

# County of Fresno

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

September 6, 2019

State Clearinghouse Office of Planning and Research Attn: Sheila Brown 1400 Tenth Street, Room 212 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Brown:

Subject: State Clearinghouse Review of Proposed Negative Declaration for Initial Study Application No. 7611 (Jason Osborne on behalf of Crown Castle)

Enclosed Please find the following documents:

- 1. Notice of Completion/Reviewing Agencies Checklist
- 2. Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration
- 3. Fifteen (15) hard copies of Draft Initial Study, Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, and Project Routing
- 4. One (1) electronic copy of the Draft Initial Study, Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, and Project Routing

We request that you distribute the documents to appropriate state agencies for review as provided for in Section 15073 of the CEQA Guidelines, and that the review be completed within the normal 30-day review period. Please transmit any document to my attention at the below listed address or to <u>TKobayashi@FresnoCountyCA.gov</u>

Sincerely,

Thomas Kobayashi, Planner Development Services and Capital Projects Division

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Enclosures

## Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Applica			
Lead Agency: County of Fresno, Department of Public Wor		rson: Thomas Kobayashi	
Mailing Address: 2220 Tulare Street, 6th Floor City: Fresno		59)600-4224	
	City/Nearest Community: Car	uthers	
Cross Streets: Elm Avenue and Elkhorn Avenue		Zip Code:	
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds):°			
Assessor's Parcel No.: 042-200-06S	Section: <u>33</u> Twp.: <u>16S</u>	Range: 20E Base:	
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 41	Waterways:		
Airports:	Railways:	Schools:	
 Document Type:			
CEQA: NOP Draft EIR Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EII Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.)	Draft EIS	Other: Joint Document Final Document Other:	
General Plan UpdateSpecific PlanGeneral Plan AmendmentMaster PlanGeneral Plan ElementPlanned Unit DevelopmeCommunity PlanSite Plan		Annexation Redevelopment Coastal Permit ision, etc.) Other:	
Development Type:			
Residential: Units Acres			
Office: Sq.ft Acres Employees_	Transportation: Typ		
Commercial:Sq.ft.       Acres       Employees         Industrial:       Sq.ft.       Acres       Employees	Mining: Min Power: Typ	neral pe MW	
Educational:	Waste Treatment Ty	MGD	
Recreational:	Hazardous Waste: Ty	pe	
Recreational: MGD	X Other: Unmanned W	reless Telecommunications Facility	
Project Issues Discussed in Document:			
Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal	Recreation/Parks	Uegetation	
Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding	Schools/Universities	Water Quality	
X Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard	Septic Systems	▼ Water Supply/Groundwater	
X Archeological/Historical X Geologic/Seismic	Sewer Capacity	Wetland/Riparian	
X   Biological Resources   X   Minerals	Soil Erosion/Compaction/		
Coastal Zone X Noise Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balar	Solid Waste	Land Use	
Economic/Jobs	Traffic/Circulation	Other: Energy and Wildfire	

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Single-Family Residential/AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size)/Agricultural

**Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary) Allow construction of a new unmanned wireless telecommunications facility consisting of a 150-foot lattice tower with associated antennas and equipment on a 40-foot by 50-foot fenced area on a 1.45-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District.

Print Form

# **Reviewing Agencies Checklist**

If you	a have already sent your document to the agency plea	ase denote	that with an "S".
Х	Air Resources Board		Office of Historic Preservation
	Boating & Waterways, Department of		Office of Public School Construction
	California Emergency Management Agency		Parks & Recreation, Department of
	California Highway Patrol		Pesticide Regulation, Department of
X	Caltrans District #6		Public Utilities Commission
	Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	X	Regional WQCB #Fres
	Caltrans Planning		Resources Agency
	Central Valley Flood Protection Board		Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
	Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy		S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
	Coastal Commission		San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
******			San Joaquin River Conservancy
			Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
	-		State Lands Commission
	Delta Protection Commission		SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
-	Education, Department of		SWRCB: Water Quality
	Energy Commission		SWRCB: Water Rights
X	Fish & Game Region #		Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
	Food & Agriculture, Department of	X	Toxic Substances Control, Department of
	Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of		Water Resources, Department of
	General Services, Department of		
	Health Services, Department of	Х	Other: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services
	Housing & Community Development		Other:
	Native American Heritage Commission		
Loca	Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead age	ncy)	
Starti	ng Date September 9, 2019	Endir	g Date October 9, 2019
Lead	Agency (Complete if applicable):		
Consu	alting Firm: County of Fresno	Appli	cant: Jason Osborne on behalf of Crown Castle
Address: 2220 Tulare Street, 6th Floor		Addro	ess: 3 Rovina Lane
City/S	<sub>State/Zip:</sub> Fresno, CA 93721 <sub>ct:</sub> Thomas Kobayashi		State/Zip: Petaluma, CA 94952
Conta	: (559)600-4224	Phone	
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Signa	ature of Lead Agency Representative:	- 17a	Date: <u>9/6/19</u>
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Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with and "X".

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.



# County of Fresno

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

## INITIAL STUDY ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

## 1. Project title:

Initial Study Application No. 7611 and Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3648

## 2. Lead agency name and address:

County of Fresno, Department of Public Works and Planning 2220 Tulare Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Fresno, CA 93721

## 3. Contact person and phone number:

Thomas Kobayashi, Planner (559)600-4224

## 4. Project location:

The project site is located on the west side of Elm Avenue approximately 1,764 feet north of its nearest intersection with Elkhorn Avenue and is located approximately 3.36 miles southeast of the nearest unincorporated community of Caruthers (042-200-06S) (16629 S. Elm Avenue, Caruthers, CA)

## 5. Project sponsor's name and address:

Jason Osborne, Beacon Development 3 Rovina Lane Petaluma, CA 94952

On behalf of

Crown Castle 4301 Hacienda Drive, Suite 410 Pleasanton, CA 94588

## 6. General Plan designation:

Agricultural

## 7. Zoning:

AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District.

8. Description of project: (Describe the whole action involved, including, but not limited to, later phases of the project, and any secondary, support, or off-site features necessary for its implementation. Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Allow construction of a new unmanned wireless telecommunications facility consisting of a 150-foot lattice tower with associated antennas and equipment on a 40-foot by 50-foot fenced area on a 1.45-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District.

## 9. Surrounding land uses and setting: Briefly describe the project's surroundings:

The project site is located in a mainly agricultural area with single-family residences supporting the agricultural uses. On the eastern side of Elm Avenue, the Southwest Transportation Agency maintains a facility and on the eastern side of the State Route 41 the County of Fresno owns land related to the Elkhorn Correctional Facility.

10. Other public agencies whose approval is required (g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement.)

Department of Public Works and Planning, Building and Safety Section Department of Public Works and Planning, Development Engineering Section

11. Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1? If so, is there a plan for consultation that includes, for example, the determination of significance of impacts to tribal cultural resources, procedures regarding confidentiality, etc.?

Per Assembly Bill 52 (AB52), participating California Native American Tribes were notified of the subject application and given the opportunity to enter consultation with the County for the project. No participating California Native American Tribe expressed concerns that would indicate that the subject application could potentially impact tribal cultural resources.

NOTE: Conducting consultation early in the CEQA process allows tribal governments, lead agencies, and project proponents to discuss the level of environmental review, identify and address potential adverse impacts to tribal cultural resources, and reduce the potential for delay and conflict in the environmental review process. (See Public Resources Code section 21080.3.2.) Information may also be available from the California Native American Heritage Commission's Sacred Lands File per Public Resources Code section 5097.96 and the California Historical Resources Information System administered by the California Office of Historic Preservation. Please also note that Public Resources Code section 21082.3(c) contains provisions specific to confidentiality.

## ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

Aesthetics	Agriculture and Forestry Resources
Air Quality	Biological Resources
Cultural Resources	Energy
Geology/Soils	Greenhouse Gas Emissions
Hazards & Hazardous Materials	Hydrology/Water Quality
Land Use/Planning	Mineral Resources
Noise	Population/Housing
Public Services	Recreation
Transportation	Tribal Cultural Resources
Utilities/Service Systems	Wildfire
Mandatory Findings of Significance	

### DETERMINATION OF REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment. A NEGATIVE DECLARATION WILL BE PREPARED.

I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the Mitigation Measures described on the attached sheet have been added to the project. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION WILL BE PREPARED.

I find the proposed project **MAY** have a significant effect on the environment, and an **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** is required

I find that as a result of the proposed project, no new effects could occur, or new Mitigation Measures would be required that have not been addressed within the scope of a previous Environmental Impact Report.

**PERFORMED BY:** 

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Thomas Kobayashi, Planner Date:

**REVIEWED BY:** 

Mollring, Senior Planner Mariann

9-6-19 Date:

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## INITIAL STUDY ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM Initial Study Application No. 7611 and Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3648

The following checklist is used to determine if the proposed project could potentially have a significant effect on the environment. Explanations and information regarding each question follow the checklist.

- 1 = No Impact
- 2 = Less Than Significant Impact
- 3 = Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated
- 4 = Potentially Significant Impact

#### AESTHETICS

1.

Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:

- 1 a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?
- b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?
- \_2 c) In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?
- <u>3</u> d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

### II. AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY RESOURCES

In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:

- 2 a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance, as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?
- b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract?
- \_\_\_\_\_d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?
- e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

#### III. AIR QUALITY

Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management district or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

- 2 a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable Air Quality Plan?
- \_2 b) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is nonattainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?
- <u>2</u> c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?
- \_2\_ d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?

#### IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

#### Would the project:

- \_1 a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?
- b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?
- \_1 c) Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federallyprotected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?
- \_1 d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?
- e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?
- \_1 f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state Habitat Conservation Plan?

#### V. CULTURAL RESOURCES

#### Would the project:

- <u>3</u> a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to Section 15064.5?
- <u>3</u> b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5?
- <u>3</u> c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

#### VI. ENERGY

- \_3 a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?
- <u>3</u> b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?

#### VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

#### Would the project:

- a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:
- i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault?
- 1 ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?
- 1 iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?
- 1\_\_\_\_\_iv) Landslides?
- 2 b) Result in substantial soil erosion or loss of topsoil?
- \_1 c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?
- d) Be located on expansive soil as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?
- \_1 e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?
- f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

#### VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

#### Would the project:

- 2 a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?
- <u>b</u>) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

#### IX. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

#### Would the project:

- \_2 a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?
- 2 b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?
- \_1 c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?
- d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?
- e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?
- \_1 f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?
- \_2 g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?

#### X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

#### Would the project:

- a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?
- b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?
- \_2 c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on or off site?
- Result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;
- ii) Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite;
- 2 iii) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or
- 2 iv) Impede or redirect flood flows?
- \_2 d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?
- e) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?

#### XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING

#### Would the project:

- 1 a) Physically divide an established community?
- 2 b) Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?

#### XII. MINERAL RESOURCES

#### Would the project:

- 2 a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?
- <u>2</u> b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local General Plan, Specific Plan or other land use plan?

#### XIII. NOISE

#### Would the project result in:

- 2 a) Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?
- 2 b) Generation of excessive ground-borne vibration or groundborne noise levels?
- \_1 c) For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

### XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING

#### Would the project:

\_\_\_\_\_a) Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?

b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

#### XV. PUBLIC SERVICES

Would the project:

- a) Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically-altered governmental facilities, or the need for new or physically-altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:
- <u>1</u> i) Fire protection?
- 1 ii) Police protection?
- 1 iii) Schools?
- 1 iv) Parks?
- <u>1</u> v) Other public facilities?

### XVI. RECREATION

#### Would the project:

- 1 a) Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?
- b) Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

#### XVII. TRANSPORTATION

Would the project:

- \_2 a) Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?
- 2 b) Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?
- 1 c) Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?
- 1 d) Result in inadequate emergency access?

#### XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

#### Would the project:

- <u>3</u> a) Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:
- \_3 i) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or

Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe?

#### XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

#### Would the project:

- \_2 a) Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?
- b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?
- \_1 c) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?
- d) Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?
- \_1\_\_\_\_e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

#### XX. WILDFIRE

If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project:

- \_1\_\_\_a) Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?
- b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?
- \_1 c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?
- \_1 d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?

#### XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

- 3 a) Have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?
- \_3 b) Have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)
- \_1 c) Have environmental effects, which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

## **Documents Referenced:**

This Initial Study is referenced by the documents listed below. These documents are available for public review at the County of Fresno, Department of Public Works and Planning, Development Services and Capital Projects Division, 2220 Tulare Street, Suite A, Fresno, California (corner of M & Tulare Streets).

Fresno County General Plan, Policy Document and Final EIR Fresno County Zoning Ordinance Important Farmland 2016 Map, State Department of Conservation Fire Hazard Severity Zones in Local Responsibility Area, State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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# County of Fresno

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

# **EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

- APPLICANT: Jason Osborne, Beacon Development on behalf of Crown Castle
- APPLICATION NOS.: Initial Study Application No. 7611 and Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3648
- DESCRIPTION: Allow construction of a new unmanned wireless telecommunications facility consisting of a 150-foot lattice tower with associated antennas and equipment on a 40-foot by 50-foot fenced area on a 1.45-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District.
- LOCATION: The project site is located on the west side of Elm Avenue approximately 1,764 feet north of its nearest intersection with Elkhorn Avenue and is located approximately 3.36 miles southeast of the nearest unincorporated community of Caruthers (042-200-06S).

# I. AESTHETICS

Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:

- A. Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista; or
- B. Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to Figure OS-2 of the Fresno County General Plan, the project site is not located on or near an identified Scenic Roadway. No scenic vista has been identified that would be affected by the proposed project. The project site is located in a mainly agricultural area with the Southwest Transportation Agency being located across Elm Avenue.

C. In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND CAPITAL PROJECTS DIVISION

# FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

According to Assessor Parcel Map records, the subject parcel is approximately 390 feet in depth. The project site is located in the rear of the property. Existing residences and accessory buildings along with mature landscaping on the property and orchards surrounding the project site, ground equipment will be effectively screened from the public right-of-way. The lattice tower design has been proposed to resemble other cell towers that have been approved within the vicinity of the project site. The proposed project will have a less than significant impact on the existing visual character or quality of public view of the site and its surroundings.

D. Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED:

The Applicant has indicated that lighting for the tower will be installed per Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) guidelines. In the event that lighting is also installed at ground level, a mitigation measure will be implemented so that all installed lighting will be hooded and directed downward so as not to shine on adjacent properties or public right-of-way.

# \* Mitigation Measure(s)

1. All outdoor lighting shall be hooded and directed downward so as not to shine on adjacent properties or public right-of-way.

