



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 t	he following:
Name of Ap	plicant
Mailing Add	ress
Phone Num	ber
Assessor P	arcel Number
Use Permit	Applied For: Private Academic School Private Nonprofit Recreational Facility Public Building and Use(s) Airport, Heliport Cemetery Radio, Television Transmission Tower Club, Lodge, Fraternal Organization Dump, Garbage Disposal Site Church OTHER

- 2. Attach a letter explaining the purpose and need for the Use Permit.
 - Attach a copy of the deed of the property (can be obtained from the County Recorder's Office).
 - _ 4. If Applicant is not the property owner, a consent letter must be attached.
- 5. Assessor Plat Map (can be obtained from the County Surveyor's Office).
 - 6. Plot Plan (no larger than 11" X 17") of parcel showing location of requestin 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.
- 7. Planning Department Filing Fee:
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 Environmental Health Review Fee:
 \$

 Public Works Agency Review Fee:
 \$

 Amador Fire Protection District Fee:
 \$

 Discretionary permits may be subject to a CA Fish & Wildlife fee: \$
 - 8. Complete an Environmental Information Form.
 - 9. Sign Indemnification Form.

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FORM

To be completed by applicant; use additional sheets as necessary. Attach plans, diagrams, etc. as appropriate.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Project Name:		
Date Filed:	File No	
Applicant/		
Developer	Landowner	
Address	Address	
Phone No	Phone No	
Assessor Parcel Number(s)		
Existing Zoning District		
Existing General Plan		

List and describe any other related permits and other public approvals required for this project, including those required by city, regional, state, and federal agencies ______

WRITTEN PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Include the following information where applicable, as well as any other pertinent information to describe the proposed project):

- 1. Site Size
- 2. Square Footage of Existing/Proposed Structures
- 3. Number of Floors of Construction
- 4. Amount of Off-street Parking Provided (provide accurate detailed parking plan)
- 5. Source of Water
- 6. Method of Sewage Disposal
- 7. Attach Plans
- 8. Proposed Scheduling of Project Construction
- 9. If project to be developed in phases, describe anticipated incremental development.
- 10. Associated Projects
- 11. Subdivision/Land Division Projects: Tentative map will be sufficient unless you feel additional information is needed or the County requests further details.
- 12. Residential Projects: Include the number of units, schedule of unit sizes, range of sale prices or rents and type of household size expected.
- 13. Commercial Projects: Indicate the type of business, number of employees, whether neighborhood, city or regionally oriented, square footage of sales area, and loading facilities.
- 14. Industrial Projects: Indicate type, estimated employment per shift, and loading facilities.
- 15. Institutional Projects: Indicate the major function, estimated employment per shift, estimated occupancy, loading facilities, and community benefits to be derived from the project.
- 16. If the project involves a variance, conditional use permit, or rezoning application, state this and indicate clearly why the application is required.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Are the following items applicable to the project or its effects? Discuss below all items checked "yes" (attach additional sheets as necessary).

YES NO

- 17. Change in existing features or any lakes or hills, or substantial alteration of ground contours.
- 18. Change in scenic views or vistas from existing residential areas, public lands, or roads.
- 19. Change in pattern, scale, or character of general area of project.
- 20. Significant amounts of solid waste or litter.
- 21. Change in dust, ash, smoke, fumes, or odors in the vicinity.
- 22. Change in lake, stream, or ground water guality or guantity, or alteration of existing drainage patterns.
- 23. Substantial change in existing noise or vibration levels in the vicinity.
- 24. Site on filled land or has slopes of 10 percent or more.
- 25. Use or disposal of potentially hazardous materials, such as toxic substances, flammables, or explosives.
- 26. Substantial change in demand for municipal services (police, fire, water, sewage, etc.).
- 27. Substantially increase fossil fuel consumption (electricity, oil, natural gas, etc.).
- 28. Does this project have a relationship to a larger project or series of projects?

ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

- 29. Describe the project site as it exists before the project, including information on topography, soil stability, plants and animals, and any cultural, historical or scenic aspects. Describe any existing structures on the site, and the use of the structures. Attach photographs of the site (cannot be returned).
- 30. Describe the surrounding properties, including information on plants and animals and any cultural, historical, or scenic aspects. Indicate the type of land use (residential, commercial, etc.), intensity of land use (one family, apartment houses, shops, department stores, etc.), and scale of development (height, frontage, setback, rear yard, etc.). Attach photographs of the vicinity (cannot be returned).
- 31. Describe any known mine shafts, tunnels, air shafts, open hazardous excavations, etc. Attach photographs of any of these known features (cannot be returned).

