 10 years utilizing a 6' antenna on his roof. Mr. Cartwright stated that 64 houses could easily be served with equipment from his roof; he did not understand the need to install a massive tower when he believed Mother Lode Internet could provide the service. He did not appreciate a proposed tower that is 13 stories tall and asked the Commission not to approve the use permit.

Richard Utley, area resident, stated he received the public hearing notice on Friday, June 30. He stated he has read all the information and did not understand all of the technical information. He did not understand why the existing tower would not be a good location. He stated the broadband he has comes from El Dorado Hills. The location of the proposed tower is on the side of a hill; if this tower is approved there will be two towers that he has to look at. Mr. Utley asked about what the health risks are from the tower emissions, the report refers to 30 minutes but he does not understand the risks. He did not find anything in the report that explained what the microwave dishes will do; there is a potential for health risks from the microwaves. Mr. Utley stated if the existing tower cannot be used, the proposed tower should be

built right next to it.

Kathy Vicini, area resident, stated she did not believe the area is an underserved community because there are at least 3 providers of internet and Verizon. She thought the applicant is not being truthful in stating more people are served at the proposed tower location rather than at Mr. Wait's property. She felt the tower on Mr. Wait's property would be a better location; she thought there was enough room on the existing tower for more equipment. Ms. Vicini reviewed health concerns she found on the internet; some of the health concerns she found were increased cancer risk, insomnia, immune order deficiencies, depression, headaches, concentration difficulties, joint problems, auditory system disorders, gastrointestinal problems and the list goes on. She did not think the families near the proposed tower should be exposed to the potential health risks when there is already a tower that can be used.

Mr. Uteley stated property values will be negatively impacted. In addition, he will have no benefit from the tower because they are in the "dead zone" at the base of the tower.

Jason Hounihan, resident of Willow Creek Estates, stated he recently purchased the home and one of the reasons he purchased the property was because of the view; the proposed tower will be in his view. He agreed with Mr. Uteley that property values will go down. Mr. Hounihan was concerned about not using the existing tower to co-locate. He asked why the applicant knows this proposed tower will serve 64 more houses than the existing tower; but was not able to address how many homes are being covered by the proposed tower on Tyler Road.

Brooke Wunschel, area resident, stated her view will be impacted if the tower is built. She was especially concerned about the potential health risks because her daughter is a leukemia survivor. Ms. Wunschel stated there is an existing tower that could be used. She stated it is hard to get information from the FCC regarding the CAFII project; she stated it does appear the area is in what the FCC defines as underserved even though services are currently available from multiple providers. Ms. Wunschel wanted to have additional simulations of the proposed tower to be provided; the proposed tower will be visible from her property. She stated another location on Mueller Road was proposed but there is no reason given why it was not chosen. She asked the Commission to consider if an additional 64 homes would justify having a 136' tower. She asked the Commission to require the tower to be a mono-pine if the use permit is approved.

Ed Gallup, area resident, asked what the base of the tower is. Ms. Grijalva stated the base of the proposed tower is at 666 feet. Mr. Gallup commented if the existing tower cannot be used it should be placed somewhere so it is not so tall and is not an eye-sore to everyone driving on Highway 16; it should be placed somewhere so it can blend in. He stated the proposed height of the tower is 136' which is the same as a 13 story building. He suggested utilizing the existing tower or to put the proposed tower in a place so it is not such an eye-sore.

John H. Somerville, area resident, stated he lives next door to the proposed tower and submitted a letter in support of denying the tower. He stated the tower would be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort and general welfare of him, his family and the neighborhood. Mr. Somerville asked Commission to deny the use permit request.

Ben Hulet, CEO Mother Lode Internet, felt it is clear there will be impact to the neighborhood if the tower is approved; he stated it could be mitigated with a neighborhood network and the same objectives could be met utilizing 2-4 foot antennas on rooftops rather than 136' tall towers. Mr. Hulet asked Commission to encourage the applicant to look at a more appropriate site.

Mervin Vicini, area resident, stated that two years ago fiber optic was run to the existing tower and AT&T ran conduit to the tower and wanted to know why. He wanted to know why the new tower is being proposed and asked why the community should suffer if the providers cannot work together to be on the same tower.

Brooke Wunschel quoted the General Plan and believed that at 136' feet tall the proposed monopole site selection does not, "protect the character of neighborhoods and communities, reduce the potential for health and safety hazards and to maintain the visual quality of Amador County especially along highways and roadways."

Mr. Wait added that in his contract for the tower there is specific language that gives him part of the rent for any other company that co-locates on the tower.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Ryan, seconded by Commissioner Byrne and carried to close the public hearing.

ABSENT: Commissioner Callsen

Commissioner Ryan asked Ms. Dowdle to respond.

Ms. Dowdle stated she could respond to the comments or answer any questions the Commission has; whichever they prefer.

Commissioner Ryan asked for responses first.

Ms. Dowdle stated she appreciated the correspondence and conversation she had from Ms. Wunschel because that enabled her to request and obtain more information, including propagation maps, from the RF engineers. She reviewed the information from the presentation, attached. The maps indicate the in-transit service, outdoor service and indoor service; the simulations indicate the indoor service will significantly improve. A total of 329 living units (LU) will be provided service by the proposed tower which will meet the FCC requirements; it was determined this is the best location to primarily provide internet service and secondarily to improve cell service in the area.

Chairman Wardall reminded everyone the public hearing is closed. Commissioner Byrne stated new information is being given and would be willing to reopen the public hearing. Ms. Grijalva suggested allowing Ms. Dowdle to finish the responses.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Byrne, seconded by Commissioner Ryan and carried to reopen the public hearing when Ms. Dowdle finishes responding to the concerns raised.

ABSENT: Commissioner Callsen

Commissioner Ryan stated he understood the big push for CAFII is to push the mobile phone services because land lines will be eliminated by 2020; the area being shown on the maps is for 4G cell phone service. He wanted to ensure that everyone understood the purpose is not strictly to provide internet service but also to provide mobile phone coverage. Ms. Dowdle stated that is correct.

Commissioner Byrne asked if the 64 additional homes that will be served by locating the tower at the proposed site have any other service available to them now. Ms. Dowdle stated it is not only internet, but high speed internet; the FCC looked at the census blocks and found these areas are not served by high speed internet. She explained the primary goal of the CAFII project is to close as many gaps as possible. Commissioner Byrne asked if the areas to be served are being proposed by the FCC. Ms. Dowdle explained the FCC identifies the areas that are lacking in service.

Commissioner Ryan asked if the existing tower on Mr. Wait's property were allowed to be increased in height would that serve the area. Ms. Dowdle stated the existing tower will just not cover as many homes as the proposed site. Commissioner Ryan asked why the alternate site was not chosen; Ms. Dowdle stated the alternate site did not cover as many homes.

Ms. Dowdle then addressed specific concerns that have been raised. She explained that co-locating is

the first choice but the existing tower on the Wait property did not fulfill the objectives of the FCC; co-locating is the easiest for planning and permitting. Ms. Dowdle stated the proposed emissions are below the FCC limits; this is highly regulated by the FCC. She explained the microwave dishes are being included in the project description to allow for future use. Ms. Dowdle stated there will be a generator on-site that will be on approximately 10 minutes per week. She stated with this type of tower it is not possible to be too close to receive service but it is possible to be too far away. Commissioner Byrne asked if there would be service at the base of the tower; Ms. Dowdle said yes. Ms. Dowdle stated different locations on the hill were investigated but due to the setback requirements it was not possible to put the tower on the hill. She stated the balloon test is not required for an application but if it is required by the Commission they will do it. Ms. Dowdle stated a monopole was proposed because they felt a mono-pole would stick out more.

Chairman Wardall reopened the public hearing and asked Ms. Dowdle to stay at the podium to answer the questions.

Mr. Hulet asked if a study of coverage was done from the existing tower site on Mr. Wait's property. Ms. Dowdle stated the existing tower coverage was reviewed but it did not perform as well as the proposed location. Mr. Hulet asked for the propagation maps from the existing tower and if it would be possible for the Commission to request them. Ms. Dowdle stated she did not have the maps from the existing tower; she can say there are an additional 64 homes served from the proposed site and the primary purpose is for high-speed internet. Mr. Hewitt reiterated that internet can be provided through the neighborhood networks he described earlier.

Greg Lamar, Huot Rd resident, stated he is an AT&T cellular subscriber and used to have great coverage when AT&T was on the existing tower. He did not understand why the existing tower cannot be used.

Mr. Somerville asked what percentage of funds the applicant will receive when the CAFII numbers are met. Ms. Dowdle stated she does not have that information; it is between the FCC and AT&T.

Mr. Gallup asked for clarification of what the colors mean on the maps for cell phone service provided by Ms. Dowdle. Ms. Dowdle clarified the green areas indicate service inside of buildings, the yellow areas are the in-transit service and the blue areas indicate service outside of buildings.

Mr. Cartwright did understand the focus of the project is to provide high-speed internet but it seems focus has shifted to cellular phone service. He lives in the blue area as shown on the current AT&T coverage map and gets 4G service inside his home not just outside like the map indicates; he is able to get high-speed internet and have cellular phone service and not drop calls. He questioned the validity of the maps because his experience does not match what the map indicates. Ms. Dowdle explained the maps are based on the modeling done by the RF engineers.

Ms. Wunschel asked if the 329 living units refer to homes not currently served by AT&T or homes that do not have internet service at all. Ms. Dowdle explained that is the number of homes AT&T would be able to cover from this site. In response to Ms. Wunschel, Ms. Dowdle explained the FCC determined the area is underserved for high-speed internet based on the census block data; the FCC objectives would not be fulfilled if AT&T co-located on the existing tower. Ms. Wunschel asked if AT&T would not receive funding if the objectives are not met; Ms. Dowdle was not aware of how the funding process works. Ms. Dowdle knows there is a number of homes that must be reached and the existing tower does not meet that number. Ms. Wunschel asked if the number of homes can be reached through multiple service providers. Ms. Dowdle stated she understood FCC approached different carriers for different locations; based on that, Amador County will be served by AT&T. Ms. Dowdle explained they are looking at the underserved areas of Amador County as determined by the FCC in order to provide high-speed internet coverage.

Mr. Utley asked if the FCC is requiring this be done or if it is a potential to be done. Ms. Dowdle stated the FCC has a specific amount of funding that it will provide to carriers who will provide high-speed

wireless internet service in the underserved areas; it is an incentive to the carriers to provide service to the identified areas.

Chairman Wardall asked if anyone new would like to speak. No new people wished to speak.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Byrne, seconded by Commissioner DesVoignes and carried to close the public hearing.

ABSENT: Commissioner Callsen

Commissioner Ryan understood from a technical point of view why the site was chosen but does not understand why the existing tower could not be modified in a way to provide the same coverage. He understood there is a height limit on the existing tower but would like to know if the County could allow the tower height to be increased.

Commissioner DesVoignes agreed.

Commissioner Byrne understood there is a need for separation between the equipment on existing towers. Commissioner Ryan agreed and felt if a tower needs to be 136' tall it would be better to modify an existing tower to accommodate the needs rather than installing a new tower. Commissioner Byrne reminded everyone the project is to provide high-speed internet. Commissioner Ryan added that line of site is a critical part of the project that the Commission must consider; the goal may be high-speed internet but a side benefit is cellular phone service will improve.

Commissioner Byrne asked if he understood the reports correctly that building a new tower at the same site as the proposed tower would not meet the FCC objectives. Ms. Dowdle confirmed that is true. Commissioner Byrne stated raising the height of the existing tower may not help.