# II. AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY RESOURCES

In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:

A. Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance, as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Based on the 2016 Fresno County Important Farmland map, the project site is located within land designated as Urban and Built-Up Land and Farmland of Statewide

Importance. Aerial photographs of the project site and site photographs provided by the Applicant show that the subject parcel is utilized for residential use and is not being used for agricultural purposes. Staff believes that although the project site may be located on or near Farmland of Statewide Importance, the proposed project will not convert farmland as there is no indication that farmland is present on the subject parcel.

B. Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject parcel is zoned AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) and is not subject to a Williamson Act Contract. According to Policy LU-A.3 of the Fresno County General Plan, certain non-agricultural uses are allowed in areas designated as Agricultural subject to a discretionary permit. Per the Fresno County Zoning Ordinance, the discretionary permit is an Unclassified Conditional Use Permit. Based on the General Plan Policy and use permitted subject to an Unclassified Conditional Use Permit, there will be no conflict with the existing agricultural zoning.

- C. Conflict with existing zoning for forest land, timberland or timberland zoned Timberland Production; or
- D. Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is not located on or near forest land, timberland, or timberland zoned Timberland Production. Therefore no conflict with forest land, timberland, or timberland zoned Timberland Production is seen and the project will not result in the lost of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use.

E. Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject parcel is utilized for residential use and is not being used for farmland or forest land. The project will not result in conversion of farmland to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use.

III. AIR QUALITY

Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management district or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

A. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable Air Quality Plan; or

- B. Would the project result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under a Federal or State ambient air quality standard; or
- C. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Temporary increases in criteria pollutants could occur during project construction. As there are two residences on the subject parcel, they could temporarily be exposed to pollutants during construction of the project. Once construction is complete, the proposed telecommunications facility will not produce criteria pollutants that would expose sensitive receptors. Additionally, operation of the project proposal will not conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable Air Quality Plan. Although there will be a temporary increase in criteria pollutants during construction, long-term operation of the facility will not produce pollutants that would have a detrimental effect on sensitive receptors, therefore, staff believes that the project will have a less than significant impact.

D. Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Emissions from project construction could have an impact on people in the vicinity of the project site, but construction will be temporary. Ongoing operation of the proposed use will not result in emissions that could adversely affect people in the project vicinity.

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

A. Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB), there are no reported occurrences of any special status species on or in the vicinity of the project site. The project site is located on a parcel that has been improved with multiple buildings for human occupation. Additionally, the surrounding land is being utilized for agricultural purposes, which experiences human disturbance on a daily basis. Based on the proposed location of the cell tower and daily human disturbance, no impact is seen on any special status species.

- B. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; or
- C. Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally-protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community has been identified on or near the project site. According to the National Wetlands Inventory, there are no identified wetlands that could be affected by the proposal. Photos provided by the Applicant do not show any wetland characteristics that would suggest the presence of a wetland.

D. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is located towards the rear of the property that is being utilized for residential purposes. The project will not interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native residents. No migratory wildlife corridors or wildlife nursery sites have been identified on or near the project site.

- E. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance; or
- F. Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state Habitat Conservation Plan?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will not conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources and will not conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or any other approved local, regional, or state Habitat Conservation Plan.

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

A. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to Section 15064.5; or

- B. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5; or
- C. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED:

The project site has been improved with two single-family residences and multiple accessory structures. Based on the existing improvements, ground disturbance has already occurred on the project site. In the event that cultural resources are unearthed during project construction, a Mitigation Measure will be implemented to address any cultural resource found during construction or deconstruction of the project.

# \* <u>Mitigation Measure(s)</u>

1. In the event that cultural resources are unearthed during ground-disturbing activities, all work shall be halted in the area of the find. An Archeologist shall be called to evaluate the findings and make any necessary mitigation recommendations. If human remains are unearthed during ground-disturbing activities, no further disturbance is to occur until the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin and disposition. All normal evidence procedures should be followed by photos, reports, videos, etc. If such remains are determined to be Native American, the Sheriff-Coroner must notify the Native American Commission within 24 hours.

# VI. ENERGY

Would the project:

- A. Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation; or
- B. Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED:

The project will be built to current California Building Code standards to meet state energy efficiency plans. The project is not expected to result in potentially significant environmental impacts due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources during project operation. A Mitigation Measure will be incorporated with the project to reduce the potential for wasteful or inefficient consumption of energy resources during project construction. The idling of onsite vehicles and equipment will be avoided to the most possible extent to avoid wasteful or inefficient energy consumption during the construction of the project.

\* <u>Mitigation Measure(s)</u>

- 1. The idling of onsite vehicles and equipment will be avoided to the most possible extent to avoid wasteful or inefficient energy consumption during the construction of the project.
- VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Would the project:

- A. Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:
  - 1. Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to the Earthquake Zone Application administered by the California Department of Conservation and Figure 9-2 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report (FCGPBR), the project site is not located on a known earthquake fault or rupture of a known earthquake fault.

- 2. Strong seismic ground shaking?
- 3. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to Figure 9-5 of the FCGPBR, the project site is not located on or near identified probabilistic seismic hazard areas.

4. Landslides?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to Figure 9-6 of the FCGPBR, the project site is not located near any identified landslide hazard areas. The project site is located in flat agricultural land.

B. Result in substantial soil erosion or loss of topsoil?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project proposes to construct a cell tower and ground related equipment. The ground related equipment will be built on top of a new concrete pad therefore reducing topsoil for the parcel. Planning of the lease area also shows additional space for colocation equipment if pursued reducing topsoil further. Although topsoil is lost from the proposal, the loss of topsoil is not substantial and is only a small portion of the subject parcel which is a less than significant impact.

C. Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No geologic unit or soil has been identified to be unstable or would become unstable as a result of the project. Multiple improvements have already been built on the property to suggest that the soil is stable to support the project. The project will be built to current building code standards that can take into account soil conditions.

D. Be located on expansive soil as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to Figure 7-1 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report (FCGPBR), the project site is not located on any identified expansive soils.

E. Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project is not proposing the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems. The facility will be unmanned and will have a maintenance worker visit the site at least once a month.

F. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No paleontological resource or unique geologic feature has been identified on the project site. The subject parcels have been improved with single-family residences and accessory buildings. Past ground-disturbing activities indicate that no paleontological or geological resource is present on the project site.

VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Would the project:

A. Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment; or

B. Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project proposal is not expected to generate greenhouse gas emissions that could have a significant impact on the environment. Daily operation of the proposal will not generate greenhouse gas emissions that will have a significant impact. A backup generator is being proposed in case of an emergency to maintain service. Although the generator will produce emissions, the generator is there only to provide backup power and will not run continuously. The project will have a less than significant impact on greenhouse gas emissions.

## IX. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Would the project:

- A. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials; or
- B. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division has reviewed the subject application and has provided comments related to hazards and hazardous materials.

Facilities proposing to use and/or store hazardous materials and/or hazardous wastes shall meet the requirements set forth in the California Health and Safety Code (HSC), Division 20, Chapter 6.95, and the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 4.5. Any business that handles a hazardous material or hazardous waste may be required to submit a Hazardous Materials Business Plan pursuant to the HSC, Division 20, Chapter 6.95.

All hazardous waste shall be handled in accordance with requirements set forth in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 4.5. This Division discusses proper labeling, storage and handling of hazardous wastes.

C. Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is not located within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school.

D. Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to a NEPAssist report produced for the project site, there are no hazardous materials sites on or near the project location.

E. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is not located within two miles of a public airport or public use airport.

F. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will not physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. Reviewing agencies did not express concerns to indicate that the project would interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan.

G. Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

According to the 2007 Fire Hazard Severity Zones in LRA adopted by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire), the project site is not located in a fire hazard severity zone. Additionally, the Fresno County Fire Protection District (FCFPD) has provided comments on the subject application that do not indicate a significant risk of wildland fire hazard. The project shall comply with California Code of Regulations Title 24 – Fire Code and project/development will be subject to the requirements of the current Fire Code and Building Code when a building permit or certificate of occupancy is sought. The project proposed for an unmanned wireless telecommunication facility therefore reducing exposure of people at the project site.

# X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

- A. Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality; or
- B. Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project proposes an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility and will not utilize water as part of its operation. The project will not violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements and will not substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere with groundwater recharge.

- C. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on or off site?
  - 1. Result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;
  - 2. Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite?
  - 3. Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or
  - 4. Impede or redirect flood flows?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

According to U.S.G.S. Quad Maps, there are no existing natural drainage channels traversing the subject parcel. The project site is also not located in a flood zone, therefore the project will not impeded or redirect flood flows. As new construction is involved, the project may increase surface runoff. The project will be subject to County Standards, which require that drainage of the project not drain across property. The project will not substantially increase the amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site.

D. In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project site is not located in a flood zone, but according to Figure 9-8 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report (FCGPBR), the project site is located in a dam failure flood inundation area. Although located in a flood inundation area, the project proposes an unmanned facility with minimal hazardous materials onsite. Risk of

release of pollutants is less than significant based on project proposal and storage of materials onsite. The project is not located near a body of water that would indicate tsunami or seiche zone risks.

E. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will not conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan.

XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING

Would the project:

A. Physically divide an established community?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will not physically divide an established community.

B. Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Policy PF-J.4 of the Fresno County General Plan requires compliance with the Fresno County Wireless Communications Guidelines for siting of communication towers in unincorporated areas of the County. One key issue of the Wireless Communications Guidelines is for new towers. Applicants are required to submit evidence regarding alternative sites being considered for colocation opportunities and evidence of due diligence on negotiating for colocation. Additional guidelines are related to placement and aesthetics of the tower.

The Applicant has submitted an Alternative Site Analysis and explanation for the new tower. An old tower is set to be decommissioned and the Applicants would like to replace the tower on a difference property to ensure coverage throughout the project area. The Alternative Site Analysis also stated that the only other available tower in the vicinity that would meet coverage needs is a guyed wire tower that the Applicant has concerns regarding structural issues when collocating their equipment. The proposed tower will be located on a residential parcel and located at the rear (southwest edge) of the property minimizing aesthetic impacts.

# XII. MINERAL RESOURCES

- A. Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state; or
- B. Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local General Plan, Specific Plan or other land use plan?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

According to Figure 7-7 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report (FCGPBR), the project site may be located on or near identified oil field resources. Based on current conditions of the project site and the footprint of the project site, the proposal is not expected to adversely impact identified mineral resources that may occur on or near the project area.

## XIII. NOISE

Would the project result in:

- A. Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies; or
- B. Generation of excessive ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division (EHD) commented that the proposed construction and operation of the project has the potential to expose nearby residents to short-term elevated noise levels and that consideration should be given to the County of Fresno Noise Ordinance Code. The project is not expected to generate substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels or generate excessive ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels. A temporary increase from project construction and a slight increase in noise will occur from project construction and operation, but will have a less than significant impact.

C. For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels; or

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is not located within two miles of a public airport or public use airport.

# XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING

- A. Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?; or
- B. Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will not induce substantial unplanned population grown nor displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing. The project site is located at the rear of the subject parcel and is not requiring the relocation of housing or people on the property.

XV. PUBLIC SERVICES

Would the project:

- A. Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically-altered governmental facilities, or the need for new or physically-altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services?
  - 1. Fire protection;
  - 2. Police protection;
  - 3. Schools;
  - 4. Parks; or
  - 5. Other public facilities?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The Fresno County Fire Protection District (FCFPD) has provided comments on the project and did not express concerns with the project to indicate that the proposal will adversely impact their level of service. No other reviewing Agency expressed concerns to indicate that the project will significantly impact the provision of new facilities or level of service.

XVI. RECREATION

- A. Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated; or
- B. Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will not result in increased use of existing neighborhood and regional parks such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated. Additionally, the project will not require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment.

## XVI. TRANSPORTATION

Would the project:

- A. Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities; or
- B. Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project intends to replace an existing tower on a different property. Based on the intention, the project is not likely to increase vehicle miles traveled significantly, as the project will be located approximately 0.30 miles from the existing tower. A less than significant impact is seen as the project will increase vehicle miles traveled minimally and is not conflicting with or being inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3, subdivision (b). The project does not conflict with a program, plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system. The project is for an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility and will only require up to two maintenance visits a month. As an existing tower is located in the vicinity of the project site, the change in location of the existing tower to the proposed site will not significantly impact the circulation system or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines.

- C. Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?; or
- D. Result in inadequate emergency access?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project proposes to take access off an existing driveway from Elm Avenue that services the existing residential units on the property. A twelve-foot access easement will be constructed from the existing driveway to the project site. No hazards from the

design of the project's access way has been identified on the project site. The project will not result in inadequate emergency access. No reviewing Agencies/Departments have expressed concerns that indicate that the project design is dangerous or will result in inadequate emergency access.

# XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

- A. Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:
  - Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or
  - A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe?

# FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED:

Per California Assembly Bill 52 (AB52), participating California Native American Tribes were notified of the project and given the opportunity to enter into consultation with the County of Fresno. No participating California Native American Tribe expressed concerns with the project to indicate that a Tribal Cultural Resource (TCR) was present on or near the project site. In the event that a TCR is identified on the project site, a Mitigation Measure will be implemented so that TCR's are adequately addressed.

# \* Mitigation Measure(s)

1. See Section V.A., B, and C., Mitigation Measure 1.

# XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

Would the project:

A. Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?

# FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

New electrical connections are being proposed for the subject application, but will not require the relocation or construction of electrical supply facilities. The project will not result in the construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment, storm water drainage or natural gas. An existing telecommunications facility is located approximately 0.30 miles south of the proposed site. The project proposes to construct a new tower and decommission the existing tower.

- B. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years; or
- C. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project proposes an unmanned facility and will not require the use of water or construction of wastewater treatment systems. Based on this, the project will not have an impact on water supplies and will not be served by a wastewater treatment system.

- D. Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals; or
- E. Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project is for an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility and will not generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards. The project will comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste.

## XX. WILDFIRE

If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project:

- A. Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects; or
- B. Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire; or

- C. Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment; or
- D. Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to the 2007 Fire Hazard Severity Zones in Local Responsibility Areas map from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the project site is located in a Local Responsibility Area (LRA) and is not in lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones.

# XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Would the project:

A. Have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED:

Impacts to Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources will be less than significant with mitigation incorporated. There are no impacts to Biological Resources and reviewing agencies did not express concern to indicate the presence of special status species. The project will not substantially degrade the quality of the environment or substantially reduce the habitat of fish or wildlife species.

B. Have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED:

Cumulative impacts identified in the analysis were related to Aesthetics, Cultural Resources, Energy, and Tribal Cultural Resources. These impacts will be reduced to a less than significant impact with incorporated Mitigation Measures discussed in Section 1.D., Section V.A., B., and C., Section VI.A and B., and Section XVIII.A.1., and 2.

C. Have environmental effects, which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No substantial impacts on human beings, either directly or indirectly, were identified in the project analysis.