Certification: I hereby certify that the statements furnished above and in the attached exhibits present the data and information required for this initial evaluation to the best of my ability, and that the facts, statements, and information presented are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date

(Signature)

For

INDEMNIFICATION

Project: _____

In consideration of the County's processing and consideration of the application for the discretionary land use approval identified above (the "Project") the Owner and Applicant, jointly and severally, agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County of Amador from any claim, action, or proceeding against the County to attack, set aside, void or annul the Project approval, or any action relating related to the Project approvals as follows:

1. Owner and Applicant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County and its agents, officers or employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers or employees (the "County") to attack, set aside, void or annul the Project approval, or any prior or subsequent determination regarding the Project, including but not limited to determinations related to the California Environmental Quality Act, or Project condition imposed by the County. The Indemnification includes, but is not limited to, damages, fees, and or costs, including attorneys' fees, awarded against County. The County in its sole discretion may hire outside counsel to handle its defense or may handle the matter internally. Indemnification also includes paying for the County for staff time associated with the litigation. The obligations under this Indemnification shall apply regardless of whether any permits or entitlements are issued.

2. The County may, within its unlimited discretion, participate in the defense of any such claim, action, or proceeding if the County defends the claim, action, or proceeding in good faith.

3. The Owner and Applicant shall not be required to pay or perform any settlement by the County of such claim, action, or proceeding unless the settlement is approved in writing by Owner and Applicant, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, by their signature below, Owner and Applicant hereby acknowledge that they have read, understand, and agree to perform the obligations under this Indemnification.

Applicant:

Owner (if different than Applicant):

Elliott Froissart

Signature

Cliott Froissart

Signature

LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

APPLICATION FOR ZONING/LAND USE ENTITLEMENTS

Site Number: CA-5443

Property Address: 17140 VALLEY BLVD, JACKSON, CA 95642-9463

Assessor's Parcel Number: 042-010-035-000

I/We, the owner(s) of the above described property, authorize Vertical Bridge, and/or Assurance Realty, LLC. dba Assurance Development, their employees, representatives, agents, and/or consultants, to act as an agent on my/our behalf for the sole purpose of consummating any building and land-use permit applications, or any other entitlements necessary for the purpose of constructing and operating a wireless telecommunications facility. I/We understand that any application may be denied, modified, or approved with conditions, and that such conditions or modifications must be complied with prior to issuance of building permits.

I/We further understand that signing of this authorization in no-way creates an obligation of any kind.

Date: 03/07/2023 Signature of Property Owner(s):

Date:

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California County of Amudor

On March 7th, 7023 before me, Jonnathan Country, Nothing Public (insert name and title of the officer)

personally appeared_ Hudven Evitt. who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person (s), whose name (s), is are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature <u>Allound-un</u>



(Seal)

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL MAP





ASSURANCE DEVELOPMENT

August 15, 2023

Amador County Planning Division 810 Court Street Jackson, CA 95642

RE: Vertical Bridge Tower – CA-5443 – Conditional Use Permit Submittal for New Wireless Tower

Hello,

Attached you will find the Conditional Use Permit submittal materials (listed below) for a new wireless tower located at 17140 Valley Blvd, Jackson, CA 95642. Please feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions.

- Cover Letter
- ✤ Shot Clock Letter
- Project Narrative
 - Project Description
 - Project Objective
 - Coverage Maps
 - Alternative Site Analysis
 - Radio Frequency Statement
- ✤ CUP Application
- ✤ LOA
- ✤ Sensitivity Statement
- Tree Study
- Coverage Map
- ✤ Alternative Site Analysis
- Photo Simulations
- ✤ Drawings

Sincerely, Adrian Culici

Adrian Culici Site Acquisition Planner



323 573 0045 626 322 0880 <u>assurance-development.com</u>



August 15, 2023

Amador County Planning Division 810 Court Street Jackson, CA 95642

Applicant: Vertical Bridge

Property Owner: Evitt and Doris Russell Trust

Property Address: 17140 Valley Blvd, Jackson, CA 95642

APN: 042-010-035-000

RE: Wireless Application Package - CUP - VB-CA-5443

Vertical Bridge seeks the requisite conditional use permit approvals to install a new telecommunications facility at the parcel with APN number: 042-010-035-000. The proposal consists of instalment of a 70' monopole wireless facility. Your relevant forms, submittal requirements, and the applicable fees are submitted with this letter.

Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Act"), you are required to take action on Vertical Bridge's application "within a reasonable period of time." In a 2009 declaratory ruling, the Federal Communications Commission established a legal presumption that a "reasonable period of time" means 150 days to act on an application for a new wireless facility (the "shot clock"). Because the proposed facility seeks to locate a new personal wireless service facility, the county must take action on Vertical Bridge's application within 150 days. The shot clock begins to run the day the application is submitted. Here, the county must take final action no later than 150 days from today, or January 12, 2024.