Commissioner Ryan asked staff if the County would be able to approve increasing the height of the existing tower. Ms. Grijalva explained the County Code sets out the skyline requirement (not over 15' above the skyline); there is nothing in that section to allow a deviation or waiver. An applicant may ask for a waiver to the setback requirement because the County Code allows for a setback modification subject to the conditions of the use permit. She explained the variance section of County Code states that if the strict application of the Code will deprive a property of a use or activity that other properties in the area are able to have, a variance may be granted those reasons must be due to site specific conditions such as topography or location. She stated in her opinion those findings could not be made to allow an increase in the height of the existing tower because the tower could be installed somewhere else. Ms. Grijalva believed the only option to increase the height of the existing tower would be to change the County Code. She added that Mr. Wait's tower use permit was issued in 1996; the Code regulating cell towers was modified to read as it does today in 2002 with a slight correction in 2010.

Commissioner Ryan stated the technology has changed drastically since the County Code was written; there are many variables that would lend themselves to modifying the Code. He suggested the applicant look at the existing tower site again from a perspective of what height the tower would have to be in order to meet the FCC objectives of the project. Commissioner Ryan stated there are a number of reasons to use the existing tower if at all possible: it is already there and property values have already been impacted. Commissioner Ryan suggested modifying existing towers should be the option rather than installing new towers.

Commissioner Byrne asked how tall the existing tower is. Ms. Grijalva stated the existing tower is 100 feet tall and is on a hill; the base of the existing tower is higher than the height of the proposed tower. Commissioner Byrne asked what the FAA requirements are; Ms. Grijalva stated at 200 feet, the FAA requires the tower to have lights.

Commissioner Ryan stated he supports getting the work done to provide the services but wants to

explore all possible options for utilizing the existing tower prior to approving another tower that would impact even more people.

Ms. Grijalva clarified that Commissioner Ryan would like to see evaluation done using the existing tower as to what height it would have to be in order to achieve the service to meet the FCC objectives. Commissioner Ryan agreed; he added the County is underserved and low-cost internet access is the biggest complaint he hears. As a Commission, they need to carefully consider how this is structured.

Chairman Wardall suggested the Commission keep in mind it may be more cost effective to build a new tower rather than modify the existing tower.

Commissioner Byrne agreed that having one tower would be the best option. He stated the Commission is asking for feedback to see if the existing site could be made to work if the height were extended. Commissioner Ryan agreed; he wants all options to be considered.

The Commission asked how long it would take the applicant to get the answers. Ms. Dowdle asked for clarification. Commissioner Byrne explained the Commission wants to know how tall of a tower will be required at the existing site to meet the objectives and then the Commission can make a determination if it is worth the time and effort to modify the County Code to allow the tower to be taller. Ms. Dowdle believed one month would be sufficient time. Commissioner Ryan stated he will not be at the August meeting and because the project is in District V, the district he represents, he would want the meeting continued to September 12, 2017; which will provide more than enough time to properly model the project.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Ryan, seconded by Commissioner DesVoignes and carried to continue this item to September 12, 2017.

ABSENT: Commissioner Callsen

Adjournment: At 9:40 p.m. Chairman Wardall adjourned this meeting of the Planning Commission, to meet again on August 8, 2017.

/s/

Dave Wardall, Chairman
Amador County Planning Commission

/s/

Heidi Jacobs, Recording Secretary
Amador County Planning Department

/s/

Susan C. Grijalva, Planning Director
Amador County Planning Department

STAFF REPORT TO: AMADOR COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
FOR MEETING OF: JULY 11, 2017

Item 4 - Public Hearing - Request for a Use Permit (UP-17;5-2) to install a 136-foot-tall monopole wireless communication tower with twelve 6-foot-tall panel antennae, two 4-foot diameter microwave dishes, and associated tower and ground equipment.

Applicant: Epic Wireless Group, Inc., on behalf of AT&T Mobility, LLC

Property Owner: Villegas Family Trust

Supervisory District 5

Location: 6202 Huot Road, approximately 2,200 feet west of Willow Creek Road (APN 008-120-098).

- A. General Plan Designation of Area:** A-G, Agricultural-General
- B. Current Zoning:** "R1A," Single-family Residential and Agricultural
- C. Description:** Epic Wireless, Inc., is requesting a Use Permit for the installation of a 136-foot-tall monopole design wireless communication tower for the purpose of improving high speed internet service in the area. The project is part of the FCC's Connect America Fund program to expand broadband and voice service to underserved areas. County Code requires a Use Permit for communication towers in excess of 50 feet. The location of the proposed tower is approximately 2,200 feet from Willow Creek Road, Carbondale Road, and Highway 16, and approximately 3,200 feet northwest of an existing 100-foot-tall monopole tower.

The base of the proposed tower will be at elevation 666 feet MSL, placing the top of the tower at elevation 802 feet MSL. The base of the existing monopole tower is at elevation 823 feet MSL, 21 feet higher than the top of the proposed tower.

Pursuant to County Code Section 19.48.150 (Wireless Service Facilities) such facilities shall not exceed existing tree lines along a skyline by more than 15 feet. County elevation data for the ridgeline to the south of the project indicate ground elevations of 760 to 840 feet (attached). The applicant has supplied photo simulations as well as diagrams that indicate the height of trees along the adjacent ridgeline to be 121 feet above the base of the proposed tower. Therefore, the wireless facility cannot be any taller than 136 feet.

- D. Staff Review and Recommendation:** This project was reviewed by staff which found no technical objections to the Planning Commission approving the Use Permit subject to the Conditions of Approval and findings attached to the staff report. Staff also recommends the Commission find this project is not subject to CEQA per Section 15061(b)(3), and is Categorical Exempt per Section 15303(c) of the CEQA guidelines.
- E. Planning Commission Action:** After taking public comment a decision to either grant or deny the Use Permit with the proposed conditions (or as amended) can be made.
- F. Findings:** If the Planning Commission approves this Use Permit, the following findings are recommended for adoption:
1. The project, as proposed and conditioned, is consistent with the Amador County

General Plan and the “R1A” zoning district at this location;

2. The approval of the Use Permit is sanctioned by County Code Section 19.48.150 (Wireless Service Facilities) and is consistent with County Code Section 19.56.040 (Use Permit Findings) in that the establishment, maintenance or operation of proposed use will not be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort, and general welfare of the persons residing or working in the neighborhood of such proposed use or be detrimental or injurious to property and improvements in the neighborhood or the general welfare of the County.
3. The project is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Section 15601(b)3 of the CEQA Guidelines in that the project is covered by the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment; and is Categorical Exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section and 15303(c) in that it is small project under 2,500 square feet and not involving the use of significant amounts of hazardous materials. Therefore a Notice of Exemption will be filed with the Amador County Recorder.

USE PERMIT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
FOR
EPIC WIRELESS, INCORPORATED

PERMITTEE: Epic Wireless, Incorporated (Stephanie Dowdle, representative)

ADDRESS: 8700 Auburn Folsom Road #400
Granite Bay, CA. 95746

PHONE: (916) 781-5921

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Use Permit to install a 136-foot tall monopole wireless communications tower.

PROJECT LOCATION: 6206 Huot Road, approximately 2,200 feet west of Willow Creek Road and 2,200 feet south of Highway 16.

ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER: 008-120-098

USE PERMIT NO.: UP-17;5-2

PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL DATE:



1. *This Use Permit shall not become valid, nor shall any uses commence until such time as the Permittee is either found to be in compliance with or has agreed, in writing, to a program of compliance acceptable to the County. At that time the permit shall be signed by the Planning Department and the use shall commence. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS REQUIREMENT.*
2. *The issuance of this Use Permit is expressly conditioned upon the permittee's compliance with all the provisions contained herein and if any of the provisions contained herein are violated, this Use Permit may be subject to revocation proceedings as set forth in Amador County Code. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS REQUIREMENT.*
3. The permittee shall acquire a building permit for all facilities and any other related equipment. Construction and location shall be substantially the same as shown on the approved project description. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS CONDITION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT.
4. Any security lighting for the ground facilities shall be shielded and directed in such a manner so as not to direct light onto neighboring properties/buildings/roadways. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS CONDITION.
5. Any proposed generator shall be constructed and insulated such that it will not exceed the Noise Element Guidelines of the Amador County General Plan at the project boundary. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS CONDITION.

6. The permittee must substantially comply with all applicable requirements regarding use and storage of hazardous materials as well as handling and disposal of hazardous wastes as required by the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA). THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS CONDITION.
7. The wireless service facility shall be a monopole design substantially the same as depicted in the application materials. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS CONDITION.
10. This Use Permit shall comply with all applicable requirements of County Code Section 19.48.150 (Wireless Service Facilities) including, but not limited, to the following:
 - A. The permittee shall provide an engineer's estimated cost for removal of the monopole and ancillary equipment;
 - B. Provide a performance bond in the amount of 100% of the County's estimated cost of removal for the wireless service facility and other equipment, including administrative costs;
 - C. The wireless service facility shall be removed when it becomes no longer necessary or not in use for a six month period;
 - D. A minimum setback from all property lines and public road right-of-ways shall be equal to the height of the facility; and
 - E. The height of facilities shall not exceed existing tree lines or buildings along a skyline by more than 15'

THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS CONDITION.

8. The permittee shall submit proof to the Planning Department that all FCC and FAA regulations for wireless service facilities have been researched and complied with according to their requirements, including but not limited to, that the facility shall not emit harmful rays, noxious odors, heat, excessive noise or pollutants. The facilities shall not interfere with radio, television or phone transmissions, and will not interfere with the operation of household appliances, door openers, or other machinery in the area. If public complaints occur, the burden of proof in fulfilling this condition shall be upon the permittee. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS CONDITION.
9. Any future co-location shall comply with County Code Section 19.48.150. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS CONDITION.
10. In the event the permittee encounters any historic, archaeological or paleontological resource during any construction undertaken to comply with these Use Permit conditions, permittee shall stop work immediately within a ten-yard perimeter of the find and retain the services of a qualified archaeologist for the purpose of recording, protecting, or curating the discovery as appropriate. The archaeologist shall be required to submit to the Planning Department a written opinion concerning the importance of the resource and the need to preserve the resource or otherwise reduce impacts of the project. The permittee shall notify the Amador County Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the find and provide proof to the Planning Department that any/all recommendations and requirements of the archaeologist have been complied with. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THIS MITIGATION.