# CONCLUSION/SUMMARY

Based upon the Initial Study prepared for 7611 and Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3648, staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. It has been determined that there would be no impacts to Biological Resources, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, and Wildfire.

Potential impacts related to Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Transportation, and Utilities and Service Systems have been determined to be less than significant. Potential impacts relating to Aesthetics, Cultural Resources, Energy, and Tribal Cultural Resources have determined to be less than significant with compliance with incorporated Mitigation Measures.

A Mitigated Negative Declaration is recommended and is subject to approval by the decisionmaking body. The Initial Study is available for review at 2220 Tulare Street, Suite A, street level, located on the southwest corner of Tulare and "M" Street, Fresno, California.

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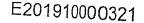
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# Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program Initial Study Application No. 7611 and Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3648 (Including Conditions of Approval and Project Notes)

	Mitigation Measures					
Mitigation Measure No.*	Impact	Mitigation Measure Language	Implementation Responsibility	Monitoring Responsibility	Time Span	
1.	Aesthetics	All outdoor lighting shall be hooded and directed downward so as not to shine on adjacent properties or public right-of-way.	Applicant	Applicant/Departme nt of Public Works and Planning (PW&P)	Ongoing	
2.	Cultural Resources/ Tribal Cultural Resources	In the event that cultural resources are unearthed during ground-disturbing activities, all work shall be halted in the area of the find. An Archeologist shall be called to evaluate the findings and make any necessary mitigation recommendations. If human remains are unearthed during ground-disturbing activities, no further disturbance is to occur until the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin and disposition. All normal evidence procedures should be followed by photos, reports, video, etc. If such remains are determined to be Native American, the Sheriff-Coroner must notify the Native American Commission within 24 hours.	Applicant	Applicant/PW&P	During ground- disturbing activities.	
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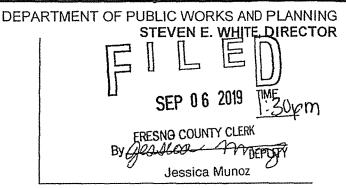
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County of Fresno



# NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the County of Fresno has prepared Initial Study Application (IS) No. 7611 pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act for the following proposed project:

INITIAL STUDY APPLICATION NO. 7611 and UNCLASSIFIED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 3648 filed by JASON OSBORNE, BEACON DEVELOPMENT, ON BEHALF OF CROWN CASTLE, proposing to allow construction of a new unmanned wireless telecommunication facility consisting of a 150-foot lattice tower with associated antennas and equipment on a 40-foot by 50-foot fenced area on a 1.45-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District. The project site is located on the west side of Elm Avenue approximately 1,764 feet north of its nearest intersection with Elkhorn Avenue and is located approximately 3.36 miles southeast of the nearest unincorporated community of Caruthers (SUP. DIST. 4) (APN 042-200-06S). Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Initial Study Application No. 7611, and take action on Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3648 with Findings and Conditions.

(hereafter, the "Proposed Project")

The County of Fresno has determined that it is appropriate to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project. The purpose of this Notice is to (1) provide notice of the availability of IS Application No. 7611 and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, and request written comments thereon; and (2) provide notice of the public hearing regarding the Proposed Project.

## Public Comment Period

The County of Fresno will receive written comments on the Proposed Project and Mitigated Negative Declaration from September 6, 2019 through October 6, 2019.

Email written comments to TKobayash@FresnoCountyCA.gov, or mail comments to:

Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning Development Services and Capital Projects Division Attn: Thomas Kobayashi 2220 Tulare Street, Suite A Fresno, CA 93721

For County Clerk's Stamp

IS Application No. 7611 and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may be viewed at the above address Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (except holidays), or at <u>www.co.fresno.ca.us/</u>initialstudies An electronic copy of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project may be obtained from Thomas Kobayashi at the addresses above.

## Public Hearing

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The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider approving the Proposed Project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration on October 10, 2019, at 8:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in Room 301, Hall of Records, 2281 Tulare Street, Fresno, California 93721. Interested persons are invited to appear at the hearing and comment on the Proposed Project and draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.

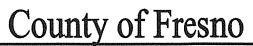
For questions please call Thomas Kobayashi (559) 600-4224.

Published: September 9, 2019

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LOCAL AGENCY MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION





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

## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To:	□ Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121 Sacramento, CA 95814⊠ County Clerk, County of Fresno 2221 Kern Street Fresno, CA 93721
From:	Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning, Development Services and Capital Projects 2220 Tulare Street (corner of Tulare and "M") Suite "A", Fresno, CA 93721
Subject:	Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21152 of the Public Resource Code
Project:	Initial Study Application No. 7611, Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3648
Location:	The subject parcel is located on the west side of Elm Avenue approximately 1,764 feet north of it nearest intersection with Elkhorn Avenue and is located approximately 3.36 miles southeast of the nearest unincorporated community of Caruthers (Sup. Dist. 4) (APN 042-200-06S).
Sponsor:	Jason Osborne, Beacon Development On behalf of
	Crown Castle

Description: Allow construction of a new unmanned wireless telecommunications facility consisting of a 150-foot lattice tower with associated antennas and equipment on a 40-foot by 50-foot fenced area on a 1.45-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District.

This is to advise that the County of Fresno ( $\boxtimes$  Lead Agency  $\square$  Responsible Agency) has approved the above described project on October 10, 2019, and has made the following determination:

- 1. The project  $\square$  will  $\boxtimes$  will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) <u>was not</u> prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. / A Mitigated Negative Declaration <u>was</u> prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- 3. Mitigation Measures 🖾 were 🗆 were not made a condition of approval for the project.
- 4. A statement of Overriding Consideration 🗌 <u>was</u> 🛛 <u>was not</u> adopted for this project.

This is to certify that the Initial Study with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning, 2220 Tulare Street, Suite A, Corner of Tulare and "M" Streets, Fresno, California.

Thomas Kobayashi, Planner (559) 600-4224 / TKobayashi@FresnoCountyCA.gov

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# County of Fresno

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

DATE: May 29, 2019

TO:

Development Services and Capital Projects, Attn: William M. Kettler, Division Manager Development Services and Capital Projects, Attn: Chris Motta, Principal Planner Development Services and Capital Projects, Current Planning, Attn: Marianne Mollring, Senior Planner Development Services and Capital Projects, Policy Planning, ALCC, Attn: Mohammad Khorsand Development Services and Capital Projects, Zoning & Permit Review, Attn: Tawanda Mtunga Development Services and Capital Projects, Site Plan Review, Attn: Hector Luna Development Services and Capital Projects, Building & Safety/Plan Check, Attn: Chuck Jonas Development Services and Capital Projects, Building & Safety/Plan Check, CASp, Attn: Dan Mather Resources Division, Solid Waste, Attn: Amina Flores-Becker/Sally Lopez Development Engineering, Attn: Kevin Nehring, Senior Engineer Development Engineering, Attn: Laurie Kennedy Road Maintenance and Operations, Attn: Frank Daniele/Nadia Lopez Design Division, Attn: Mohammad Alimi/Dale Siemer Water and Natural Resources Division, Attn: Glenn Allen, Division Manager Fresno County Health Officer, Dept. of Public Health, Attn: Ken Bird, M.D. Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division, Attn: Deep Sidhu/Steven Rhodes Agricultural Commissioner, Attn: Melissa Cregan Sheriff's Office, Attn: Captain John Zanoni, Lt. John Reynolds, Lt. Louie Hernandez, Lt. Kathy Curtice, Lt. Rvan Hushaw Fresno County Historical Landmarks Commission, Attn: Karen Coletti NAS Lemoore, NAVFAC, Public Works Lemoore, Attn: John Dirickson U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, San Joaquin Valley Division, Attn: Sarah Yates CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, Attn: Craig Bailey, Environmental Scientist & R4CEQA@wildlife.ca.gov CA Regional Water Quality Control Board, Attn: Matt Scroggins CALTRANS, Attn: Dave Padilla State Historic Preservation Office, Attn: Lucinda Woodward Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), Attn: Katy Sanchez San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (PIC-CEQA Division), Attn: PIC Supervisor Fresno County Fire Protection District, Attn: Jim McDougald, Division Chief Kings River Conservation District, Attn: Rick Hoelzel Danielle Crider, Planner