Vertical Bridge respectfully requests that this application be approved and any requisite conditional use permit be issued as soon as possible but no later than January 12, 2024. If you have any questions regarding this application, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Adrian Culici

Adrian Culici Site Acquisition



CELL

FAX

WEB

323 573 0045 626 322 0880 <u>assurance-development.com</u>

> 1499 Huntington Dr. Suite 305 South Pasadena, CA 91030

Amador County

Application for a Conditional Use Permit – Wireless Telecommunications Facility

Project Narrative

Vertical Bridge is requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit for the operation and construction of an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility and presents the following project information for your consideration.

Project Specific Location

Address: 17140 Valley Blvd, Jackson, CA 95642 APN: 042-010-035-000 Zoning: Exclusive Agriculture District

Project Representative

Adrian Culici, Project Representative 1499 Huntington Dr. Suite 305, South Pasadena, CA 91030 323-573-0045 aculici@assurance-group.com

Project Description

Install a new telecommunications and public utility facility at 17140 Valley Blvd (APN 042-010-035-000). CUP Application proposes of an unmanned telecommunications and public utility facility, consisting of a 130' monopine with (12) 8' antennas, (6) RRU's, (1) 2' microwave, (1) GPS antenna, cabling, HCS jumpers, (2) ground mounted radio cabinets, (1) raised concrete pad, cable ice bridge and associated equipment in a 50'x50' fenced lease area.

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Project Objectives

To provide coverage in this area of the city, any combination or one of the following reasons may apply:

- Coverage: No Service in the area (Indoor, Outdoor or Vehicular) and can apply specifically to the type of service provided (Voice or Data). Specifically, this proposed location addresses the following needs
 - In-building Commercial Subscriber anticipated to have accessibility to improved service while indoors within the County's commercially used spaces.
 - In-building Subscriber anticipated to have accessibility to service while indoors (ie: residential homes) at lower performance levels.
 - In-vehicle- Subscriber anticipated to have accessibility to service while inside of vehicle.
 - Outdoor Subscriber anticipated to have accessibility to improved service while outdoors.
- Capacity: Current service in surrounding areas would be insufficient to meet anticipated demand by customers in and traversing through the area. Furthermore, the existing facilities servicing the surrounding area would be overloaded preventing service, dropped calls or complete denial of service during peak usage hours in this particular ring. Below are coverage maps reflecting before and after coverage once the site is installed. ID codes SC60136C and CA-5443 refer to the subject site

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Additional Supporting Statements

1. The proposed use and development is consistent with the General Plan and any applicable specific plans.

A robust wireless network will contribute to the County's ability to respond to natural or man-made disasters and other public safety concerns in a potentially life-saving manner.

2. The site is adequate in size, shape, topography, location, utilities and other factors to accommodate the use and development.

The site is of adequate size, shape, topography, location and access to utilities to accommodate the proposed wireless facility. The site is graded adequately and has access to power and telephone connections that can be used for the project.

3. Adequate street access and traffic capacity are or will be available to serve the proposed development as well as existing and anticipated development in the surrounding area.

The facility is unmanned and will not contribute to any traffic.

4. Adequate utilities and public services are or will be available to serve the proposed development as well as existing and anticipated development in the surrounding area.

The facility only requires power and telephone connections which are present in this area of the city.

5. The use and development will be compatible with the intended character of the area.

The facility is designed to blend as much as possible with the surrounding environment that already exists within the vicinity.

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Coverage Maps



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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

CONSTRUCTION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC UTILITY FACILITY, CONSISTING OF A 130' MONOPINE WITH (12) 8' ANTENNAS, (6) RRU'S, (1) 2' MICROWAVE, (1) GPS ANTENNA, REQUIRED ANTENNA CABLING, HCS JUMPERS, (2) GROUND MOUNTED RADIO CABINETS, (1) RAISED CONCRETE PAD, CABLE ICE BRIDGE, UTILITY BACKBOARD AND MULTI-METER UTILITY SERVICE MOUNTED ON H-FRAME WITHIN A 50'x50' FENCED LEASE AREA. NO WATER OR SEWER SERVICE IS REQUIRED. THIS WILL BE AN UNMANNED FACILITY.