CORRESPONDENCE



Proposed Broadband Tower for Huot Road

1 message

kathleen utley <[REDACTED]>
To: planning@amadorgov.org

Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 9:46 AM

To whom it may concern,

This email is in opposition to the proposed broadband tower slated to be installed along Huot Road. I live at 6450 Huot Road and am already in full view of the existing tower located on the Wait Property along Willow Creek Road. I was living here when that tower was installed and it is my understanding that it was to be the "one" tower for this area. The existing tower is higher and provides a better coverage area than the proposed one (See attached Photos). I have also been informed by Eldon Wait that the tower on his property is not owned by any particular wireless provider and was installed with the understanding that any additional companies wanting to expand to this area could make use of the tower on his land. I do not believe this new tower is necessary when there is a viable alternative available. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Utley
6450 Huot Road
Plymouth, CA 95669
[REDACTED]

2 attachments



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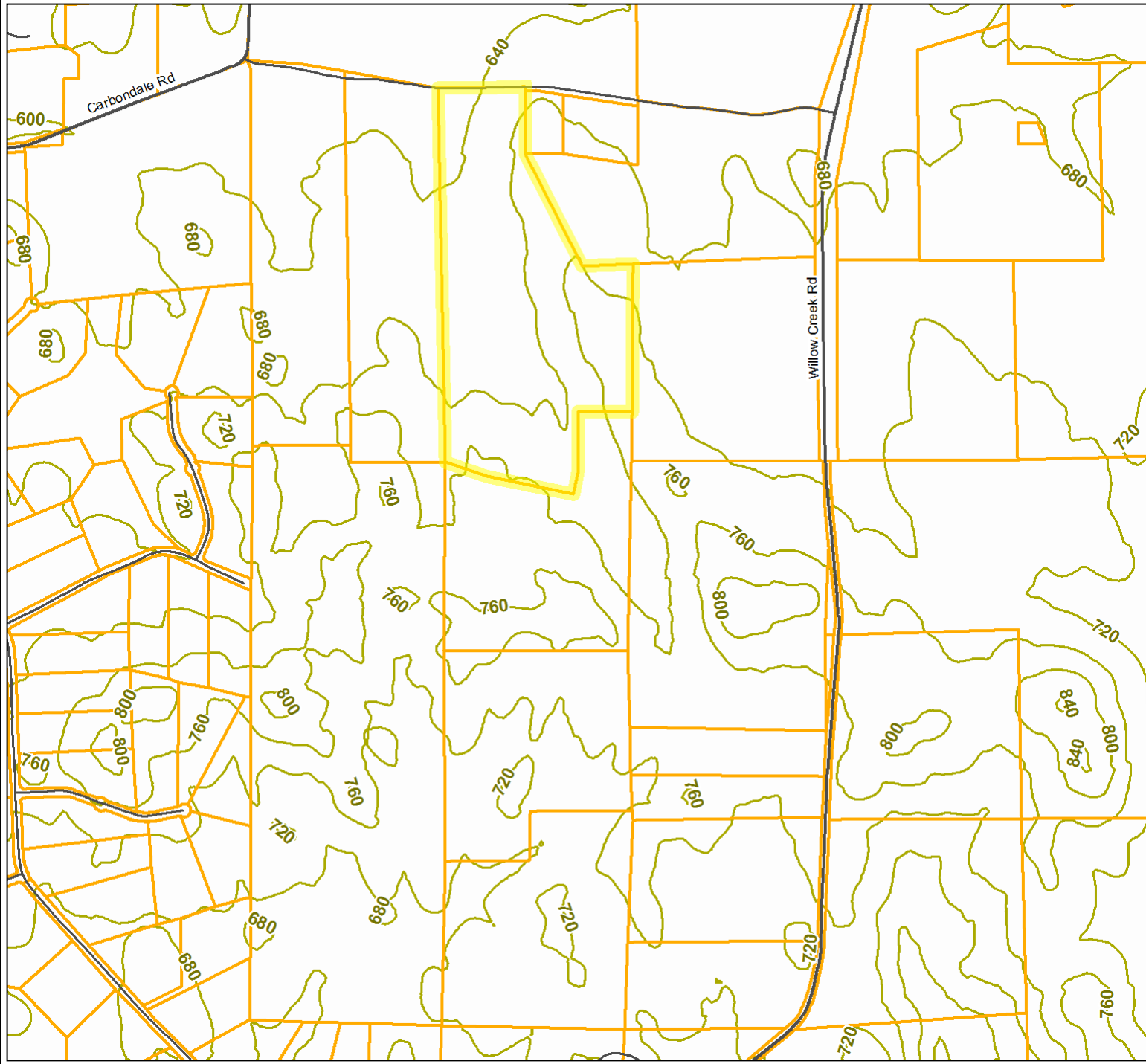


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ELEVATION DATA FROM COUNTY GIS



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- Transportation
 - Roads
 - One Way Road
 - Primary Road
 - Secondary Road
 - County Route
 - State Highway
 - Unimproved Road
- Administrative Boundaries
 - City Limits
 - ▣ Amador County Boundary
- Parcels
- Natural Features
 - Elevation Contours



1" = 1000 ft

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810 Court St, Jackson CA 95642

July 3, 2017

APPLICATION REFERRAL PACKET



**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
LAND USE AGENCY**

County Administration Center
810 Court Street • Jackson, CA 95642-2132
Telephone: (209) 223-6380
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APPLICATION REFERRAL

TO: Environmental Health Department
Transportation and Public Works Department
Building Department
Amador Fire Protection District
Waste Management/Air District
Surveying Department
County Counsel
Cal Fire

DATE: May 19, 2017

FROM: Chuck Beatty, Planner III

PROJECT: Request from Epic Wireless Group for a Use Permit (UP-17;5-2) to allow the construction of a 136-foot-tall tower in the "RIA," Single-family Residential and Agricultural district for the purposes of improving high-speed internet service to the area. Per Amador County Code, commercial wireless service facilities with a height greater than 50 feet are subject to a Use Permit issued by the Planning Commission.

LOCATION: 6202 Huot Road, Plymouth, approximately one-half mile west of Willow Creek Road (APN 014-020-013)

REVIEW: As part of the preliminary review process, this project is being sent to local agencies for their review and comment. At this time, the project is being processed as Categorical Exempt from CEQA and a Notice of Exemption will be adopted per CEQA Guidelines.

If you have comments or recommended conditions for this project, please forward them to the Planning Department by Wednesday, May 31, 2017.



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Date: 5/12/17

RE: Proposed AT&T Wireless Site "Drytown"
APN: 008-120-098-000

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this application is to obtain a conditional use permit for a proposed 136' wireless facility. The primary objective of this facility is to fulfill the objectives of the FCC's CAF II project and bring high speed internet to underserved communities. As a secondary purpose, this facility will also help improve the wireless coverage and capacity in this area.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like more details about this or any other CAF II projects.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Dowdle
Leasing/Planning Manager
(916) 936-5430

8700 Auburn Folsom Road, Suite 400
Granite Bay, CA. 95746
Fax (916) 781-5927

APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR USE PERMIT

A Public Hearing before the Planning Commission will be scheduled after the following information has been completed and submitted to the Planning Department Office:

_____ 1. Complete the following:

Name of Applicant AT&T - C/O Epic Wireless

Mailing Address 8700 Auburn Folsom Road, Suite 400, Granite Bay, CA 95746

Phone Number 916-781-5921

Assessor Parcel Number 008-120-098-000

Zoning District R1A General Plan Designation A-G

_____ 2. Use Permit Applied For:

- _____ Excessive Height
- _____ Sea Land Container
- ** _____ Bed and Breakfast Inn
- ** _____ Sign Program
- ** X _____ Other Wireless telecommunications facility

_____ 3. Attach a letter explaining the purpose and need for the Use Permit.

_____ 4. If Applicant is not the property owner, a consent letter must be attached.

_____ 5. Attach a copy of the deed for the property (can be obtained from the County Recorder's Office).

_____ 6. Assessor Plat Map (can be obtained from the County Surveyor's Office).

_____ 7. Plot Plan (no larger than 11" X 17") of parcel showing location of request in relation to property lines, road easements, other structures, etc. (see Plot Plan Guidelines). Larger map(s) or plans may be submitted if a photo reduction is provided for notices, Staff Reports, etc. The need is for easy, mass reproduction.

_____ 8. Planning Department Filing Fee: \$ _____

_____ Public Works Agency Review Fee: \$ _____ Rep. Initials _____

_____ Environmental Health Review Fee: \$ _____ Rep. Initials _____

_____ Amador Fire Protection District Fee: \$ _____ Rep. Initials _____

_____ 9. If necessary, complete an Environmental Information Form (ask Planning Department Staff).

**** Public Works Agency, Environmental Health Department, and Amador Fire Protection Fees apply.**

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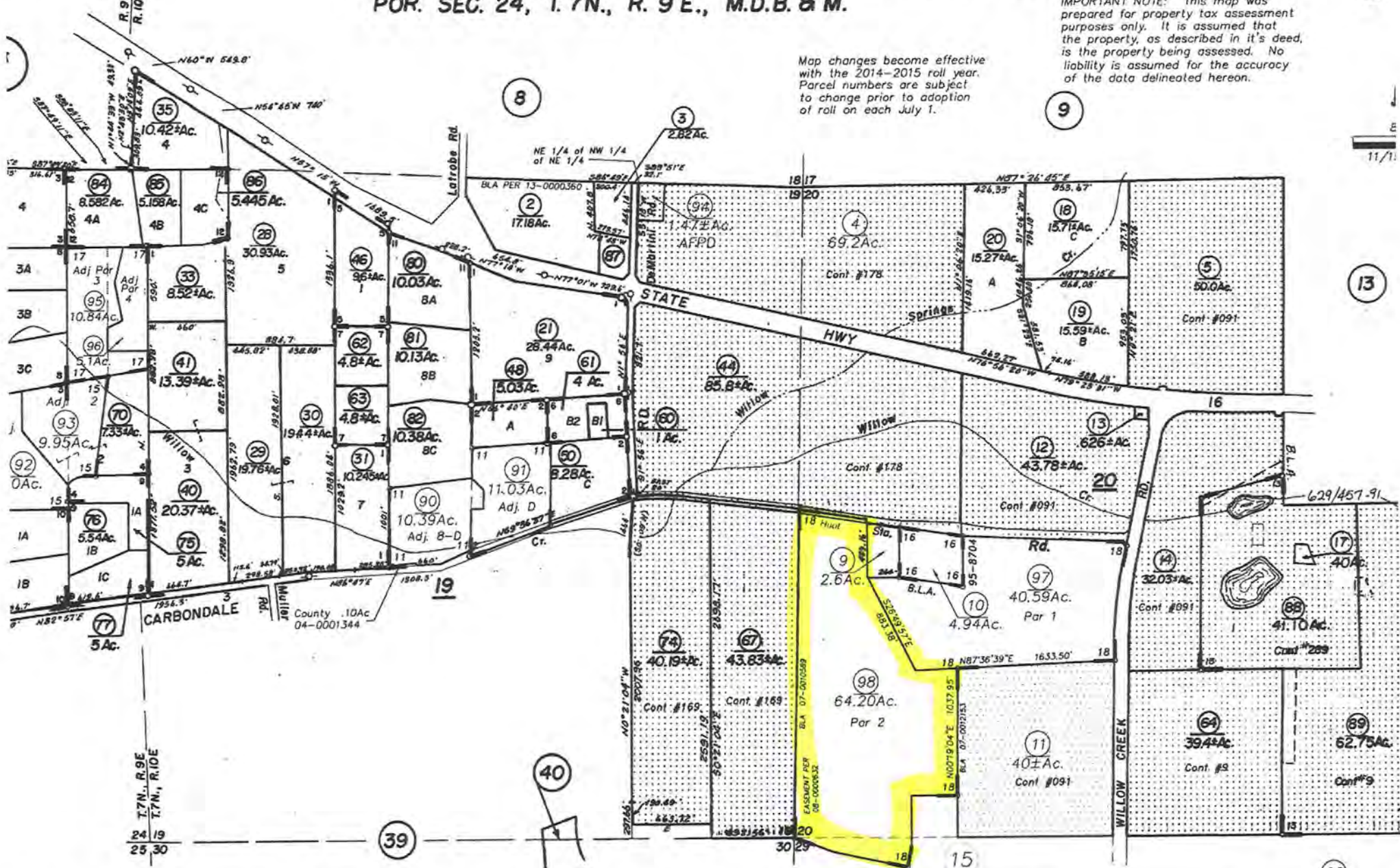
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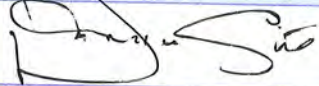


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- 16- R.M. Bk. 47, Pg. 24 (12/17/93)
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- 18- R.M. Bk. 49, Pg. 44 (11/17/95)
- 19- R.M. Bk. 54, Pg. 80 (6/21/2002)
- 20- R.M. Bk. 60, Pg. 44 (1/29/2008)

Assessor's Map Bk. 8, Pg. County of Amador, Calif.

