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SOLANO COUNTY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

**Staff Report
 MU-15-03**

Application No. MU-15-03 (Verizon) Project Planner: Eric Wilberg, Associate Planner		Meeting of July 2, 2015 Agenda Item No. 4	
Applicant Verizon Wireless c/o Shannon McDougall 1023 Eagle Avenue Alameda, CA 94501		Property Owner Fairfield City & Solano County 1000 Webster Street Fairfield, CA 94533	
Action Requested Minor Use Permit application to co-locate wireless communications equipment on an existing 80 foot tall PG&E tower. Equipment includes (6) 4 ft. tall antennas and a 104 sq. ft. shelter and diesel generator enclosed within a 6 ft. tall chainlink fenced lease area.			
Property Information			
Size: 591 acres		Location: 5477 Creed Road	
APN: 0042-100-010			
Zoning: Exclusive Agriculture 'A-160'		Land Use: Wireless telecomm. / open space	
General Plan: Agriculture		Ag. Contract: n/a	
Utilities: n/a		Access: Creed Road	
Adjacent General Plan Designation, Zoning District, and Existing Land Use			
	General Plan	Zoning	Land Use
North	Agriculture	Exclusive Agriculture 'A-160'	Open space
South	Agriculture	Exclusive Agriculture 'A-160'	Open space
East	Agriculture	Exclusive Agriculture 'A-160'	Open space
West	Agriculture	Exclusive Agriculture 'A-160'	Open space
Environmental Analysis The project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, New Construction of Small Structures.			
Motion to Approve The Zoning Administrator does hereby ADOPT the attached resolution and APPROVE Minor Use Permit No. MU-15-03 based on the enumerated findings and subject to the recommended conditions of approval.			

SETTING

The project is located along the north side of Creed Road, 4 miles east of Suisun City. The subject property is 591.12 acres and is located on the southern boundary of the greater 1,858 acres, Wilcox Ranch property. The parcel is generally flat and is currently being used for non-irrigated pasture for cattle.

An 80 foot tall PG&E lattice transmission tower is located along the southern property line, approximately ½ mile east of the intersection of Creed and Denver Roads. Additional wireless carriers have been established on-site, with antennas mounted on the tower and equipment shelters near the base of the tower.

Surrounding parcels are of similar size to the subject site and are also utilized for dry land farming and open space purposes. The nearest residence is 2,000 southwest of the existing telecommunications site.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Verizon Wireless project consists of the installation of (6) 4 foot tall antenna, (2) per sector, near the top of an existing 80 foot tall PG&E lattice transmission tower. Supporting equipment includes (1) 8 ft. by 13 ft. equipment cabinet and (1) 30kW diesel generator enclosed by 6 ft. tall wooden fence. The facility would be unmanned; however service technicians would perform monthly routine maintenance on an as needed basis. A gravel area suitable for parking is provided on-site, adjacent to the existing tower and facilities.

Sprint (Use Permits U-00-29-MR1 and U-03-16) and Metro PCS (Use Permit U-05-04) have wireless communication facilities currently co-located on the PG&E tower. According to the applicant, as well as correspondence received from PG&E, Metro PCS is currently going through the process of decommissioning their equipment at this location. The proposed Verizon equipment would replace that of Metro PCS.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, New Construction of Small Structures. Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. The Guidelines indicate that land uses which do not involve the use of significant amounts of hazardous substances, and do not exceed 2,500 square feet in floor area qualify for this exemption. The project meets these standards.

LAND USE CONSISTENCY

General Plan and Zoning

The property is designated Agriculture by the Solano County General. As indicated on the General Plan land use consistency table (General Plan Table LU-7) the Exclusive Agriculture 'A-160' Zoning District is consistent with this designation. Pursuant to Section 28.81 of the County Zoning Regulations, a co-location of a Wireless Communication Facility is a permitted land use within this district.

Section 28.81(D) provides the general land use regulations for wireless facilities. The proposed co-location is allowed within this zoning district, requires issuance of a use permit, and is required to obtain a building permit for construction of the project. The project does not require a height increase to the existing tower.

All equipment would be located within the existing lease area and would be screened by six foot tall wooden fencing.