CODE COMPLIANCE:

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

- 2022 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE
 2022 CALIFORNIA TITLE 24
 2022 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE
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 ANY LOCAL BUILDING CODE AMENDMENTS TO THE ABOVE
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17140 VALLEY BLVD JACKSON, CA 95642

130' MONOPINE

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PERMITTING

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

SITE ACQUISITION

VERTICAL BRIDGE

TENANT SITE ID: SC60136C

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A3	ENLARGED COMPOUND PLAN
A4	EQUIPMENT AND ANTENNA PLAN
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VOLCANO COMMUNICATIONS	TELCO COMPANY:
PG&E	POWER COMPANY:
PHONE: 626.765.5079	
SOUTH PASADENA, CA 91030	
ASSURANCE DEVELOPMENT	CONTACT:
VERTICAL BRIDGE 750 PARK OF COMMERCE DR. #200 BOCA RATON, FL 33487	APPLICANT:
JACKSON, CA 95642	
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I HEREBY CERTIFY TO: VERTICAL BRIDGE REIT, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LUBILITY COMPANY, ITS SUBSIDIARIES, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SUCCESSORS AND/OR ASSIGNS: AND (II) TORONTO DOMINON (TEXAS) LLC, AS ADMINISTRATUR ACENT, FOR TELE AND ON BENATE OF LEVALES APRILS FROM TIME TO THAT CERTIAN SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED LOAN AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 17, 2016 WITH VERTICAL BRIDGE HOLDCO, LLC, AS BORROWER, AND VERTICAL BRIDGE HOLDCO ARENNE, AND VERTICAL BRIDGE HOLDCO ARENNE ANTA ARENNE, AND ARENNE, AND ARENNE ARENNE AND ARENNE ARENNE ARENNE AND ARENNE ARENNE

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ALTERNATE SITE AND NETWORK ANALYSIS

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Alternative Site Analysis

The following map shows the vicinity surrounding the proposed facility, and the red circle marks the site's "search ring" which indicates the area in which a deficit in coverage was detected. The yellow markers indicate alternative sites that were investigated. We looked at a total of six (6) alternative sites within the search ring (see list of APN and Landlord's below).

Three (3) locations failed to meet coverage requirements due to topographic and physical obstructions. The three (3) remaining alternative sites that were investigated were unable to move forward because the property owners were either unresponsive or unwilling to grant the required permissions for the proposed development.

It is for these reasons that we are locating on the subject property and not on any other parcels within the search ring. The proposed project location would meet the coverage footprint requirements of our project and the Landlord has granted us permission to pursue this project on their property. Moreover, the proposed development complies with all design code parameters (e.g. setback, height max requirements, etc.) and falls within allowed uses per the zoning of this parcel.

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<u>Alternative Site Map – Search Ring Area</u>



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Alternative Site List

- 1. JACKSON RANCHERIA (APN: 042010047000): Property owner is unwilling to enter into a lease.
- 2. SUTTON RICHARD JAMES (APN: 04218006000): Location does not meet the coverage objective.
- 3. ONETO (APN: 042010034000): Property owner did not respond to lease offer.
- 4. APARICIO (APN: 042070042000): Location does not meet the coverage objective.
- 5. LOVE (APN: 044110109000): Property owner did not respond to lease offer.
- 6. WOMAC (APN: 044110078000): Location does not meet the coverage objective.

SC60136B and SC60136C

SCIP/CSF REVIEW

- Dusty Lane

Site OFF vs ON Air

SC60136 Dusty Lane Dropped PIN



SC60136B OFF AIR

Ranges			
Minimum	Maximum	Label	Colour
-114	-107	4	
-107	-97	3	
-97	-88	2	
-88	0	1	





SC60136B ON AIR @ 121' RC, 0/120/240 Degrees Azimuth

Ranges			
Minimum	Maximum	Label	Colour
-114	-107	4	
-107	-97	3	
-97	-88	2	
-88	0	1	



SC60136C OFF AIR

Ranges			
Minimum	Maximum	Label	Colour
-114	-107	4	
-107	-97	3	
-97	-88	2	
-88	0	1	



SC60136C ON AIR @ 121' RC, 0/120/240 Degrees Azimuth

Ranges –			
Minimur	m Maximu	m Label	Colour
-114	-107	4	
-107	-97	3	
-97	-88	2	
-88	0	1	



SC60136 Starling RSRP







SC60454 Candidates:



- **SC60136B** 38.393197, -120.708894
- New Build on RAW Land
- 130' New Monopine
- Potential Rad Center of 121'
- 10' X 15' Equipment Lease area
- 50' X 50' Fenced Area

SC60136 Candidates:



- **SC60136C** 38.390155, -120.713137
- New Build on RAW Land
- 130' New Monopine
- Potential Rad Center of 121'
- 10' X 15' Equipment Lease area
- 50' X 50' Fenced Area

SC60136 Candidates Summary:

 SC60136B is approved and preferred over SC60136C, will provide BETTER Coverage and Capacity for the underserved area of Jackson.

Thank You



RADIO FREQUENCY REQUIREMENTS

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<u>Safe – RF is Radio</u>

The FCC regulates RF emissions to ensure public safety. Standards have been set based on peerreviewed scientific studies and recommendations from a variety of oversight organizations, including the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP), American National Standards Institute (ANSI), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Federal Drug Administration (FDA), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

Although the purview of the public safety of RF emissions by the FCC was established by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, these standards remain under constant scrutiny. The typical urban cell site operates hundreds or even thousands of times below the FCC's limits for safe exposure. All Vertical Bridge cell towers will operate well below these standards as well.