STOP THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN UNNECESSARY 136' MONOPOLE WIRELESS COMMUNICATION TOWER

Petition summary and background	AT&T (Epic Wireless) has proposed the construction of a 136' monopole wireless communication tower in close proximity to many homes, children and only 3200' from an existing available tower. This proposal has already been denied by the Planning Commission. AT&T has appealed this denial to the Board of Supervisors.
Action petitioned for	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge the Amador County Board of Supervisors to uphold the Amador County Planning Commission's decision to deny a use permit to AT&T (Epic Wireless) for a proposed monopole wireless communications tower located at 6202 Huot Road, Plymouth, CA.

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Donna Siv		PO Box 816 Plymouth 95669	Poor Position INVASIVE	10-8 2017
Barbara Wait	Barbara Wait	17650 Latrobe Rd Plymouth CA 95126		10/8 2017
Judy Albro	Judith Albro	15184 Muller Plymouth		10/8/17
Jaci Albiani	Jaci Albiani	17920 Calaveras Plymouth Ca 95669	Put it to the one that is already there	10/8/17
Linda Beem	Linda Beem	17,000 Greilich Plymouth, Ca.	Health concern	10/8/17
James Florip	James Florip	17,000 Greilich P Plymouth, Ca.		10/8/17
Shannon	Shannon	PO Box 337 Plymouth MN 5595669		10/8/17
Kim Coudre	Kimberly Coudre	5996 Welsh Pond Rd Plymouth Ca. 95669		10/8/17
Deanne Dain	Deanne Dain	2091 Paine Rd Ione, CA 95610	Location	10/8/17
Joanne Davalos	Joanne Davalos	PO Box 842 Stockton CA 95210		10/8/17
Tonelle Elder	Tonelle Elder			10/8/17
Wai T	Wai T	16175 Willowick Rd Plymouth CA	Move Tower To existing S.T.s	10/8/17
TRISON	TRISON	23600 LPTON (RD)		
HAMILTON	HAMILTON	12 Plymouth 95669	POOR LOCATION	10/10/17
Melanie Hamilton	Melanie Hamilton	23600 LPTON Rd Plymouth	poor location	10/10/17

Board of Supervisors
Amador County
810 Court Street
Jackson, California 95642
boardofsupervisors@amadorgov.org

October 17, 2017

RE: AT&T appeal of the September 12, 2017, Planning Commission decision to deny Use Permit (UP-17;5-2)

My name is Laura Allred and I live in Amador County. Since learning of the telecommunications issues within my county and nationally, I have attempted to learn all that I can regarding it. I have listened to the audio of the July 11, 2017, Planning Commission hearing and attended the September 12, 2017, hearing. My intent is to be helpful to all parties and reach a mutually beneficial result.

As I understand it, the two reasons for the AT&T proposed telecommunication facility are:

First to satisfy AT&T commitments to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Connect America Initiative, which is to provide and expand high-speed broadband service to "underserved areas".

Second to "close a significant gap" in AT&T 4G LTE service coverage.

Brief History of My Impressions to Find Mutual Benefit:

The Planning Commission heard the Use Permit matter on July 11, 2017, and continued it on September 12, 2017.

First is the issue regarding the provision of high-speed broadband to "underserved areas" as designated by the FCC. Based on the two hearings it is factually unclear how the FCC determined this designated area to be "*underserved*" within this Connect America Initiative.

Many of the neighbors in this FCC targeted area testified that they currently have comparable wireless broadband. They say that Volcano Internet, Mother Lode Internet and Zeta Broadband all are available and because of these services they do not consider themselves underserved.

Placing the AT&T high-speed broadband on the nearby existing tower would still allow AT&T to satisfy its commitment to the FCC Connect America Fund Program, while providing another service option for the community.

The second issue was for AT&T to "*close a significant gap*" in AT&T's 4G LTE coverage. The proposed site location would have the hill with the existing tower blocking a significant amount of

the southerly direction "line of sight", eventually requiring additional towers to close the coverage gap lost by the hill.

Co-location on the existing tower would provide better "line of sight" capabilities, as it is higher than most hills in the general area for AT&T to close its coverage gap in its 4G LTE service.

Federal Case Law

Under federal case law, the courts' interpretation of federal law, co-locating the AT&T proposed use permit on the existing tower "...*would be the least intrusive means of accomplishing the service.*" Please incorporate by reference my previous submissions of August 11, 2015, August 25, 2015 and October 13, 2015, with this letter.

Amador County Municipal Code Applied to the Facts

I requested a Public Records Request (PRA) for the intent and purpose of the 19.48.150 code section. I reviewed documents and listened to two audio tapings of the history and discussion for the creation of the current code.

The recorded purpose is found at Amador Municipal Code 19.48.150 (A) Purpose:

"19.48.150 Commercial wireless service facilities.

A. Purpose. This section provides for the orderly development of wireless service facilities to encourage appropriate locations, protect the character of neighborhoods and communities, reduce the potential for health and safety hazards, and maintain the visual quality of Amador County, especially along highways and roadways."

I believe that, primarily, the code sections following this stated purpose are intended to be the implementation of the purpose of "*Commercial wireless service facilities*".

However, in this case the implementation code sections, such as the skyline with the height restrictions will have the effect of nullifying the purpose for the "*Commercial wireless service facilities*" Municipal Code, because:

- Co-location is the preferred placement for a proposed project pursuant to "*H. Co-location*", if it is possible to do and convenient (feasible), which this proposed project is.
- The Planning Commission has confirmed that *co-location*, the act of placing additional radio frequency transmitters upon an existing tower, is the initial goal "*for the orderly development*" and placement of "*appropriate locations*" of wireless service facilities. (Planning Commission audio of August 11, 2015 and July 11, 2017)
- Co-location *protects the character of this neighborhood and community* as testified by the neighbors. They stated that adding a 136' tower, with twelve 6' tall antennae and two 4' diameter microwave dishes, within 3,000 feet of an existing 100' tall tower (installed prior to the creation of the current code) would be *an adverse visible impact* damaging the character of their neighborhood.
- Also, the neighbors who spoke voiced their concerns about having an additional large telecommunication tower in their *skyline* views. Most stated that they would prefer to use the existing tower to mount the new AT&T antennae, this would limit any additional *skyline* view *adverse visible impacts*. Skyline views should not be measured in a single directional but encompass 360 degree visual effects. Thus, the fifteen-foot criteria from one vantage point

may not be applicable from another view for this proposed project site from neighboring properties.

- Creating new adverse visible skyline impacts from multiple neighboring property views is not a valid justification for complying with the height of the new facility being no more than 15 feet above a tree line, when there is already an existing site that has skyline impacts.
- For this co-location, applying the *aesthetic considerations* of the colors and materials to blend with the existing structure and that any "new support facilities" and/or "ancillary equipment" to be *screened* if visible from neighboring properties or roadways is compliant with the codes intent and *purpose*.
- Additionally, the neighbors discouraged creating a new telecommunication facility in their neighborhood as it would have negative impacts to the character of their neighborhood.
- Most importantly the stated purpose of this section is to provide "...for the orderly development of wireless service facilities to encourage appropriate locations."

Another stated purpose for the "Commercial wireless service facilities" code is to "maintain the visual quality of Amador County especially along roadways and highways."

The proposed location is highly visible from Highway 16 since it will be only 2,200 feet from this major gateway in Amador County to the renowned Amador County wineries and tourism.

Under aesthetic considerations, "...[f]acilities that are judged to adversely affect the visual quality of the county shall be denied". This proposed location for this Use Permit will have an adverse effect in maintaining the visual quality of Amador County along a major highway.

However, denial is not the goal. Providing the service in the *least intrusive manner* and with the *least adverse visible impacts while protecting the character of neighborhoods/communities and maintaining the visual quality of Amador County* is the goal.

Conclusion for Mutual Benefit:

I believe that the Planning Commission vote of 4-1 to deny this use permit was not to prohibit the service but to conform with the stated *purpose* of Amador County Municipal Code 19.48.150.

I respectfully request, in this case, that the Board of Supervisors use as the legal reason for co-location of UP-17;5-2, use permit to be pursuant to code section "19.48.150 (A) Purpose", relating to the orderly development and selection of appropriate locations, among other items listed herein.

Co-location of this proposed project on the established tower provides mutual benefit to Amador County, neighborhoods/communities, and AT&T with its services for the neighborhoods and communities.

I sincerely hope that the suggestions made in this letter assist all parties mutually.

Respectfully,

Laura Allred

Cc:

Amador County Planning Department

The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Jennifer Burns <jburns@amadorgov.org>

[boardofsupervisors:541]

1 message

'Rob & Amber Ellis' via Board of Supervisors

Tue, Oct 17, 2017 at
10:25 AM

<boardofsupervisors@amadorgov.org>

Reply-To: [REDACTED]

To: Boardofsupervisors@amadorgov.org

Dear Board of Supervisors, I am writing to request that you uphold the decision of the Planning Commission and deny AT&T's use permit (Epic Wireless) for the proposed construction of a 136ft monopole wireless communications tower to be built at Huot Road in close proximity to homes. I request that AT&T (Epic Wireless) find an alternative site to construct their tower that would be less detrimental to the neighborhood, and overall look of the county.

Sincerely,
The Ellis Family

Sent from my iPhone



Jennifer Burns <jburns@amador.gov>

[boardofsupervisors:548] Huot Monopole

1 message

John Somerville <[REDACTED]>
Reply-To: [REDACTED]
To: boardofsupervisors@amadorgov.org

Tue, Oct 17, 2017 at 4:58 PM

Dear Amador County Board of Supervisors,

I humbly urge you to deny AT&T's appeal in the matter of the proposed monopole located at [6202 Huot road](#). I believe that the aforementioned appeal is an effort to undermine our county codes and regulations. The use permit was denied by the planning commission due in part to AT&T/Epic Wireless's inability to meet the application requirements set forth in **Amador County Code 19.48.150** specifically section F. Application Requirements. Sub paragraph 1. Alternate Site and Network Analysis. The main body of AT&T's appeal states that the County advised AT&T that collocation on the existing tower is not allowed because the tower is a "legal nonconforming structure." It was made abundantly clear at the public hearing on July 11, 2017 that this is not the case and that collocation was allowed and preferable. It was then stated by AT&T/Epic Wireless that due to the height of the existing tower they would not be able to meet their "objective living unit target." This concern was alleviated by the Planning Commission when they advised AT&T that a height waiver or easement could be obtained and that they need only advise the Commission of what height would allow them to meet their "living unit goals". AT&T was instructed by the Planning Commission to research the alternative site and submit their height requirements to the commission on or before the second public hearing that took place September 12, 2017. The requested research was never submitted. When questioned as to why the information was not made available to the Planning Commission AT&T's response was "Location, Location, Location."

AT&T has not demonstrated that the existing tower is not a viable option. If that specific tower is the issue why hasn't any research been done into the possibility of constructing an additional tower on the same hill? The proposed site on Huot Road is not the least intrusive and it carries with it the most impact to the community. The Planning Commission was thorough and only asked that AT&T comply with the application process. I believe that the Planning Commission's 4 to 1 denial of the requested use permit should be upheld. In doing so you would not be denying AT&T's ability to continue expansion of their network. There still remains a viable location available less than 2/3 of a mile from the proposed site.

I believe that the requested use permit should be denied due to its inability to comply with the following county codes **19.56.040 Action by planning commission**. In order to grant any use permit, the findings of the planning commission shall be that the establishment, maintenance or operation of the use or building applied for will not under the circumstances of the particular case be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort and general welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood of such proposed use or be detrimental or injurious to property and improvements in the neighborhood or to the general welfare of the county.

19.48.150 Commercial wireless service facilities. F. Application Requirements 1. Alternate Site and Network Analysis; G. Development Standards. 1. Aesthetic considerations 2. Screening 3. Skyline. H. Co-location.

I apologize for the length of this letter and I thank you for taking the time to read this. I truly believe that collocation is in the best interest of the county and its residents and I hope that you see it the same way.