FROM: Danielle Crider, Planner Development Services Division SUBJECT: Unclassified Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Application No. 3648, Initial Study Application No. 7611

APPLICANT: Crown Castle

DUE DATE: June 13, 2019

The Department of Public Works and Planning, Development Services and Capital Projects Division, is reviewing the subject applications proposing to allow a new wireless communication facility consisting of a 150-foot-tall lattice tower with panel antennas, microwave antennas, and a 50-foot by 40-foot fenced area to contain related ground equipment on a 1.45-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District. (16629 S. Elm Avenue) (APN: 042-200-06S) (Sup. Dist. 4).

The Department is also reviewing for environmental effects as mandated by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and for conformity with plans and policies of the County.

Based upon this review, a determination will be made regarding conditions to be imposed on the project, including necessary on-site and off-site improvements.

Please return your comments by <u>June 13, 2019</u>. If your agency or department has no comments, please return a "no comments" response. If you need extra time to review the proposed project, please let me know before the comment deadline.

If you have any questions, contact Danielle Crider, Planner, Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning at (559) 600-9669 or at <u>dacrider@fresnocountyca.gov</u>.

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### PROJECT PROPOSED LOCATION Crown Castle Telecommunication Facility 16629 S. Elm Avenue, Caruthers, CA 93609 Site Name: Iva Arthur (831105) APN: 042-200-06S

### **Nature of Request**

Crown Castle seeks a Planning Department approval to build a new wireless telecommunication facility with a lattice tower at 16629 S. Elm Avenue, Caruthers, CA. The purpose of this facility would be to maintain coverage.

### **Property Description**

The subject property is zoned AE-30 (Agricultural Exclusive) and is owned by Iva M Arthur, Trustee.

#### **Project Description**

This is an unmanned telecommunication facility consisting of the installation of a new 150' lattice tower, a 40' x 50' Crown Castle multi-carrier fenced compound consisting of the installation and operation of antennas and associated equipment. This project is located on private property and will continue to provide wireless coverage in the local community as the existing tower will be decommissioned. The installation will not adversely affect the surrounding area and will have no impact on traffic other than during construction activities, which take less than 30.

The proposal includes the following scope of work:

- New 150'-0" tall lattice tower.
- New 40'-0" x 50'-0" chain-link fence with barbed wire equipment enclosure.
- New electrical 400 meter with fused disconnect, intersect cable.
- 9 new antennas (3 per sector).
- 9 new radio remote radios (3 per sector).

#### **Statement of Operations**

This proposed facility will be to replace a currently operating wireless telecommunication facility that we be decommissioned upon construction of a "new" wireless facility to maintain cellular and emergency coverage in the area. This facility will be an unmanned facility operating 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, and 52 weeks per year. There will not be any employees as the facility is unmanned, entirely self-monitored and connects directly to a central office where sophisticated computers alert personnel to any equipment malfunction or breach of security. Upon completion of construction, fine-tuning of the facility may be necessary, meaning the site will be adjusted once or twice a month by a service technician for routine maintenance. Periodic testing and maintenance to keep the facility operational will require a service vehicle to access the property occasionally but no parking spaces will be required. No goods are sold on this facility location, materials to be used for construction are outlined in the zoning drawings included with the zoning package. This facility will





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not cause unsightly appearance in the area as it will be painted to jurisdictional requirements and will not have any solid or liquid waste as well as no requirement for additional water usage. There will be no advertising of the facility but there will be owner, safety, and required signing as set forth by the FCC and local jurisdiction. Two new small buildings will be added within the 100'x100' compound and fencing to house and protect sensitive equipment, fencing with barbed wire will encompass the 100'x100' lease area and tower as a security measure as well as lighting for the top and sides of the 280' lattice tower as required by the FAA and local jurisdiction.

### **Zoning Analysis**

The site of the proposed facility is currently zoned AE-30 (Exclusive Agricultural District). Based on a Pre-App Meeting with Ms. Danielle Crider, of the Fresno County Planning Department, we have been instructed to submit for a Conditional Use Permit which would be taken into consideration by Fresno County staff.

### **Alternative Sites Analysis**

As requested, Beacon Development has provided a separate document for submission to the County of Fresno which identifies all neighboring telecom facilities within roughly a (10+) mile radius. Please understand, even taking into account the topography in this particular area, most cellular systems can only transmit 3-5 miles, depending on a number of factors. Our analysis reflects a number of adjacent sites, most of which are over (8) miles away and would not provide coverage in our requested area coupled with the fact we are requesting to *replace* the tower on the adjacent property. Please note, during our pre-app meeting we discussed Ms. Danielle Crider and discussed the project and process, namely in our review of colocations, using another property with an existing tower would be preferred, but given there are no immediate towers, we need to reflect them on our supplemental report. With the above being said, please find an attached PowerPoint report which reflects our findings.

### **Compliance with Federal Regulations**

Crown Castle (as the owner of the facility) will not only comply with all FCC rules governing construction requirements, technical standards, interference protection, power and height limitations, and radio frequency standards, but ensure our respective tenants do as well. In addition, the company will comply with all FAA rules on site location and operation. We have also provided an EMF Study which reflects our adherence to FCC guidelines for RF exposure.

### Federal Regulations Applicable to This Application

Federal law and the FCC's rules implementing the law require that this permit application be processed to a final decision by this jurisdiction without delay. Specifically, because this application proposes to install new equipment on a new tower outside the public rights of way, this application must be approved or denied within one hundred fifty (150) days from its submission, today.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> In re Petition for Declaratory Ruling to Clarify Provisions of Section 332(c)(7)(B) to Ensure Timely Siting Review, Declaratory Ruling, 24 FCC Rcd. 13994 ¶¶ 32, 45-46 (2009) ("FCC Shot Clock Order"); In the matter of Acceleration of Broadband Deployment By Improving Wireless Facilities Siting Policies, Report and Order, FCC 14-153, WT Docket No. 13-238, ¶ 272 (FCC Oct. 21, 2014) ("Wireless Infrastructure Order") (clarifying that DAS nodes that involve installation of new poles trigger the 150 day shot clock).





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Moreover, pursuant to FCC regulations, this application is deemed complete 30 days after today, unless written notice is provided to the applicant.<sup>2</sup> If the application is incomplete, within the next 30 days written notice must be provided specifying any items missing to make the application complete.<sup>3</sup> For each item missing, the written notice must specify the code provision, ordinance, application instruction, or otherwise publicallystated procedure that requires the submission of the information.<sup>4</sup>

The Telecommunications Act limits the authority of local jurisdictions by, among other restrictions, requiring approval within a reasonable period of time. In submitting this application, Crown Castle expressly reserves all of its Federal and State Rights, including, without limitation, its rights under federal and state law to challenge the requirement for a discretionary permit for its proposed installation. Neither the act of submitting the application nor anything contained therein shall be construed as a waiver of any such rights.