Thank you for your time and assistance throughout the application intake and review process. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions associated with this project.

Sincerely,

Adrian Culici

Adrian Culici Site Acquisition Planner



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Statement of Hammett & Edison, Inc., Consulting Engineers

The firm of Hammett & Edison, Inc., Consulting Engineers, has been retained by Vertical Bridge, a wireless telecommunications facilities provider, to evaluate the T-Mobile West LLC base station (Site No. SC60136C) proposed to be located at 17140 Valley Boulevard in Amador County near Jackson, California, for compliance with appropriate guidelines limiting human exposure to radio frequency ("RF") electromagnetic fields.

Executive Summary

T-Mobile proposes to install directional panel antennas on a tall pole, configured to resemble a pine tree, to be sited at 17140 Valley Boulevard near Jackson. The proposed operation will comply with the FCC guidelines limiting public exposure to RF energy.

Prevailing Exposure Standard

The U.S. Congress requires that the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") evaluate its actions for possible significant impact on the environment. A summary of the FCC's exposure limits is shown in Figure 1. These limits apply for continuous exposures and are intended to provide a prudent margin of safety for all persons, regardless of age, gender, size, or health. The most restrictive limit for exposures of unlimited duration at several wireless service bands are as follows:

	Transmit	"Uncontrolled"	Occupational Limi
Wireless Service Band	Frequency	Public Limit	(5 times Public)
Microwave (point-to-point)	1–80 GHz	1.0 mW/cm^2	5.0 mW/cm^2
Millimeter-wave	24–47	1.0	5.0
Part 15 (WiFi & other unlicensed)	2–6	1.0	5.0
C-Band	3,700 MHz	1.0	5.0
CBRS (Citizens Broadband Radio)	3,550	1.0	5.0
BRS (Broadband Radio)	2,490	1.0	5.0
WCS (Wireless Communication)	2,305	1.0	5.0
AWS (Advanced Wireless)	2,110	1.0	5.0
PCS (Personal Communication)	1,930	1.0	5.0
Cellular	869	0.58	2.9
SMR (Specialized Mobile Radio)	854	0.57	2.85
700 MHz	716	0.48	2.4
600 MHz	617	0.41	2.05
[most restrictive frequency range]	30-300	0.20	1.0



General Facility Requirements

Base stations typically consist of two distinct parts: the electronic transceivers (also called "radios") that are connected to the traditional wired telephone lines, and the antennas that send the wireless signals created by the radios out to be received by individual subscriber units. The transceivers are often located at ground level and are connected to the antennas by coaxial cables. Because of the short wavelength of the frequencies assigned by the FCC for wireless services, the antennas require line-of-sight paths for their signals to propagate well and so are installed at some height above ground. The antennas are designed to concentrate their energy toward the horizon, with very little energy wasted toward the sky or the ground. This means that it is generally not possible for exposure conditions to approach the maximum permissible exposure limits without being physically very near the antennas.

Computer Modeling Method

The FCC provides direction for determining compliance in its Office of Engineering and Technology Bulletin No. 65, "Evaluating Compliance with FCC-Specified Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Radiation," dated August 1997. Figure 2 describes the calculation methodologies, reflecting the facts that a directional antenna's radiation pattern is not fully formed at locations very close by (the "near-field" effect) and that at greater distances the power level from an energy source decreases with the square of the distance from it (the "inverse square law"). This methodology is an industry standard for evaluating RF exposure conditions and has been demonstrated through numerous field tests to be a conservative prediction of exposure levels.

Site and Facility Description

Based upon information provided by Vertical Bridge, including drawings by Assurance Development, dated May 22, 2023, T-Mobile proposes to install twelve directional panel antennas – three CommScope Model FFVV-65C-R3-V1, three Ericsson Model AIR6419, and six^{*} antennas for future operation – on an 125-foot steel pole, configured to resemble a pine tree,[†] to be sited on top of a hill about 870 feet to the northeast of the single-story residence located at 17140 Valley Boulevard in unincorporated Amador County, about 4 miles east of Jackson. The CommScope and Ericsson antennas would employ 2° and up to 19° downtilt, respectively, would be mounted at an effective height of about 121 feet above ground, and would be oriented in three identical groups of four at about 120° spacing, to provide service in all directions. The maximum effective radiated power in any direction would be 30,350 watts,

^{*} It is recommended that the RF exposure conditions be re-evaluated for compliance with FCC limits at such time as these antennas are to be put into service.

