Project Title: T-Mobile Jones Family Park Antenna Addition (PLNG20-038)

Project Location - Specific: 8840 Shasta Lily Drive

Assessor’s Parcel Number(s): 115-0170-085

Project Location – City: Elk Grove  Project Location – County: Sacramento

Project Description: The proposed Project consists of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Amendment to install three new wireless antennas on an existing 66’ pine tree cellular tower. Associated equipment will be installed within the existing equipment lease area at the base of the tower. There will be no changes to the overall height of the tower.

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Applicant: T-Mobile West, LLC
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Exemption Status: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures [Section 15303]

Reasons Why This Project is Exempt or Does Not Require Further Environmental Documentation:

CEQA requires analysis of agency approvals of discretionary “projects.” A “project,” under CEQA,
is defined as “the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment” (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378). The proposed Project is a project under CEQA.

The Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures). Section 15301 applies to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination. The proposed Project consists of the addition of three new panels antennas on an existing an existing 66’ pine tree cellular tower. No additional tower height will be necessary to accommodate the new antennas. Two new equipment cabinets will be installed at the base of the tower within and existing equipment enclosure. Staff reviewed the proposed Project and did not find any evidence that special circumstances exist that would create a reasonable possibility that the proposed Project will have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, the proposed Project qualifies for the exemption under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 and, therefore, no further environmental review is required.

As part of the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) licensing process, the Applicant will be required to comply with all safety standards, including those governing radio waves, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process. Conditions of Approval ensure that building permits for the wireless facility will not be approved until the Applicant has received FCC approval. FCC license requirements include conformance with federal standards related to radio frequency exposure and imposing this condition ensures that the equipment will be designed and operated in conformance with such standards. Pursuant to Elk Grove Municipal Code (EGMC) Section 23.94.30(E), findings for denial shall not be based on the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions that comply with the FCC emission regulations.

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By: Antonio Ablog, Planning Manager

Date: April 16, 2021