The applicant has also supplied a radio frequency (RF) site compliance report prepared by Hammett & Edison, Inc., Consulting Engineers which demonstrates that proposed project, together with the existing base station, is in compliance with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Rules and Regulations for RF emissions. Lastly, the proposed cabinet housing related wireless communications equipment exceeds the accessory structure setback requirements of the A-160 zoning district.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Zoning Administrator **ADOPT** the mandatory and suggested findings, and **APPROVE** Minor Use Permit No. MU-15-03, subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

MINOR USE PERMIT MANDATORY FINDINGS

- 1. That the establishment, maintenance or operation of the use or building is in conformity to the General Plan for the County with regard to traffic circulation, population densities and distribution, and other aspects of the General Plan considered by the Zoning Administrator to be pertinent.**

The co-location of telecommunications equipment with an existing facility is consistent with the goals, objectives and policies of the Solano County Zoning Ordinance and Solano County General Plan. The project, as proposed by the applicant, along with the recommended conditions of approval are consistent with the General Plan.

- 2. Adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities have been or are being provided.**

The site has existing electrical power. No domestic water and/or private septic systems are required for the unmanned facility. The site is accessed via Creed Road.

- 3. The subject use will not, under the circumstances of this particular case, constitute a nuisance or be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort or general welfare of persons residing or working in or passing through 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.**

As proposed, the project qualifies for an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act. In addition, the RF emissions report prepared for the project indicates that the facility would be compliance applicable Federal Communications Commission Rules and Regulations for RF emissions.

ADDITIONAL FINDINGS

- 4. The proposed facility complies will all applicable sub-sections of Wireless Communications Facilities, Zoning Regulations Section 28.81.**

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. The permitted co-location of the wireless communications facility shall be established and operated in accord with the application materials and development plans for Minor Use Permit MU-15-03, filed March 20, 2015 by Verizon Wireless, and as approved by the Solano County Zoning Administrator.
2. All requirements of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) shall be met prior to the issuance of a building permit and during operation of the subject facility. Ground level radiation shall not exceed standards established by FCC.
3. The permittee shall take such measures as may be necessary or as may be required by the County to prevent offensive noise, lighting, dust or other impacts, which constitute a hazard or nuisance to surrounding properties.
4. No additional uses shall be established beyond those identified on the project plan without prior approval. No new or expanded buildings shall be constructed without prior approval of a minor revision to this use permit or approval of a new use permit.
5. The premises shall be maintained in a neat and orderly manner and kept free of accumulated debris or junk.
6. Failure to comply with any of the conditions of approval or limitation set forth in this permit shall be cause of the revocation of this permit.
7. All equipment associated with the wireless communication facility shall be removed within 90 days of the discontinuation of the use and the site shall be restored to its original pre-construction condition.
8. Prior to any construction or improvements taking place, a Building Permit Application shall first be submitted as per the 2013 California Building Code, or the latest edition enforced at the time of building permit application. "Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit."
9. The maximum potential volume of hazardous materials stored at the facility shall be calculated, and if required, the facility shall submit a hazardous materials business plan to Solano County Hazardous Material Section.
10. The co-located wireless communication facility is granted for a fixed term of ten (10) years and shall expire July 2, 2025. Upon expiration, issuance of a new land use permit is required should the facility continue to operate at this location.

Attachments:

Exhibit A - Draft Resolution
Exhibit B – Assessor's Parcel Map
Exhibit C – Development Plans

**SOLANO COUNTY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
RESOLUTION NO. XX**

WHEREAS, the Solano County Zoning Administrator has considered Minor Use Permit Application No. MU-15-03 of **Verizon Wireless** to co-locate wireless communications equipment on an 80 foot tall PG&E tower located at 5477 Creed Road, 4 miles east of the City of Suisun City in an "A-160" Exclusive Agricultural Zoning District, APN: 0042-100-010, and;

WHEREAS, said Zoning Administrator has reviewed the report of the Department of Resource Management and heard testimony relative to the subject application at the duly noticed public hearing held on July 2, 2015, and;

WHEREAS, after due consideration, the Zoning Administrator has made the following findings in regard to said proposal:

1. **That the establishment, maintenance or operation of the use or building is in conformity to the General Plan for the County with regard to traffic circulation, population densities and distribution, and other aspects of the General Plan considered by the Zoning Administrator to be pertinent.**

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4. **The proposed facility complies will all applicable sub-sections of Wireless Communications Facilities, Zoning Regulations Section 28.81.**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Zoning Administrator has approved Minor Use Permit Application No. MU-15-03 subject to the following recommended conditions of approval:

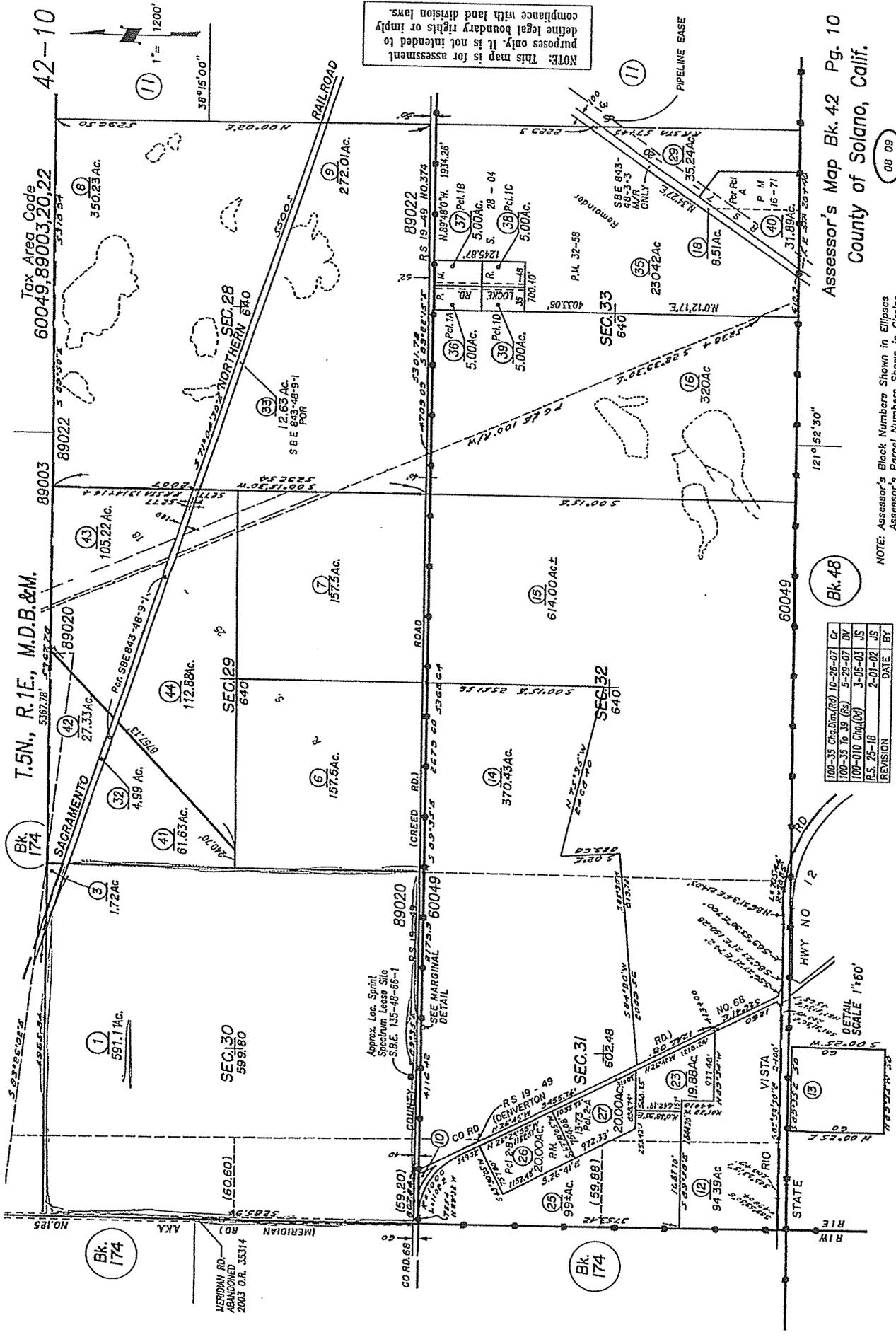
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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Solano County Zoning Administrator on July 2, 2015.