Foliage atop the pole puts the overall height at about 130 feet.

representing simultaneous operation at 14,230 watts for BRS,[‡] 6,200 watts for AWS, 5,430 watts for PCS, 950 watts for 700 MHz, and 3,540 watts for 600 MHz service. Also proposed to be located on the pole, at an effective height of about 116 feet above ground, is a microwave "dish" antenna, for interconnection of this site with others in the T-Mobile network. There are reported no other wireless telecommunications base stations at the site or nearby.

Study Results

For a person anywhere at ground, the maximum RF exposure level due to the proposed T-Mobile operation, including the contribution of the microwave dish, is calculated to be 0.0091 mW/cm^2 , which is 1.3% of the applicable public exposure limit. The maximum calculated level at the second-floor elevation of any nearby residence[§] is 0.70% of the public exposure limit. It should be noted that these results include several "worst-case" assumptions and therefore are expected to overstate actual power density levels from the proposed operation.

No Recommended Mitigation Measures

Due to their mounting location and height, the T-Mobile antennas would not be accessible to unauthorized persons, and so no measures are necessary to comply with the FCC public exposure guidelines. It is presumed that T-Mobile will, as an FCC licensee, take adequate steps to ensure that its employees or contractors receive appropriate training and comply with FCC occupational exposure guidelines whenever work is required near the antennas themselves.

Conclusion

Based on the information and analysis above, it is the undersigned's professional opinion that operation of the base station proposed by T-Mobile West LLC at 17140 Valley Boulevard near Jackson, California, will comply with the prevailing standards for limiting public exposure to radio frequency energy and, therefore, will not for this reason cause a significant impact on the environment. The highest calculated level in publicly accessible areas is much less than the prevailing standards allow for exposures of unlimited duration. This finding is consistent with measurements of actual exposure conditions taken at other operating base stations.

[§] Located about 670 feet to the east, based on the drawings.



[‡] The antenna manufacturer reports maximum effective radiated power in this band of 59,310 watts, to which a duty cycle of 75% is applied; a statistical factor of 32% is also included, to account for spatial distribution of served users, based on the United Nations International Telecommunication Union ITU-T Series K, Supplement 16, dated May 20, 2019.

Authorship

The undersigned author of this statement is a qualified Professional Engineer, holding California Registration No. E-23220, which expires on June 30, 2024. This work has been carried out by him or under his direction, and all statements are true and correct of his own knowledge except, where noted, when data has been supplied by others, which data he believes to be correct.

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June 23, 2023



FCC Radio Frequency Protection Guide

The U.S. Congress required (1996 Telecom Act) the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to adopt a nationwide human exposure standard to ensure that its licensees do not, cumulatively, have a significant impact on the environment. The FCC adopted the limits from Report No. 86, "Biological Effects and Exposure Criteria for Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields," published in 1986 by the Congressionally chartered National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements ("NCRP"). Separate limits apply for occupational and public exposure conditions, with the latter limits generally five times more restrictive. The more recent standard, developed by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers IEEE C95.1-2019, "Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Electric, Magnetic, and Electromagnetic Fields, 0 Hz to 300 GHz," includes similar limits. These limits apply for continuous exposures from all sources and are intended to provide a prudent margin of safety for all persons, regardless of age, gender, size, or health.

As shown in the table and chart below, separate limits apply for occupational and public exposure conditions, with the latter limits (in *italics* and/or dashed) up to five times more restrictive:



10 Frequency (MHz)

Higher levels are allowed for short periods of time, such that total exposure levels averaged over six or thirty minutes. for occupational or public settings, respectively, do not exceed the limits, and higher levels also are allowed for exposures to small areas, such that the spatially averaged levels do not exceed the limits. Hammett & Edison has incorporated conservative calculation formulas FCC Office in the of Engineering and Technology Bulletin No. 65 (August 1997) for projecting field levels in a computer program capable of calculating, at thousands of locations on an arbitrary grid, the total expected power density from any number of individual radio frequency sources. The program allows for the inclusion of uneven terrain in the vicinity, as well as any number of nearby buildings of varying heights, to obtain more accurate projections.



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RFE.CALC[™] Calculation Methodology

Assessment by Calculation of Compliance with FCC Exposure Guidelines

Hammett & Edison has incorporated the FCC Office of Engineering and Technology Bulletin No. 65 ("OET-65") formulas (see Figure 1) in a computer program that calculates, at millions of locations on a grid, the total expected power density from any number of individual radio frequency sources. The program uses the specific antenna patterns from the manufacturers and allows for the inclusion of uneven terrain in the vicinity, as well as any number of nearby buildings of varying heights, to obtain accurate projections of RF exposure levels. The program can account for spatial-averaging when antenna patterns are sufficiently narrow, and time-averaging is typically considered when operation is in single-frequency bands, which require time-sharing between the base stat

$$\frac{0.1 \times 16 \times \eta \times P_{net}}{\pi \times h^2}$$

OET-65 provides this formula for calculating power density in the far-field from an individual RF source:

power density
$$S = \frac{2.56 \times 2 \times ERP}{in mW/cm^2}$$

where ERP = total Effective Radiated Power (all polarizations), in kilowatts,

RFF = three-dimensional relative field factor toward point of calculation, and

D = distance from antenna effective height to point of calculation, in meters.