Please send all written requests for additional information regarding this application to:

Jason F. Osborne Beacon Development, LLC 3 Rovina Lane Petaluma, CA 94952 (415) 529-8868 mbl jason@beacondev.net



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Wireless Infrastructure Order at ¶¶ 257, 259.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Wireless Infrastructure Order at ¶¶ 259-260.



# **County of Fresno**

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

### **INITIAL STUDY APPLICATION**

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Answer all questions completely. An incomplete form may delay processing of your application. Use additional paper if necessary and attach any supplemental information to this form. Attach an operational statement if appropriate. This application will be distributed to several agencies and persons to determine the potential environmental effects of your proposal. Please complete the form in a legible and reproducible manner (i.e., USE BLACK INK OR TYPE). OFFICE USE ONLY IS No. 7611 Project No(s). CUP 3648 Application Rec'd.: 5/29/19

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Property	Owner <u>: Iva M Arthur, Trustee</u>		Phone/Fax:			
Mailing Address:_	16629 S Elm	Caruthers		CA 93609		
	Street	City		State/Zip		
Applicant	t : <u>Jason Osborne on behalf of C</u>	Crown Castle	Phone/Fa	ıx: <u>(415) 529-8868</u>		
Mailing Address:_	3 Rovina Lane	Petaluma		CA 94952		
	Street	City		State/Zip		
Represent	tative: <u>Jason Osborne – Beaco</u>	n Development	Phone/Fax:	(415) 529-8868		
Mailing Address:_	3 Rovina Lane	Petaluma		CA 94952		
	Street	City		State/Zip		

- 5. Project Location: The South 150 feet of the North 200 feet of the East 420 feet of the South one-half of said North-east Quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of said Section 33, Township 16 South, Range 20 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, in the City of Fresno, County of Fresno, State of California.
- 6. Project Address: <u>16629 S Elm, Caruthers, CA 93609</u>
- 7. Section/Township/Range: <u>33 / 16 S / 20 E</u> 8. Parcel Size: <u>1.446 acres</u>
- 9. Assessor's Parcel No. 042-200-06S

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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND CAPITAL PROJECTS DIVISION

- 10. Land Conservation Contract No. (If applicable): <u>N/A</u>
- 11. What other agencies will you need to get permits or authorization from:

LAFCo (annexation or extension of services)	 SJVUAPCD (Air Pollution Control District)
CALTRANS	 Reclamation Board
Division of Aeronautics	 Department of Energy
Water Quality Control Board	 Airport Land Use Commission
Other/A	

- 12. Will the project utilize Federal funds or require other Federal authorization subject to the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes X\_\_\_ No
- 13. Existing Zone District<sup>1</sup>: <u>AE-30</u>

14. Existing General Plan Land Use Designation<sup>1</sup>: <u>AE</u>

### **ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION**

15. Present land use: <u>AGRICULTURE</u> Describe existing physical improvements including buildings, water (wells) and sewage facilities, roads, and lighting. Include a site plan or map showing these improvements:

Describe the major vegetative cover:

Any perennial or intermittent water courses? If so, show on map:\_\_\_\_\_

Is property in a flood-prone area? Describe:

NO

16. Describe surrounding land uses (e.g., commercial, agricultural, residential, school, etc.):

North: <u>AGRICULTURE</u>

South: AGRICULTURE

East: COMMERCIAL

West: AGRICULTURE

- 17. What land use(s) in the area may be impacted by your Project?: <u>N/A</u>
- 18. What land use(s) in the area may impact your project?: <u>N/A</u>
- 19. Transportation:
  - NOTE: The information below will be used in determining traffic impacts from this project. The data may also show the need for a Traffic Impact Study (TIS) for the project.
  - Will additional driveways from the proposed project site be necessary to access public roads? *A*. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes <u>X</u>\_\_\_ No
  - *B*. Daily traffic generation:

Residential - Number of Units	0
Lot Size	0
Single Family	0
Apartments	0
Commercial - Number of Employees	0
Number of Salesmen	0
Number of Delivery Trucks	0
Total Square Footage of Building	0
	Lot Size Single Family Apartments Commercial - Number of Employees Number of Salesmen Number of Delivery Trucks

III. Describe and quantify other traffic generation activities: <u>N/A</u>

20. Describe any source(s) of noise from your project that may affect the surrounding area: N/A

21. Describe any source(s) of noise in the area that may affect your project: <u>N/A</u>

22. Describe the probable source(s) of air pollution from your project: <u>N/A</u>

23. Proposed source of water: N/A () private well () community system<sup>3</sup>--name: <u>OVER</u>......

24.	Anticipated volume of water to be used (gallons per day) <sup>2</sup> : <u>N/A</u>
25.	Proposed method of liquid waste disposal: N/A ( ) septic system/individual ( ) community system <sup>3</sup> -name
26.	Estimated volume of liquid waste (gallons per day) <sup>2</sup> : <u>N/A</u>
27.	Anticipated type(s) of liquid waste: <u>N/A</u>
28.	Anticipated type(s) of hazardous wastes <sup>2</sup> : <u>N/A</u>
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30.	Proposed method of hazardous waste disposal <sup>2</sup> : <u>N/A</u>
<i>31</i> .	Anticipated type(s) of solid waste: <u>N/A</u>
<i>32</i> .	Anticipated amount of solid waste (tons or cubic yards per day): <u>N/A</u>
33	Anticipated amount of waste that will be recycled (tons or cubic yards per day):
34.	Proposed method of solid waste disposal: <u>N/A</u>
35.	Fire protection district(s) serving this area:FRESNO COUNTY
36.	Has a previous application been processed on this site? If so, list title and date: <u>NO</u>
<i>37</i> .	Do you have any underground storage tanks (except septic tanks)? Yes NoX
38.	If yes, are they currently in use? Yes No
To	THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE.
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<sup>1</sup>Refer to Development Services and Capital Projects Conference Checklist <sup>2</sup>For assistance, contact Environmental Health System, (559) 600-3357 <sup>3</sup>For County Service Areas or Waterworks Districts, contact the Resources Division, (559) 600-4259

(Revised 12/14/18)

## NOTICE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

### **INDEMNIFICATION AND DEFENSE**

The Board of Supervisors has adopted a policy that applicants should be made aware that they may be responsible for participating in the defense of the County in the event a lawsuit is filed resulting from the County's action on your project. You may be required to enter into an agreement to indemnify and defend the County if it appears likely that litigation could result from the County's action. The agreement would require that you deposit an appropriate security upon notice that a lawsuit has been filed. In the event that you fail to comply with the provisions of the agreement, the County may rescind its approval of the project.

### STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE FEE

State law requires that specified fees (effective January 1, 2019: \$3,271.00 for an EIR; \$2,354.75 for a Mitigated/Negative Declaration) be paid to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for projects which must be reviewed for potential adverse effect on wildlife resources. The County is required to collect the fees on behalf of CDFW. A \$50.00 handling fee will also be charged, as provided for in the legislation, to defray a portion of the County's costs for collecting the fees.

The following projects are exempt from the fees:

- 1. All projects statutorily exempt from the provisions of CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act).
- 2. All projects categorically exempt by regulations of the Secretary of Resources (State of California) from the requirement to prepare environmental documents.