Sincerely,
John H Somerville
[REDACTED] Huot Road



Jennifer Burns <jburns@amadorgov.org>

[boardofsupervisors:546] LETTER TO PROTECT CHILDREN

1 message

Sarah McDaniel <smcdaniel@amador.gov>

Tue, Oct 17, 2017 at 4:07 PM

Reply-To: smcdaniel@amador.gov

To: "boardofsupervisors@amadorgov.org" <boardofsupervisors@amadorgov.org>

Dear Board of Supervisors,

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Sincerely,

Sarah McDaniel

Hi, my name is Monica Ferrulli and I am the mother of Mason Ferrulli who was diagnosed with brain cancer in January 2017.

There was a cell phone tower installed at my son's school in 2009. Since the installation of the tower at Weston Elementary School, 5 children and 2 teachers have been diagnosed with cancer. The district confirms the safety of this tower by referencing the FCC guidelines. Well let me tell you a little bit about these guidelines.

1. The peak FCC's exposure safety limit is the average radiation exposure for 30 minutes. This does not take into account the intense pulses that cell towers emit and expose people to throughout the day.
2. The FCC compliance testing utilizes a model of a 220 pound male head. Research repeatedly indicates that the radiation penetrates deeper into children's smaller bodies and brains.
3. By only accounting for thermal exposure other health risks are being ignored. However, heating is not the issue. Hundreds if not thousands of studies show adverse health effects from headaches to many types of cancer including brain cancer. All of these studies showed no temperature change.
4. The FCC's exposure limits did not consider the health effects of chronic exposure. They do not account for people who are exposed to hours and hours of this radiation over several years, especially children.

Some people argue, if cell towers cause cancer then everyone would have cancer because they are everywhere. Not everyone has sensitivity to radiation. For example, tobacco is known to cause lung cancer, but that does not mean everyone who smokes will have that diagnosis.

In 2014 a parent from Texas wrote the Environmental Protection Agency about chronic exposure and got the following response:

(quote) "The standards....are not intended to address low-intensity (non-thermal) long-term (chronic) exposures. Investigation as to whether there may be effects from exposures too low to cause heating is continuing."

Cell towers were classified as a possible carcinogen to humans in 2011. There is ongoing research being conducted that may, in the near future, change that classification to a known carcinogen. Again, what we are trying to express is that studies are inconclusive and guidelines are not current with the newer technology. We cannot continue to expose our children to this radiation while the FCC standards catch up to the research!

In fact, no “safe” level has been scientifically determined for children or pregnant women. Therefore, the claim that a device “meets government standards” or that radiation levels are “FCC compliant” gives a false impression of safety.



Jennifer Burns <jburns@amadorgov.org>

[boardofsupervisors:543] Proposed Huot Monopole

1 message

Alexis Clark <alexisc@amadorgov.org>

Tue, Oct 17, 2017 at 12:03 PM

Reply-To: alexisc@amadorgov.org

To: "boardofsupervisors@amadorgov.org" <boardofsupervisors@amadorgov.org>

Dear Board of Supervisors,

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Sincerely,
Alexis Clark

(Sister to Mercedes Somerville)
(Aunt to Harper Somerville)



Jennifer Burns <jburns@amadorgov.org>

[boardofsupervisors:545] Hello

1 message

Julie James <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Oct 17, 2017 at 2:30 PM

Reply-To: [REDACTED]

To: boardofsupervisors@amadorgov.org

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to request that you uphold the decision of the Planning Commission and deny AT&T's use permit (Epic Wireless) for the proposed construction of a 136ft monopole wireless communications tower to be built at Huot Road in close proximity to homes. I request that AT&T (Epic Wireless) find an alternative site to construct their tower that would be less detrimental to the neighborhood, and overall look of the county.

Sincerely,
Julie Smith.

Sent from my iPhone



Jennifer Burns <jburns@amadorgov.org>

[boardofsupervisors:544] re: monopole on huot road

1 message

Brooke Wunschel <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Oct 17, 2017 at 1:24 PM

Reply-To: [REDACTED]

To: Boardofsupervisors@amadorgov.org

Dear Board of Supervisors, I am writing to request that you uphold the decision of the Planning Commission and deny AT&T's use permit (Epic Wireless) for the proposed construction of a 136ft monopole wireless communications tower to be built at Huot Road in close proximity to homes. I request that AT&T (Epic Wireless) find an alternative site to construct their tower that would be less detrimental to the neighborhood, and overall look of the county.

Sincerely,
Brooke Wunschel
6460 Huot Road



Jennifer Burns <jburns@amadorgov.org>

[boardofsupervisors:540] AT&T appeal - letter of comment

1 message

RICHARD UTLEY <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Oct 17, 2017 at 12:47 AM

Reply-To: [REDACTED]

To: "boardofsupervisors@amadorgov.org" <boardofsupervisors@amadorgov.org>

To: The Amador County Board of Supervisors

10/16/17

c/o: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Re: AT&T appeal of Amador Planning Commission denial of Application for Use

Permit to install a cell phone tower at 6202 Huot Road, Plymouth, CA

Dear Sirs:

I am not a lawyer and I talk better than I write, but I will try to convey a concise argument against the granting of the appeal in AT&T's favor. AT&T is citing a Federal Communications Act of 1996 and claiming that the Amador County Planning Commission did not have the right to deny the application because AT&T has a significant gap in its 4G coverage area. At the July 11, 2017 meeting the representative for AT&T stated that the proposed tower was being installed to meet the CAF requirements for high-speed broadband service and that any improvement to cell phone coverage was incidental. Since AT&T was not claiming a significant gap in their 4G coverage area, the Amador Planning Commission was not under the restraint of this Act.

AT&T is claiming that the Planning Commission denied them the ability to collocate on the existing tower at 15501 Willow Creek Road, Plymouth, CA (which was their primary candidate according to their appeal). This is flat out wrong. The whole reason the July 11 meeting was extended to September 12 was so AT&T's engineers could check their computations to see if they could make the site work. All the people opposed to the 6202 Huot Road site want AT&T to collocate on the existing tower. The tower was built prior to the Amador County regulations about maximum height. There is room on the tower for AT&T to collocate on it and the collocation height is higher by approximately 86 feet than the top of the proposed Huot Road tower. Since the existing tower is still in operation and still has room for collocation, any company that collocates there should be able to be "grandfathered" in despite the current regulations covering height limitations.

The AT&T representatives refused to consider collocating on the existing tower because they would only be able to reach 262 living units as compared to the 329 living units estimated for the Huot Road site (a difference of 67 living units). I would have thought that a higher altitude would give greater coverage seeing as my house is receiving broadband from Eldorado Hills which is miles away. The AT&T representatives never said where exactly the 67 living units that would be missed are. The FCC's CAF requirements for getting the subsidizing does not require a minimum number of living units per tower. AT&T could collocate on the existing tower and if needed build another tower nearer to the (potential but not guaranteed customers) of the 67 living units that are missed by the existing tower. The FCC is subsidizing the building of these towers, so it's not going to hurt AT&T's bank accounts. Building the proposed tower at 6202 Huot Road will severely hurt my bank account and my neighbors' bank account as our house values will drop significantly if the tower is built near us. Our neighbors, the Summervilles, to the west of us have been told by real estate experts that their home value will go down by approximately 40%. We're not rich people. We can't afford that. AT&T was estimated to have over \$403 billion in assets in 2016. AT&T, with the subsidies from the FCC, can afford to collocate and build another tower closer to the missing 67 living units (preferably in a safe location that doesn't irradiate them). (It should be noted that not once during either the July 11 meeting or the September 12 meeting did the AT&T representatives argue that they needed this tower to fill a "significant gap" in their 4G coverage. It was all about providing high-speed broadband service [which the FCC lowered from 10mbs down to 5mbs on August 17, 2017]. The September 12 meeting was primarily spent on why couldn't AT&T collocate and the health concerns of those of us in the immediate irradiation zone).

The health concerns of those of us living next to the proposed site is also high on our list of why we want them to collocate. The FCC requires the exposure to the electro-magnetic radiation to be less than .35 for 30 minutes. AT&T's engineering report shows the level on my house to be at .20 which is lower than .35 BUT will be hitting my house and all those living there 24 hours a day all year long. AT&T's representatives said that it wouldn't be continuous irradiation but be done in pulses, but they didn't say how many pulses a day or how long each pulse is. AT&T cites medical studies from the 1990s. It is now 2017 and there are newer studies that contradict those old studies and say it is more dangerous to live and work next to these towers. Smoking tobacco was used as an analogy and it was pointed out that not every smoker gets cancer. But enough do that the medical studies have come the conclusion that smoking can lead to cancer and other health risks. It has also been found that "second hand smoke" can cause cancer and other health risks. Though my house will be getting "only" .20, I feel like the probable victim of "second hand" irradiation. I have a new granddaughter. The Sommervilles have a 14 month old daughter. What is this going to do to them? It would be one thing if I had bought my house next to an existing tower and ignored the possible health risks. But I didn't. I'm not volunteering for my family and I to live next such a huge health risk. Those people who scoff at the risks aren't having a tower built

next to them. They don't have to look at the ugly monstrosity and they don't have to live with the health risks. It's not their lives being ruined.

The attitude of AT&T's appeal seems to be that they think can put towers wherever they want and the local municipalities don't have any choice because of the way that AT&T interprets the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Act lays down guidelines to be followed and I am sure that AT&T picked out ONLY those that support their position. This Act was enacted in 1996 to upgrade existing rules to cover a new technology. In the 21 years since, the technology has changed, new medical studies have been done, and new situations have arisen. As shown in the references in the footnotes of the appeal by AT&T, there have been court cases in 2005 and as recently as 2015. These are the cases that support AT&T's position, but how many are there that went against the Telecommunications Provider?

I am not against building cell phone towers as a whole. I just don't want a cell phone tower at the [6202 Huot Road](#) site due to health concerns, quality of life concerns, visual concerns, and economic concerns. I am all for AT&T collocating on the 15501 Willow Creek Road existing tower (which is what the Planning Commission wanted).

I hope this letter gets to you in time. I am requesting time off from my job in order to be at the hearing on October 24, 2017. Thank you for reading it. (I talk better than I write).

Richard Utley

 [Huot Road, Plymouth, CA](#)

October 16, 2017

Amador County Board of Supervisors
810 Court Street
Jackson, CA 95642

Honored Supervisors:

I am writing this letter to express my opposition to the proposed Epic Wireless / AT&T Cellphone Tower to be located at 6202 Huot Road in Amador County. I live at 6450 Huot Road and would be greatly affected by the proposed tower. I have previously written a letter of opposition to the tower to the Planning Commission and I attended the Planning Commission Hearing to voice my opposition.

I have lived here over twenty years and I was present when the existing cell tower located on the Wait Property was installed. At that time, there was zero cell service to our area and we were assured that the installation of this tower would be the **One** tower for this area and would allow multiple companies to provide service to this area. Thus, I did not oppose that tower, even though it sits directly behind my property and obscures one of the views for which my husband and I purchased this property.

A second and, in my opinion, more important fact I learned from attending the Planning Commission Meeting, is that AT&T has not even considered the existing tower site as a possible location. According to the American Tower (the owner of the tower) and the property owner (Eldon Wait), AT&T has never approached them to access the existing tower to test whether or not it would be a suitable location. The existing tower is substantially higher than the proposed tower. The hill on which the existing tower is located is significantly higher and eclipses the hill where the proposed tower would be located, thus blocking any signal transmissions in that direction. I find it difficult to believe that the proposed tower location would offer better coverage than the existing tower location. The lawyer

for AT&T stated in the appeal that the existing tower is not high enough and that the Planning Commission would not allow a variance in County Codes to extent the height. This is a false statement. I personally heard them offer to work with AT&T to obtain that variance of County Code. I can only conclude from my research that AT&T wants to own a tower of their own, rather than lease space on the existing tower.