BILL EMLLEN, DIRECTOR
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Michael Yankovich
Planning Program Manager

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NOTE: This map is for assessment purposes only. It is not intended to define legal boundary rights or imply compliance with land division laws.

REVISION	DATE	BY
100-35 Chg. Dim. (R)	10-26-07	Cr
100-35 1b 39 (R)	5-29-07	DV
100-010 Chg. (M)	3-06-03	JS
R.S. 25-1B	2-01-02	JS

NOTE: Assessor's Block Numbers Shown in Ellipses
Assessor's Parcel Numbers Shown in Circles

Assessor's Map Bk. 42 Pg. 10
County of Solano, Calif.

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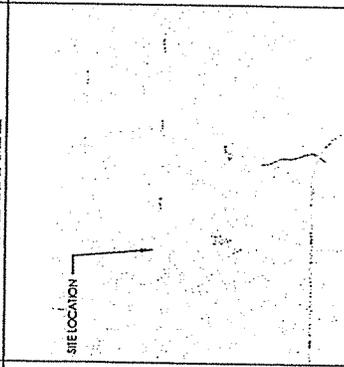
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LOCATION CODE: 299959
 PG&E TOWER SERIAL #: 40742014
 SITE ADDRESS: 5477 CREED ROAD
 SUISUN CITY, CA 94585

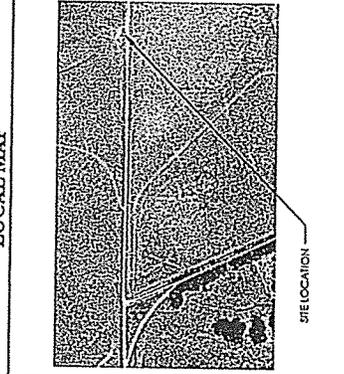
APPROVALS:

REPRESENTATIVE	PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
LANDLORD / PROPERTY OWNER			
VERIZON WIRELESS EQUIPMENT ENGINEER			
VERIZON WIRELESS REAL ESTATE			
VERIZON WIRELESS CONSTRUCTION MANAGER			
VERIZON WIRELESS RF ENGINEER			
VERIZON TRANSPORT ENGINEER			
VERIZON OPERATION ENGINEER			
CORTEL LEASING REPRESENTATIVE			
CORTEL CONSTRUCTION REPRESENTATIVE			
CORTEL CONSTRUCTION MANAGER			
H2M REPRESENTATIVE			

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LOCAL MAP



CODE COMPLIANCE

ALL WORK AND MATERIALS SHALL BE PERFORMED AND INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT EDITIONS OF THE FOLLOWING LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITIES. NOTHING IN THESE PLANS IS TO BE CONSTRUED TO PERMIT ANY DEVIATION FROM THE FOLLOWING:

- 110 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 10, PART 1, TITLE 24 CODE OF REGULATIONS
- 110 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE (CBC) WITH CALIFORNIA AMENDMENTS, BASED ON THE 2012 IBC (PART 2, VOL. 1, 2)
- 110 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE (CRC) WITH APPENDIX H - PATIO COVERS, BASED ON THE 2012 IRC (PART 2.9)
- 110 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE (CEC) WITH CALIFORNIA AMENDMENTS (PART 11) PREFERRED ENERGY PROVISIONS ONLY
- 110 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE (FC) BASED ON THE 2012 IFC, WITH CALIFORNIA AMENDMENTS (PART 9)
- 110 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE (CMC) BASED ON THE 2012 IMC (PART 4)
- 110 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE (CPC) BASED ON THE 2012 UPC (PART 3)
- 110 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE (CEC) WITH CALIFORNIA AMENDMENTS, BASED ON THE 2011 NEC (PART 3)
- 110 CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE (CEC) - PART 8
- 110 CALIFORNIA LIFE SAFETY CODE
- 110 NFPA 72, NATIONAL FIRE ALARM CODE
- 110 NFPA 13, FIRE SPRINKLER CODE