The factor of 2.56 accounts for the increase in power density due to reflections, assuming a reflection coefficient of $1.6 (1.6 \times 1.6 = 2.56)$. This factor is typically used for all sources unless specific information from FCC filings by the manufacturer indicate that a different reflection coefficient would apply. The factor of 1.64 is the gain of a half-wave dipole relative to an isotropic radiator. The factor of 100 in the numerator converts to the desired units of power density.

Because antennas are not true "point sources," their signal patterns may not be fully formed at close distances and so exposure levels may be lower than otherwise calculated by the formula above. OET-65 recommends the cylindrical model formula below to account for this "near-field effect":

	power density	$S = \theta$	x D x h	$\frac{0.1 \times 16 \times \eta \times P_{net}}{\pi \times h^2}$	
where	$P_{net} = net power in$	putlto a6tempa,	Phewatts,		
	θ = half-power b	eamwidth pf ar	nteni		
	D = distance from	n antenna effec	tive	⁻ lculation, in meters, and	ł
	h = aperture heighted by hei	ght of antenna,	in m		

The factor of 0.1 in the numerator converts to the desired units of power density.

OET-65 confirms that the "crossover" point between the near- and far-field regions is best determined by finding where the calculations coincide from the two different formulas, and the program uses both formulas to calculate power density.



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-VERTICAL BRIDGE' 130'H CO-LOCATABLE MONOPINE

50'X50' VERTICAL BRIDGE LEASE AREA WITH 6'H CHAIN LINK FENCED COMPOUND

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OAK WOODLANDS ASSESSMENT

Mr. Chuck Beatty, Director Planning Department, County of Amador 810 Court Street Jackson, CA 95642

17 June 2023

Re: Dusty Lane (Evitt) Cellular Telephone Tower Project, APN 042-010-035

Dear Mr. Beatty,

At the request of Mr. Elliott Froissart of Assurance Development, I conducted an inspection of the property referenced above. I was told by Mr. Froissart that the property is proposed to be used to build a "monopine" cellular telephone repeater tower. I received drawings of the proposed project showing me the location of the proposed tower and the approximate size of the area designed by Vertical Bridge. Mr. Froissart indicated that the Planning Department has required that an Oak Woodlands Assessment shall be done for the parcel. This letter is in response to that requirement.

Section 21083.4 of the California Public Resources Code requires that counties determine if there will be a significant effect on oak woodlands as a result of a project proposed to the county. The first question that must be answered is whether a project area does indeed qualify as an "Oak Woodland". The Fish and Game Code of the State of California defines "Oak Woodland" under Section 1361(h) as "... oak stand with a greater than 10 percent canopy cover or that may have historically supported greater than 10% canopy cover". Additional important information comes from PRC 21083(a), where it is stated that oaks included in the determination of oak woodland status cannot come from the Group A or Group B commercial species as defined by 14 CCR 895.1 (Forest Practice Rules). California Black Oak (Quercus kellogii), which is common in Amador County, is a Group B species and it can be found at the elevation of this parcel, along with Interior Live Oak (Quercus wizlizeni) which is subject to PRC 21083.4.

On the 15th of June, 2023, I visited the property and conducted an evaluation of the property. The area to be leased and developed is small – approximately 2500 square feet. An approximate 2100 foot access road is proposed to be constructed from Dusty Lane on the Evitt property. The road will ascend the slope through the pasture area and work its way to the top of the ridge. Two switchbacks will permit the road to climb the fairly steep side slope and maintain a reasonable grade. Once the access road arrives at the ridge line, the grade to the proposed building site will be less than 12%.

My initial evaluation of the project area was done using aerial photos and then verified by the site visit I conducted on 15 June. It seemed to be obvious from the air photos and my knowledge of the area that this parcel could qualify as an "Oak Woodland", as defined by the Fish & Game Code. Oak woodlands appear to exist around a pasture area in the central part of the property as well as along the Amador Canal. I accessed the property via Valley Drive, which ends at a cul de sac at the eastern boundary of the Evitt property. An existing graveled road parallels the north side of an un-named intermittent watercourse and leads to a metal building on the property. The proposed access road is not staked on the ground as of this time, so using the experience I have in road planning and construction, I walked an approximate road line to the top of the ridge where the proposed road switches back to the east to arrive at the location of the proposed cellular telephone tower site. Along the way, I noted the locations, sizes and species of trees that were within what I felt would be the clearing limits of the proposed 20 foot wide access road.