It is a simple drive to compete with Verizon Wireless for this area. They are no longer using the guise of trying to bring Broadband to underserved areas. Their true reason of filling a gap in their 4G coverage and thus allow them to compete with Verizon and other area providers has emerged. They are threatening a lawsuit over non-existent violations of law to try to force their way. Please do not be swayed by these threats. I believe that they can attain the coverage they need by using the existing tower site.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Utley

 Huot Road

Plymouth, CA 95669

utleykt@gmail.com



Jennifer Burns <jburns@amadorgov.org>

[boardofsupervisors:528] Plymouth cell tower

1 message

Lisa Weinstein <[REDACTED]>
Reply-To: [REDACTED]
To: boardofsupervisors@amadorgov.org

Sat, Oct 7, 2017 at 12:59 PM

Amador County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to ask for your understanding and support. AT&T (Epic Wireless) has proposed to build a 136 foot monopole wireless communications tower on Huot Road. We don't oppose the construction of a new or upgraded monopole tower but we take issue with the chosen location. You may already be aware that there is currently an American Tower (Verizon) monopole at 15501 Willow Creek Rd that has lease space available. There is also leasable land available at the Willow Creek location. The placement of the proposed additional monopole (in the same neighborhood) is only 3200 feet from the existing pole. Placing it in close proximity to several homes and infringing on the views from many others. I ask that you uphold the Planning Commission's denial of the requested use permit. Protect the residents, uphold the county codes and ensure that future construction of wireless infrastructure be completed intelligently where the needs of the residents, not the telecommunication companies come first. Thank you for your time and understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Weinstein



Jennifer Burns <jburns@amadorgov.org>

Re: AT&T cell tower

1 message

Lynn Morgan <lmorgan@amadorgov.org>

Mon, Sep 25, 2017 at 10:20 PM

To: Theresa <[REDACTED]>, Jennifer Burns <jburns@amadorgov.org>

I am including Jennifer Burns on my response to you to ask her to enter your email here into our record for this agenda item thanks Jennifer.

Best, Lynn

On Mon, Sep 25, 2017 at 8:16 PM, Theresa <taabballmom@aol.com> wrote:

Hello,

I would like to ask you to uphold the commissions decision to deny AT&T/Epic from installing a new cell tower.

Thank you,

Theresa Almeda, homeowner

[REDACTED]

Plymouth, CA 95669

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad



Jennifer Burns <jburns@amadorgov.org>

[boardofsupervisors:487] Cell Tower

1 message

'Dan McGuane' via Board of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@amadorgov.org>

Thu, Aug 31, 2017 at
12:40 PM

Reply-To: d1m...
To: boardofsupervisors@amadorgov.org

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request that a use permit be denied to AT&T (Epic Wireless) for the proposed construction of a monopole wireless communications tower to be built at **6202 Huot Road**. I request that AT&T (Epic Wireless) find an alternative site to construct their tower that would be less detrimental to the neighborhood, and overall look of the county.

Sincerely,

Dan McGuane



Jennifer Burns <jburns@amadorgov.org>

[boardofsupervisors:486] Plymouth Cell Tower

1 message

Mark Ward <[REDACTED]>
Reply-To: m[REDACTED]@amadorgov.org
To: boardofsupervisors@amadorgov.org

Thu, Aug 31, 2017 at 12:42 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request that a use permit be denied to AT&T (Epic Wireless) for the proposed construction of a monopole wireless communications tower to be built at 6202 Huot Road. I request that AT&T (Epic Wireless) find an alternative site to construct their tower that would be less detrimental to the neighborhood, and overall look of the county. Thank you for taking the time to hear our concerns.

Sincerely,
Mark Ward
(916) 342-0079

Sent from my iPhone

Fran White

6202 Huot Road
Plymouth, CA 95669

October 15, 2017

Fran White
5910 Huot Road
Plymouth, CA 95669

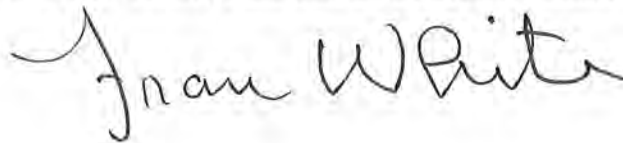
Amador County Board of Supervisors,

As a resident of Amador County since 1974 I am writing to ask for your understanding and support. As I am sure you are aware AT&T (Epic Wireless) has proposed to build a 136 foot monopole wireless communications tower at 6202 Huot Road (just east of my home). It should be understood that I do not oppose the construction of new or upgraded towers in the county but I take issue with the chosen location of this proposed tower.

There is currently a tower at 15501 Willow Creek Rd that has lease space available. There is also leasable land available at the same Willow Creek location. The placement of the proposed additional monopole would be less than two thirds of a mile from the existing tower. Placing it in close proximity to several homes in my neighborhood and infringing on the views from many others. Upholding the Planning Commission's denial of the requested use permit would protect the residents, be in line with the county codes and ensure that construction of a new tower be completed in a manner that maintains our rural skyline and is less intrusive to the neighborhood. If AT&T would like to build another tower in our county I ask that an alternate location be chosen.

Sincerely,

Fran White



Alice Perry, AT&T
Presented
@ 9-12-17
PC mtg.

The FCC, American Cancer Society and the World Health Organization **Have All Concluded That There Are No Known Health Concerns Related to Cell Sites RF Exposure**

There are no known adverse health effects from cell sites and no health risks to the general public have been shown.



- Cellular carriers and tower companies are required to build and maintain all cell phone towers and antennas in accordance with FCC guidelines for human exposure to radiofrequency (RF) fields.
- The energy from cell phone tower antennas decreases with distance. As a result, normal ground-level exposure is much lower than if a person was close to the antenna.
- The FCC has pointed out that the possibilities are remote that a person could be exposed to RF levels that are harmful. See "Can People Be Exposed to Levels of Radiofrequency Radiation That Could Be Harmful?" at: <https://www.fcc.gov/engineering-technology/electromagnetic-compatibility-division/radio-frequency-safety/faq/rf-safety#Q6>
- At a typical cell site, ground level exposure is actually well below the FCC's limits.
- When posed with the notion that a cell phone tower might increase the risk of cancer or other health problems, the American Cancer Society (ACS) stated, "...there is very little evidence to support this idea." See "Do cellular phone towers cause cancer?" at: <http://www.cancer.org/cancer/cancercauses/othercarcinogens/athome/cellular-phone-towers>
- Furthermore, the World Health Organization (WHO) echoes these findings by stating, "Over the past 15 years, studies examining a potential relationship between RF transmitters and cancer have been published. These studies have not provided evidence that RF exposure from the transmitters increases the risk of cancer." See "Electromagnetic fields and public health," at: <http://www.who.int/peh-emf/publications/facts/fs304/en/>



Planning Department <planning@amadorgov.org>

Deny Use Permit at 6202 Huot Road

1 message

Devin Lyle <lyle.devin@gmail.com>
To: planning@amadorgov.org

Sun, Sep 10, 2017 at 7:29 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request that a use permit be denied to AT&T (Epic Wireless) for the proposed construction of a monopole wireless communications tower to be built at 6202 Huot Road. I request that AT&T (Epic Wireless) find an alternative site to construct their tower that would be less detrimental to the neighborhood, and overall look of the county.

Sincerely,

Devin Lyle



Planning Department <planning@amadorgov.org>

Statement For your Consideration Regarding the AT&T (epic wireless) Cell Tower

1 message

Brian Dano <Brian.Dano@americantower.com>

Mon, Sep 11, 2017 at 3:22 PM

To: "planning@amadorgov.org" <planning@amadorgov.org>

Dear Amador Planning Department,

My name is Brian Dano and I work for American Tower Corporation. I have been in contact with some residence of Plymouth CA regarding this cell tower project, as well as a tower that American Tower manages and operates. That being said, American Tower Corp has the following statement for your consideration.

"American Tower Corporation operates a 100 foot tall monopole telecommunications tower located at 15501 Willow Creek Road, Plymouth, CA (38.43716 N, 120.90146 W). The tower has the capacity for additional tenants and its height can be increased if necessary. No applications for collocation have been received since American Tower began operating the site".

Best Regards,

Brian Dano

American Tower Corporation

10 Presidential Way

Woburn, Massachusetts 01801

Desk: 781-428-7283

brian.dano@americantower.com

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9-12-17
John H. Somerville

(Good evening and introduction) I live adjacent to the trust property which is the proposed site for a second tower in our small neighborhood. Firstly I would like to make a correction about the previous hearing on which I stated that the proposed tower would be 300 feet from my home. I was unaware that the copy of the plans that I received from the planning department had been in fact resized and the distance will apparently be more like 6 to 700 feet. Nonetheless the proposed site still places the monopole in close proximity to my home and existing tower and does not alleviate any of the negative affects that will arise if the tower were constructed.

To be clear my family and I are not opposed to the expansion of wireless or broadband service in our community we simply ask that it be deployed in a reasonable manner with a priority placed on what is best for the residents and the county. The construction of a second tower nearly 14 stories tall located less than 2/3 of a mile from an existing tower that has land and lease space available is poorly planned lacks foresight and is not in the best interest of the residents or county. The Wait property, an old gravel quarry and location of the existing American Tower with leasable land and tower space available is a reasonable and acceptable location to approve a retrofit, or construction of an additional tower in our neighborhood, without negatively impacting residents. Due to the stigma that cell towers carry, two gigantic towers located less than a mile from one another in the same neighborhood would be unquestionably detrimental to the property values, comfort and safety of the homeowners on Huot road and several properties located on the periphery of the Willow Creek Ranch Estates,

highway 16, Carbondale and willow creek roads. Whether the threat that these towers pose is real or perceived the outcome remains the same, property values and potential buyer pools would decline dramatically. Each tower brings with it a potential for increased fire danger and crime, due to the large amounts of copper, electrical components and batteries used to construct and enable these commercial enterprises to operate continuously. We strongly believe that collocation provides a single site for the desired infrastructure that alleviates the concerns of the citizens, maintains landscape, skyline and ensures a location that is easily monitored and in the case of fire would be much less likely to damage homes and property. The proposed site for the second monopole is located at the bottom of a hill. The alternative site is on top of a hill, further from homes, has infrastructure in place and has better line of site for future broadband expansion. Mr Wait who is the owner of the property where the current tower stands has a Lease agreement with American Tower that does not include exclusive rights to the property adjacent to the existing tower making collocation feasible. Collocating towers is extremely common and there are examples along HWY16 and across the country where it has been done successfully. Making it unnecessary for towers to be spread out every few thousand feet across our rural landscape.

1. If in fact the existing tower will not allow AT&T to meet their Connect America Fund Phase 2 service goals, a new or retro fit tower could be constructed adjacent to the American Tower monopole.

location. The FCC and the Connect America fund does not require AT&T to build specifically at the proposed Huot location, serving any eligible zone depicted on the California CAF map will meet their requirements. As I understand it the Huot location is only one of hundreds of proposed sites where approval is being sought across California. This practice has led to a project that is incompatible with our community and county codes. AT&T has lobbied heavily at the state and federal levels of government and in many cases have been the authors of the legislation associated with wireless communications. I ask that this commission be the voice of the constituents of this county and deny the applied for use permit favoring proper land use practices and intelligent long term planning. Two towers poorly spaced less than 2/3 a mile from one another in the same neighborhood would not beautify the region or improve our standard of living. It would in fact degrade this beautiful area and place current and future homeowners in an undesirable circumstance. However collocation alleviates all of our concerns and places all of the infrastructure in one safe intelligent and versatile location that will not damage what we have all worked so hard for. I ask each of you on this commission to do what is best for the county and its residents by denying construction at the proposed site and ensuring that additional towers and infrastructure be placed appropriately in locations that will serve the most residents and be less harmful to those who live near them. I would like to close by thanking each of you for your service on this commission and in particular for your careful consideration in this decision. By serving on this commission you demonstrate that you

care deeply about this county and its residents and for that you should be applauded. Thank
you



Board of Supervisors
Amador County

Stop Plymouth Cell tower from being built next door to baby



Mercedes Somerville Plymouth, CA



410

410 have signed. Let's get to 500.