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

DIRECTIONS TO SITE FROM VERIZON OFFICE, 2755 MITCHELL DRIVE, WALNUT CREEK, CA:

- MERGE ONTO 1480N FROM TREAT BLVD
- CONTINUE ON 1480N TO FAIRFIELD. TAKE THE EXIT TOWARD SUISUN CITY FROM I-40 E
- CONTINUE ON 1480N
- TURN LEFT ONTO DEERVERTON RD.
- TURN RIGHT ONTO CREEK RD.
- SITE GATE WILL BE ON THE LEFT NEAR THE PG&E TOWER

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verizon wireless
 2755 MITCHELL DRIVE
 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94591-1001

VERIZON
Cortel
 1441 Arroyo Verde
 SAN JOSE, CA 95130

SYSTEM CODE:
299959

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PERMIT NO. 201401171
 PROJECT NO. 299959
 SHEET NO. T-1

BRADMOOR ISLAND
 5477 CREED ROAD
 SUISUN CITY
 CA 94585

TITLE SHEET

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

SCOPE OF WORK: VERIZON WIRELESS PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE & MAINTAIN AN UNMANNED WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS TOWER AT TELCO FROM SOUTH SIDE OF CREEK TO PROPOSED SITE LOCATION. THE FOLLOWING: INSTALL (TRENCH) POWER & TELCO FROM SOUTH SIDE OF CREEK TO PROPOSED SITE LOCATION. PROPOSED 12" WIDE, APPROX 210' LONG EASEMENT FOR POWER & TELCO. CHAINING LEGS OF 10'-0" TO 15'-0" (31 SQ. FT) EQUIPMENT COMPOUND SURROUNDED BY 8' HIGH CHAINING LEGS OF 10'-0" TO 15'-0" CAL APPROVED, PRE-MANUFACTURED EQUIPMENT SHELTER AND ASSOCIATED INDOOR EQUIPMENT. INSTALL (8) OPS UNITS ON EQUIPMENT SHELTER. INSTALL (1) 1000W DIESEL GENERATOR ON A PROPOSED 3'-0" X 10'-0" CONCRETE PAD WITHIN THE EQUIPMENT COMPOUND. INSTALL (1) 70' COAXIAL LINES FROM EQUIPMENT SHELTER TO ANTENNAS VIA NEW UNDERGROUND CONDUITS TO TOWER LEG.

PROJECT INFORMATION

PROPERTY INFORMATION:
 SITE ADDRESS: 5477 CREED ROAD, SUISUN CITY, CA 94585
 A.P.N. NUMBER: 004-100-010
 PROPOSED USE: UNMANNED COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY
 JURISDICTION: SOLANO COUNTY
 ZONING DESIGNATION: A-100

PROPERTY OWNER: PG&E, 245 MARKET STREET, SUISTEAD, CA 94588, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105
 CONTACT: DAVID DUNCAN, (415) 971-5994
 POWER AGENCY: PG&E
 TELEPHONE AGENCY: TBD
 REFS VERSION: PRELIMINARY
 OCCUPANCY: U
 CONTRIBUTION TYPE: V

FACILITY IS UNMANNED AND NOT FOR HUMAN HABITATION. HANDICAP ACCESS IS NOT REQUIRED PER CBC2010, SECTION 11B-301.4 (LIMITED ACCESS SPACE).

PROJECT TEAM

APPLICANT/LESSEE: VERIZON WIRELESS, 2755 MITCHELL DRIVE, WALNUT CREEK, CA 94591-1001
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SITE ACQUISITION: CORTEL INC., CONTACT: ERIC RYAN, EMAIL: eric.ryan@cortel-inc.com, PHONE: (510) 505-4485

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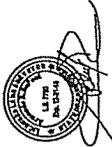


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3	03/26/12	CLIENT COMMENTS

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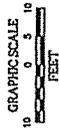
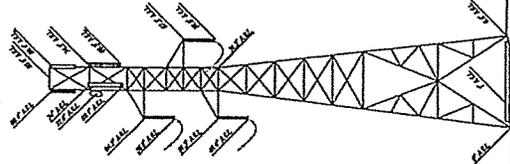
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TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY

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SHEET NUMBER

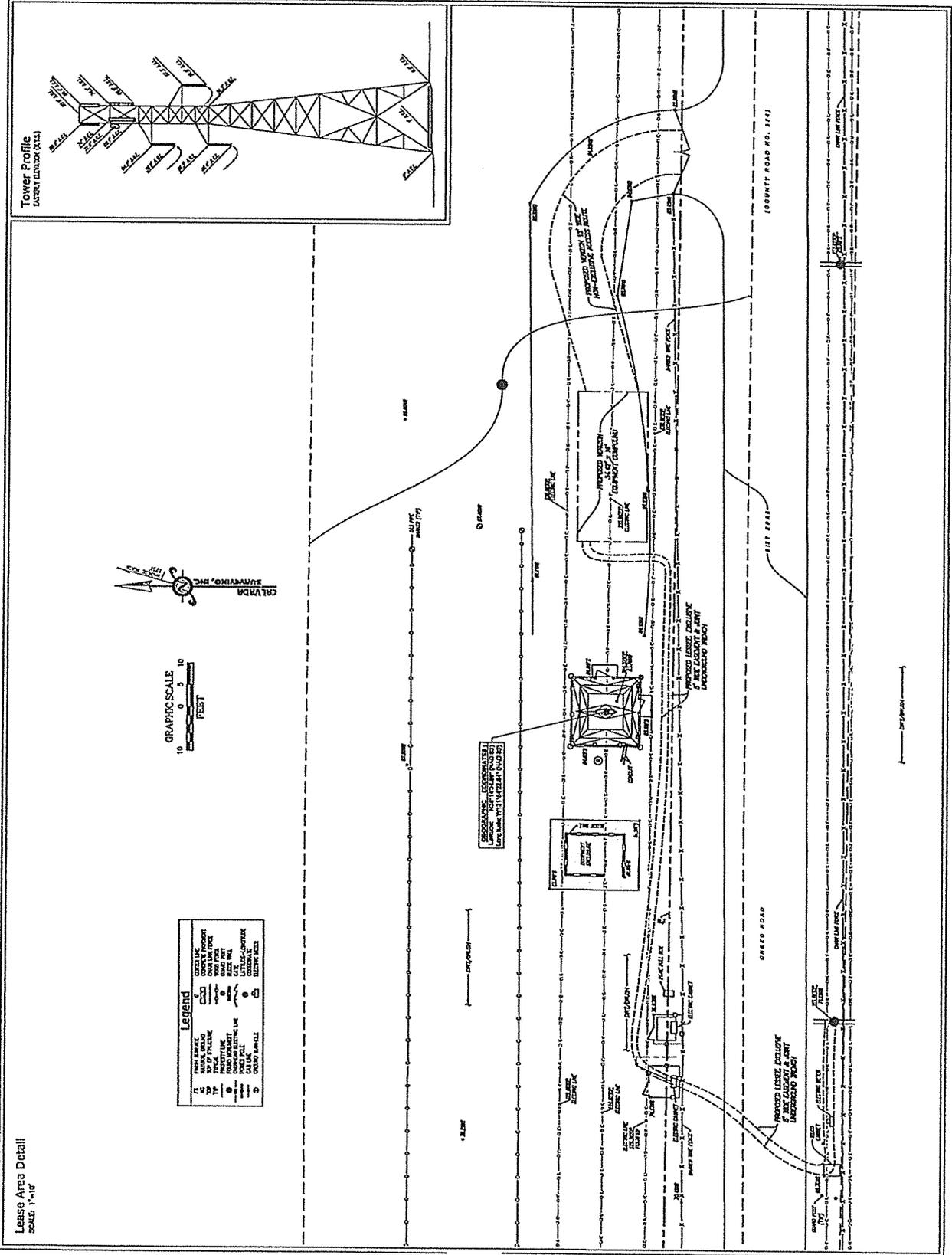
Tower Profile
AGENCY ELEVATION (61.1)



Legend

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Lease Area Detail
SCALE: 1"=10'



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 2581 SHELTON DRIVE
 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94598-1001

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REVISIONS:
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 SUGUN CITY
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SHEET TITLE
 EAST ELEVATION

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