Tree species present on the proposed project area are: Ponderosa pine (Pinus ponderosa), Gray pine (Pinus sabiniana), Sugar pine (Pinus lambertiana) and Interior live oak (Quercus wislizeni). Most of the forested area where the road would be built is populated with the pine species. There are a few Interior live oaks, but most of the Interior live oak trees present on the property are located on the lower slopes closer to the watercourse.

Ponderosa pine diameters range from 4" to 42". Spacing between trees ranges from 8 feet to 150 feet, with an average spacing in the forested area of 30 feet. Only one Sugar pine was encountered near the top of the hill and that tree is 44 inches in diameter. Gray pines range in diameter from 4" to 22" and spacing between trees ranges from 10 feet to 200 feet with an average spacing of 45 feet. Interior live oak trees range in diameter from 6" to 14" and the areas with oak woodland have approximately 120 trees per acre.

Other plant species present are: Manzanita (Arctostaphylos), toyon (Heteromeles), chamise (Adenostoma), annual and perennial grasses and forbs.

As I mentioned above, I've spent a fair amount of time in the area of this proposed project, including work for the Amador Water Agency, walking the Amador Canal, which forms a boundary of the Evitt property and traverses the western portion of the property. Because of this experience, I expected to easily determine that the property qualifies as an oak woodland. Aerial photo analysis and ground truthing revealed that a large part of the property is open pasture. Because of the forested nature of the surrounding properties and the western forested portion of the property, I suspect that the Evitt property was cleared of many trees for the purpose of enhancing the livestock carrying capacity. In its current condition, approximately 98 acres of land is forested with >10% oak canopy. Therefore, the ownership as a whole certainly qualifies as Oak Woodland under the Fish and Game Code.

The subsequent question that needs to be answered is, "Will the proposed project have a significant effect on Oak Woodlands?" Having walked the approximate location of the proposed road and having inspected the site where the cellular telephone tower would be built, I can say with confidence that this project will not have a significant impact to the Oak Woodlands on the Evitt property. It appears to me that one or two pine trees might have to be removed on the steeper portion of the proposed road, but no oak trees will need to be removed. Since any potential tree removal will be of Group A species under the California Forest Practice Rules, this project will not subject to mitigation under PRC Section 21083.4.

I have attached an Assessor Parcel Map and a topographic map showing the approximate location of the Evitt parcel and the estimated location of the proposed access road and tower location.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

Steve Q. Cannon, Registered Professional Forester #2316

Dusty Lane Oak Woodlands Evaluation

Township 6 North, Range 11 East, Section 1, MDB&M Pine Grove 7.5' Quadrangle Amador County



Dusty Lane Oak Woodlands Evaluation Township 6 North, Range 11 East, Section 1, MDB&M Pine Grove 7.5' Quadrangle Amador County



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COMMENTS



AMA-88-PM 19.434 Monopine Wireless Tower Use Permit (UP) Evitt Russell Trust

Bauldry, Paul@DOT <paul.bauldry@dot.ca.gov> To: Amador County Planning Department <planning@amadorgov.org> Cc: "Ponce, Gregoria@DOT" <gregoria.ponce@dot.ca.gov> Mon, Sep 4, 2023 at 12:27 PM

Hi Ruslan,

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the Monopine Wireless Tower Use Permit (UP).

The property is approximately 1.5 miles from State Route (SR) 88. The Assessor's Parcel Number is 042-010-035-000.

Caltrans has no additional comments at this time. However, Caltrans requests for all future development at this location to be included in the review process.

Thank you,

Paul Bauldry

Caltrans District 10

Office of Rural Planning

Division of Planning, Local Assistance, and Environmental

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TAC Project Referral - UP-23;8-1 Assurance Development - Enviornmental Review

Richard Vela <rvela@amadorgov.org>

Fri, Sep 22, 2023 at 9:54 AM

To: Amador County Planning Department <planning@amadorgov.org>

Upon review of this proposal, the property in question does not front on a county maintained road. As such, no encroachments are required. The Transportation and Public Works Department has no other concerns with the proposal. [Quoted text hidden]

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TAC Project Referral - UP-23;8-1 Assurance Development - Enviornmental Review

Hoag, Jeff@CALFIRE <jeff.hoag@fire.ca.gov> To: Amador County Planning Department <planning@amadorgov.org>

Mon, Sep 25, 2023 at 4:08 PM

Good Afternoon,

CAL FIRE has no comments on this application.

Thank you,



Jeff Hoag Battalion Chief - Amador El Dorado Unit Wildfire Resiliency Program 2840 Mt. Danaher Rd Camino 95709 Cell: (530) 708-2725



From: Amador County Planning Department <planning@amadorgov.org> Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 3:38 PM Subject: TAC Project Referral - UP-23;8-1 Assurance Development - Enviornmental Review

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