Mercedes Somerville
Plymouth, CA

Dear Caring Reader,

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this letter and to sign our petition. My husband and I moved to Amador County from Rancho Cordova to our dream home during the fall of 2015. I was pregnant at the time with our daughter who is now one. We envisioned raising a family in this quiet rural setting and we were overjoyed when we were able to close on the property. It was a fixer-upper but that only made it more enticing because it meant we could build our American Dream, our way (my husband is a Veteran).

On Saturday July 1, 2017, three days before Independence Day on July 4th, we received a notice from Amador County Community Development Agency Planning Department of a proposed 136' tall Microwave/Cellular tower to be built on the property immediately adjacent to ours, or better said...

A looming tower just feet away from our daughter's nursery blasting microwave and cellular emissions 24/7 leaving us without the ability to turn it off!

When we purchased the property we were aware of a cell phone tower in Sutter Creek and an additional tower nearby on Willow Creek Road. Since we relocated here we have had no issues with cellular service (AT&T, Verizon or Net10) or the internet which is provided by local businesses.

After researching the issue we have found that this tower is part of the FCC's Connect America Phase II which subsidizes companies to expand their cellular and internet service. However our area is not even eligible for said service. To add insult to injury the tower currently on Willow Creek Road has vacancies and in fact is a more suitable site. This tower is only 3,000 feet away from the proposed site, and actually sits at a higher elevation. It is also interesting to note that the proposed tower for some reason is exempt from environmental standards (CEQA)!

Ironically, regarding our daughter's health, our own health and the health of our neighbors and their grazing livestock, upon further research we were absolutely dumbfounded to find that in 1996 the Government passed a law that does not allow counties to deny permits to cell companies based on health concerns.

I cannot understand how in this great country of ours how a person's health (or an animal's in the food chain for that matter) is not taken into account especially when that risk concerns a young growing child's! I personally feel that this tower is an assault on my family's welfare, property value, peace and security...an assault on our American Dream.

So, if health is off the table for the sake of argument let's touch upon the fact that property values around these antennas drop by an average of 40 percent as compared to other similar properties without an antenna. Simply put, would you choose to live next to such an eyesore?

We love living here and do not want to move, nor can we afford to. We have put everything, including many hours of blood, sweat and tears into our little piece of America. We have formed many relationships with our neighbors who also relocated to this area for the rural setting, family values and the amazing views.

Please help us in our fight to protect our dream, for in the larger scheme of things it is your dream too.

We along with our neighbors will be at the public hearing at the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California. They will be making a decision on whether to approve a use permit at that meeting. Please feel free to attend.

Thank You,

The Somerville's

This petition will be delivered to:

- Amador County
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Letter to

Amador County Board of Supervisors

Amador County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to ask for your understanding and support. AT&T (Epic Wireless) has proposed to build a 136 foot monopole wireless communications tower at 6202 Huot Road. We don't oppose the construction of a new or upgraded monopole tower but we take issue with the chosen location. You may already be aware that there is currently an American Tower (Verizon) monopole at 15501 Willow Creek Rd that has lease space available. There is also leasable land available at the Willow Creek location. The placement of the proposed additional monopole (in the same neighborhood) is only 3200 feet from the existing pole. Placing it in close proximity to several homes and infringing on the views from many others. I ask that you uphold the Planning Commission's denial of the requested use permit. Protect the residents, uphold the county codes and ensure that future construction of wireless infrastructure be completed intelligently where the needs of the residents, not the telecommunication companies come first. Thank you for your time and understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

John Hayes, Mercedes and Harper Somerville

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Judy Albro	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-12	Concerned about health effects of young children. Mine is grown with children of her own, and I wouldn't want them exposed each and every day while they're growing up either. People are more important than technology.
Pearl Flores	Lodi, CA	2017-08-13	I care about kids and it's not safe!!
Machele Gomez	Pine grove, CA	2017-08-13	I don't believe it is good for the safety of the family
Anne Cronin	Ione, CA	2017-08-13	The science on magnetic fields is clear. Induced magnetic fields, whether a cell tower or a cell phone, distort the natural magnetic fields of people and animals.
Robert L Gurley	Ione, CA	2017-08-14	We're on WCR, 1/2 mile from the Verizon tower. Still we think no need for an additional tower...
Sara Liesenfeld	Fremont, CA	2017-08-18	No one should have this forced on them. Unethical.
Annemarie Cronin	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-21	I agree with my daughter thought about the new tower and do not think it is a good idea nor does it seem to be needed Anny Miller
Gail Tudor	Elk Grove, CA	2017-08-21	There can be another place for the tower away from houses.
Kimberly Aleman	Ripon, CA	2017-08-22	Because it causes cancer.
Veronica Larson	Auberry, CA	2017-08-23	Everyone knows what radiation can do to a person. Can you imagine what it will do to this baby!! If there is a better building site then use that one. Protect this family!!
Nathan Drechsler	Manteca, CA	2017-08-24	Because, I stand With Adam Cox
Chantelle Smalley	Millville, NJ	2017-08-25	There is no need for this tower to be so close to homes.
Pat Curry	Stockton, CA	2017-08-25	It is wrong to not care for the people!!!
Laura Fry	Ione, CA	2017-08-26	I'm singing because I love babies more than cell service.
Judy Albro	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-26	Children just starting their lives living close to a cell tower and parents not knowing the long run consequences of that, is enough to concern me. People are more important than technology.
vincent valadez	Amador City, CA	2017-08-27	Stop the Tower. Stop the placement of towers near inhabited areas and the senseless death of our Birds and birds of pray
Mercedes Somerville	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-28	Thank you for your support. Where we live there is a huge variety of birds. Hawks, vultures, cranes, doves, robins, woodpeckers, hummingbirds. A neighbor told me there was a species out here that the university studies but I haven't been able to find that info yet.
Mercedes Somerville	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-29	Good Evening Everyone! We are so thankful for each one of you that have stood with us. We have a big favor to ask of you.

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			<p>We have been contacting our local news stations for weeks now and no one will return our messages. We need media coverage and feel like we are being ignored unfortunately. If possible can you guys contact them too? Here's links and emails to get in touch with our local news. Thank you! http://sacramento.cbslocal.com/category/call-kurtis/ news@kovr.com Newstips@kcra.com mozdaglar@hearst.com Good day Sacramento 916-374-1301 (News)209-466-6985 (Stockton Bureau)800-374-8813 (Toll-free)</p>
Danielle Umaturu	Roseville, CA	2017-08-31	This would be inhuman!
Tammy Nichols	West Sacramento, CA	2017-08-31	Having a cell tower with this much emission is a health hazard. This is not o.k.
Tina Beard	Sacramento, CA	2017-08-31	This is so wrong!!
Amy Downing	Rocklin, CA	2017-09-06	This is unnecessary interference and it's hurts the community.
Zachary McFall	Lincoln, US	2017-09-07	There is a perfectly good EXISTING site. You don't need to build this tower here. Do the right thing and stop this project.
Amador County California Living	Fiddletown, CA	2017-09-12	<p>Amador County should "co-locate" this proposed facility on a existing tower. A new location is not the preferred choice, as co-location has precedence. Pursuant to Amador Municipal Code 19.48.150 Commercial wireless service facilities, pictures are to be taken from neighboring properties and there is no requirement that they be taken from a "residence"; There is no exception in the code to not camouflage or screen any new telecommunication equipment visible from neighboring properties. "Development Standards...1 Aesthetic Considerations..all use permits shall include conditions of approval to minimize the visual impact...seen from roadways and other properties...Colors and materials shall blend with existing structures and vegetation.2 Screening Any new support facilities, including ancillary equipment buildings, visible from residential properties or from major arterial streets shall be screened or camouflaged to mitigate adverse visual impacts. We wish you the best.</p>
Lorraine Graff	Sacramento, US	2017-09-12	Watch the "Public Servants". There is money in this.
Lorraine Graff	Sacramento, US	2017-09-13	Money, as usual, is the motivating source. Rents for the land the towers are on can go as high as \$3,000 a month. Which is incentive for placement.
Al Mars	Davis, CA	2017-09-23	FANTASTIC. Its great they can't install the tower.
Mercedes Somerville	Plymouth, CA	2017-09-23	At t has appealed the commissions denial.

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Amy Jenkins	Stockton, CA	2017-07-17
Stacy Clark	Manteca, CA	2017-07-17
Karen Morss	Redwood City, CA	2017-07-17
Cody Foss	Rancho Cordova, CA	2017-07-17
Marisa Obert	Oakland, CA	2017-07-17
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Alexis Clark	Walnut Creek, CA	2017-07-17
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patricia wood	Málaga, Spain	2017-07-19
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Silja Alter	Germany	2017-07-21
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anita cushing	Mather, CA	2017-07-31
Kathleen Vicini	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-02
Linda Santucci	Tucson, AZ	2017-08-02
Deborah Snider	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-02
Averia Barajas	Morgantown, WV	2017-08-02
Norma Loewen	Pioneer, CA	2017-08-05
Kristina Criss	Folsom, US	2017-08-05
Christopher Myers	Placerville, CA	2017-08-06
Lisa Moss	Belmont, CA	2017-08-06
Tracee Franks	Modesto, US	2017-08-08
Tarra Thornton	Folsom, CA	2017-08-08
Bolly Maus	Innsbruck, Austria	2017-08-09
Victor Cushing	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-11
PARRAVICINI MARCO	MILANO, Italy	2017-08-11
Jeanne Meyer	Lodi, US	2017-08-11
Jennifer Vicini	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-11
Karen Lowe	Placerville, CA	2017-08-11
Haley Stewart	US	2017-08-11
Amy Morse	Pioneer, CA	2017-08-11
Christina Legg	US	2017-08-11
Amanda Stone	Ione, CA	2017-08-11
Shirley Souza	Logan, US	2017-08-11

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Dennis Greenhalgh	Folsom, CA	2017-08-11
Steffani Abercrombie	US	2017-08-11
Alex Sommerfeldt	Winters, CA	2017-08-11
erin pfeiffer	Lemoore, CA	2017-08-11
Sara Dentone	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-11
Amy Des Roches	Valley Springs, CA	2017-08-11
Joseph Soares	Valley Springs, US	2017-08-11
Bridget Ramsey	San Francisco, US	2017-08-11
Jeff Simonsen	Elk Grove, CA	2017-08-11
Martin Greenhalgh	Alamo, CA	2017-08-11
lisa mckinney	Pismo Beach, CA	2017-08-11
Daniel Dentone	Shingle Springs, CA	2017-08-11
Chelsi Andres	Ione, CA	2017-08-11
Daniele Molin	Ione, CA	2017-08-11
Cari Southard	Lincoln, CA	2017-08-11
Virginis Donatelli-Groza	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-12
Sheila Regina Southard	Ione, CA	2017-08-12
Cheryl Brunkhorst	Volcano, CA	2017-08-12
Jamie Scanlon	Lodi, US	2017-08-12
Amy Reilly	Pioneer, CA	2017-08-12
Barb Vaith	Lodi, US	2017-08-12
Briana Espiritu	Alamo, US	2017-08-12

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Susan Emerson	Ione, CA	2017-08-12
Dave Karr	Rocklin, CA	2017-08-12
Susan Dorris	Pine Grove, US	2017-08-12
Megan Reaves	Ione, CA	2017-08-12
Linda Osen	Ione, CA	2017-08-12
Roger Fugere	Volcano, CA	2017-08-12
Jennifer Monge	Visalia, US	2017-08-12
Ginger Barton	Sutter Creek, CA	2017-08-12
Hillary Sweetman-Garcia	Ione, CA	2017-08-12
Ashley Taylor	Pleasanton, US	2017-08-12
Pam Benson	Union City, US	2017-08-12
Jeanne Faulk	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-12
Chad Vaith	West Sacramento, US	2017-08-12
Shannon Vaith	Union City, US	2017-08-12
Tammy Faulkner	Corona, US	2017-08-12
Pritam babrah	Elk Grove, CA	2017-08-12
Phyllis Smith	Sacramento, US	2017-08-12
Julie Hamer	Oakland, CA	2017-08-12
Kimberly Banegas	Oakland, US	2017-08-12
Justin Fischer	Houston, US	2017-08-12
Patrick Tschabold	Roseville, US	2017-08-12
Amber Blake	Pleasanton, US	2017-08-12

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Lena Stiward	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-12
Linda Molin	Jackson, CA	2017-08-12
Gail Jennings	Pioneer, US	2017-08-12
Frank Neas	Stockton, CA	2017-08-12
Gail VAVROSKY	Woodland, CA	2017-08-12
Carrie Mote	Valley springs, CA	2017-08-12
Annemarie Cronin	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-12
Jenelle Frizzell	Sacramento, CA	2017-08-12
Eric Vaith	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-12
Bine Regensburger	innsbruck, Austria	2017-08-12
Deborah Donahoo	Pine Grove, US	2017-08-12
Janese Favret	Jackson, CA	2017-08-12
Judy Albro	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-12
Alison Armstrong	Concord, US	2017-08-12
Katherine Moede	Jackson, CA	2017-08-12
traci hicks	copperopolis, CA	2017-08-13
Tina Dennis	Pioneer, US	2017-08-13
Sue Shoemaker	Logan, UT	2017-08-13
Pearl Flores	Lodi, CA	2017-08-13
Rachella Thomas	Alamo, CA	2017-08-13
kristie smallfield	Valley Springs, CA	2017-08-13
Brandy Maugeri	Ione, US	2017-08-13

Name	Location	Date
Machele Gomez	Pine grove, CA	2017-08-13
Maria Celia Munguia	Rancho Cordova, CA	2017-08-13
Chelsea Hills	Sutter Creek, CA	2017-08-13
Anne Cronin	Ione, CA	2017-08-13
Arianna Carrillo	Ione, US	2017-08-13
Kristine King	Valley Springs, CA	2017-08-13
Raquel Perez	Valley Springs, US	2017-08-13
Jennifer Arriero	Lodi, US	2017-08-13
Michael LaGrange	Reno, NV	2017-08-13
Crystal Massey	Stockton, US	2017-08-13
Melissa McKenzie	Altadena, CA	2017-08-13
Peggysue Ruiz	Sacramento, US	2017-08-13
Blanca Dominguez Guzman	Boring, OR	2017-08-13
Roy Gonzalez	Portland, US	2017-08-13
Rea Holman	Oak View, CA	2017-08-14
Rea Cheney Holman	Blocksburg, US	2017-08-14
Ashley finegan	Ione, CA	2017-08-14
Rosie Fisher	Lodi, US	2017-08-14
Ashley Chamberlain	Manteca, US	2017-08-14
Cathy Harry	Fresno, US	2017-08-14
Christina Gilbert	Ione, CA	2017-08-15
Cienna Brown	Alamo, US	2017-08-15

Name	Location	Date
jamie wilcox	Pine Grove, CA	2017-08-16
Ashley Friend	Angels Camp, US	2017-08-16
Lisa Weinstein	Ripon, US	2017-08-16
Shoshanah Garcia	Jackson, CA	2017-08-17
Monique Carlson	Oakland, US	2017-08-17
Sara Liesenfeld	Fremont, CA	2017-08-18
David Violet	Ripon, US	2017-08-18
Mary Bullock	Plymouth, CA	2017-08-18
Jessica VaughnVaughn	Pioneer, CA	2017-08-19
Greg Cronin	Plymouth, US	2017-08-20
Kerri O'Connell	Victor, US	2017-08-21
Gail Tudor	Elk Grove, CA	2017-08-21
Kayleigh Helfer	Lodi, CA	2017-08-21
Kathy Munoz	Citrus Heights, CA	2017-08-21
yolanda bennett	Ione, CA	2017-08-21
Kimberly Aleman	Ripon, CA	2017-08-22
Carrie Phillips	Sonora, CA	2017-08-22
Josh Pitre	Thibodaux, US	2017-08-22
Jordan Ott	Fresno, CA	2017-08-22
Sierra Gonzalez	Coarsegold, CA	2017-08-22
Serene Mcnutt	Bakersfield, CA	2017-08-22
Wyatt Somerville	Auberry, US	2017-08-22

Name	Location	Date
Jo-Ann Carmody	Queens, NY	2017-08-24
Chantelle Smalley	Millville, NJ	2017-08-25
David Pritchard	Wellborn, FL	2017-08-25
Julie Green	Manteca, US	2017-08-25
Michelle Fuller	Tracy, CA	2017-08-25
Denia Phipps	Union City, US	2017-08-25
Analysa Bidwell	San Andreas, US	2017-08-25
Alicia Shaw	Valley Springs, US	2017-08-25
Cole Champion	Lodi, US	2017-08-25
Pat Curry	Stockton, CA	2017-08-25
Laura Fry	Ione, CA	2017-08-26
Jennifer Leyendecker	Manteca, US	2017-08-26
vincent valadez	Amador City, CA	2017-08-27
Paula Valadez	Winters, CA	2017-08-27
Lissette Nukida	Carson, CA	2017-08-28
Kimberly Lyons	Antelope, US	2017-08-28
Heather Raven	Elk Grove, US	2017-08-28
Marie Joly	Sacramento, US	2017-08-28
LaChawnda Horton	Bakersfield, CA	2017-08-29
Sandra Cox	Sacramento, CA	2017-08-29
Sarah Bolton	Manteca, US	2017-08-29
Liz Harvey	Fair Oaks, CA	2017-08-31

Name	Location	Date
Jared Smith	Huntington Beach, US	2017-09-03
Taylor Ristrom	Union City, US	2017-09-04
Amanda Betenbender	Woodland, US	2017-09-04
Tonja Field	Rocklin, CA	2017-09-06
Amy Downing	Rocklin, CA	2017-09-06
Michelle Whitten	Oakland, US	2017-09-06
Denise Mason	Roseville, US	2017-09-07
Elaine Blesso	Alamo, US	2017-09-07
Zachary McFall	Lincoln, US	2017-09-07
David West	Alamo, US	2017-09-09
Michael Cain	Shingle Springs, US	2017-09-09
Theresa Scott	Shingle Springs, US	2017-09-10
Saul Gamino	Hayward, US	2017-09-10
Delia Hernandez	Sacramento, US	2017-09-10
Devin Lyle	Sacramento, US	2017-09-11
Chris Clark	Manteca, US	2017-09-11
Jason Johnson	Manteca, US	2017-09-11
Jessica Adams	Sacramento, US	2017-09-11
Anthony VanderSchaaf	Sacramento, US	2017-09-11
Amador County California	Fiddletown, CA	2017-09-12
Lorraine Graff	Sacramento, US	2017-09-12
JOLYNN PIKE	Sacramento, CA	2017-09-12

Name	Location	Date
Rosemary DeFazio	Stockton, US	2017-09-12
jean graff	Tulare, CA	2017-09-12
Al Mars	Davis, CA	2017-09-23
Irma Rocha	Oakland, CA	2017-09-24
Jessica Carvalho	Vacaville, CA	2017-09-26
Sumeet Sandhu	San Clemente, CA	2017-09-26
sarah moe	Dickinson, ND	2017-09-27
Sharon Kane Murphy	Chisago City, MN	2017-09-29
Sara Rojelio	Placerville, CA	2017-10-01
Heather Valdez	El Dorado Hills, CA	2017-10-01
Gilbert Garcia	Kailua, HI	2017-10-02
Jennifer Gomes-Laffey	Suffolk, VA	2017-10-02
Linda Weber	Oakland, CA	2017-10-08
Albert Esquivel	Escalon, CA	2017-10-08
Brenda Wilson	Pioneer, US	2017-10-08
Lynn Brasher	Caldwell, ID	2017-10-09
Linda Bonneau	Lodi, CA	2017-10-09
Frances Popadak	Dana Point, CA	2017-10-09
Mandi Oliphant	Folsom, CA	2017-10-13



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[boardofsupervisors:550] Huot monopole

1 message

casey lyons <[REDACTED]@amadorgov.org>

Wed, Oct 18, 2017 at 2:54 PM

Reply-To: [REDACTED]

To: "boardofsupervisors@amadorgov.org" <boardofsupervisors@amadorgov.org>

Amador County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to ask for your understanding and support. AT&T (Epic Wireless) has proposed to build a 136 foot monopole wireless communications tower on Huot Road. We don't oppose the construction of a new or upgraded monopole tower but we take issue with the chosen location. You may already be aware that there is currently an American Tower (Verizon) monopole at 15501 Willow Creek Rd that has lease space available. There is also leasable land available at the Willow Creek location. The placement of the proposed additional monopole (in the same neighborhood) is only 3200 feet from the existing pole. Placing it in close proximity to several homes and infringing on the views from many others. I ask that you uphold the Planning Commission's denial of the requested use permit. Protect the residents, uphold the county codes and ensure that future construction of wireless infrastructure be completed intelligently where the needs of the residents, not the telecommunication companies come first. Thank you for your time and understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

Casey M Lyons



Jennifer Burns <jburns@amadorgov.org>

[boardofsupervisors:549] Stop Hout Rd Monopole Tower

1 message

Nicci Ward <nicci.ward@gmail.com>
Reply-To: nicci.ward@gmail.com
To: boardofsupervisors@amadorgov.org

Wed, Oct 18, 2017 at 1:53 PM

Dear Amador County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to ask for your understanding and support. AT&T (Epic Wireless) has proposed to build a 136 foot monopole wireless communications tower on Huot Road. I do not oppose the construction of a new or upgraded monopole tower but do take issue with the chosen location. You may already be aware that there is currently an American Tower (Verizon) monopole at 15501 Willow Creek Rd that has lease space available. There is also land available at the Willow Creek location for a new tower. The placement of the proposed additional monopole (in the same neighborhood) is only 3200 feet from the existing pole. Placing it in close proximity to several homes and infringing on the views of many others. I ask that you uphold the Planning Commission's 4 to 1 denial of the requested use permit. Please protect the residents, uphold the county codes and ensure that future construction of wireless infrastructure be completed intelligently and responsibly where the needs of the residents, not the telecommunication companies, come first. Thank you for your time and understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,
Nicci Ward

Sent from my iPhone
Excuse my typos



10-17-17

Amador County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to ask for your understanding and support. AT&T (Epic Wireless) has proposed to build a 136 foot monopole wireless communications tower at 6202 Huot Road. We don't oppose the construction of a new or upgraded monopole tower but we take issue with the chosen location. You may already be aware that there is currently an American Tower (Verizon) monopole at 15501 Willow Creek Rd that has lease space available. There is also leasable land available at the same Willow Creek location. The placement of the proposed additional monopole (in the same neighborhood) is only 3200 feet from the existing pole. Placing it in close proximity to several homes and infringing on the views from many others. I ask that you uphold the Planning Commission's denial of the requested use permit. Protect the residents, uphold the county codes and ensure that future construction of wireless infrastructure be completed intelligently where the needs of the residents, not the telecommunication companies come first. Thank you for your time and understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Judith Rutherford
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