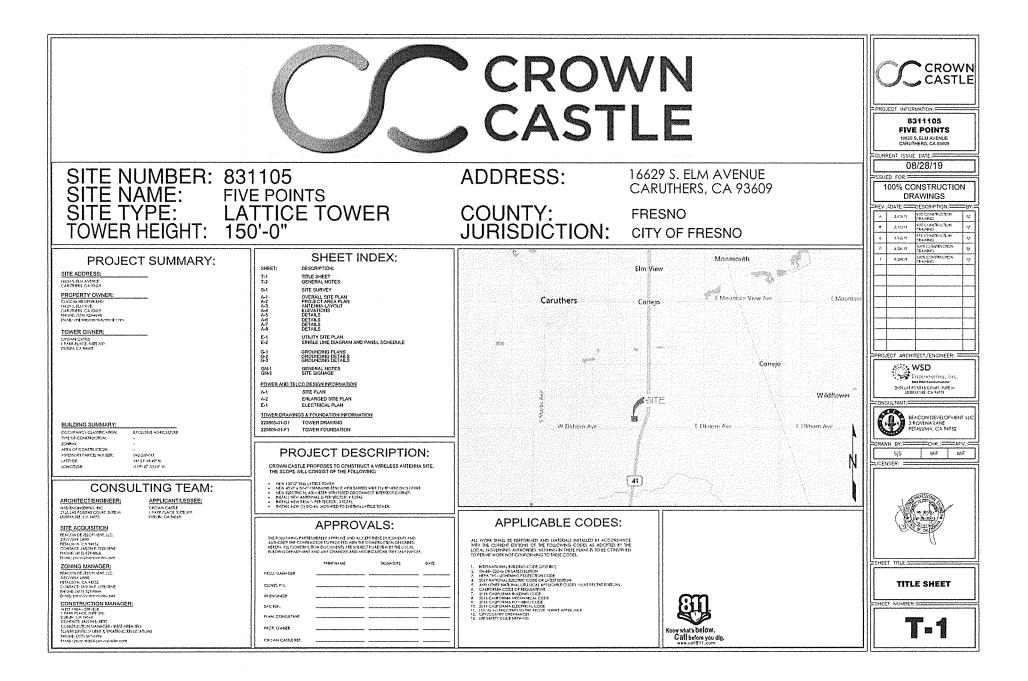
A fee exemption may be issued by CDFW for eligible projects determined by that agency to have "no effect on wildlife." That determination must be provided in advance from CDFW to the County at the request of the applicant. You may wish to call the local office of CDFW at (559) 222-3761 if you need more information.

Upon completion of the Initial Study you will be notified of the applicable fee. Payment of the fee will be required before your project will be forwarded to the project analyst for scheduling of any required hearings and final processing. The fee will be refunded if the project should be denied by the County.

Applicant's Signature

<u>4/12/19</u> **Date** 

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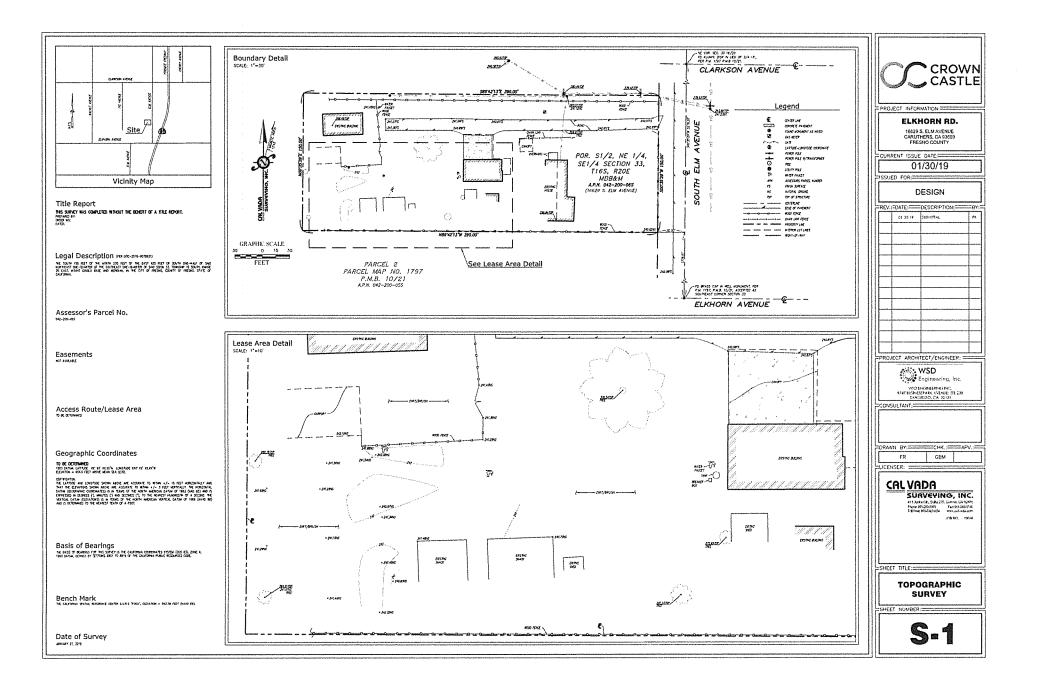
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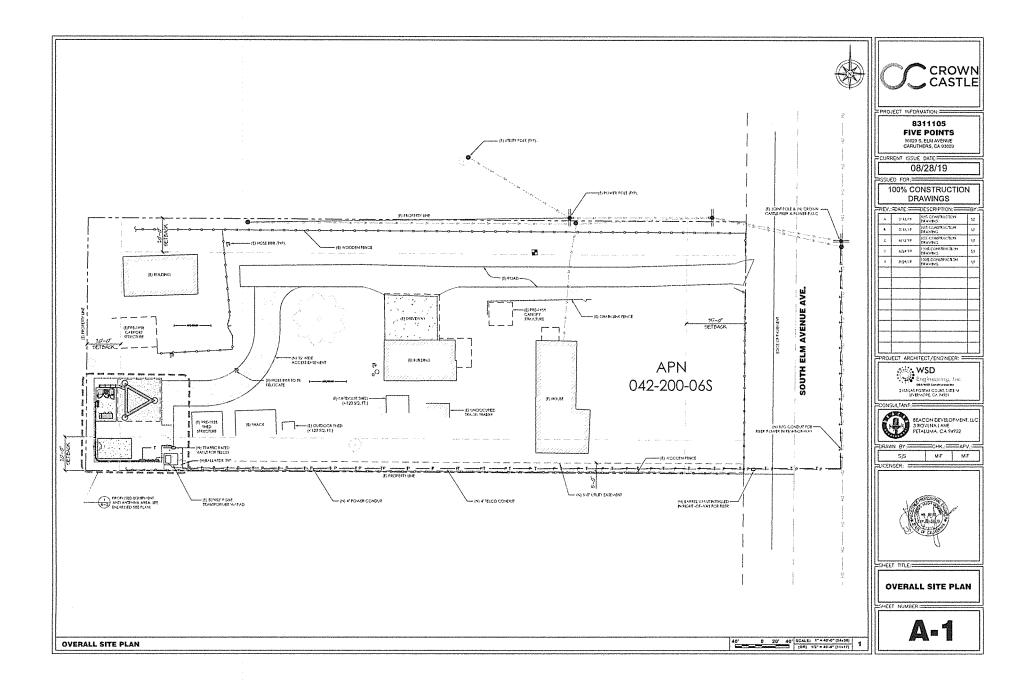
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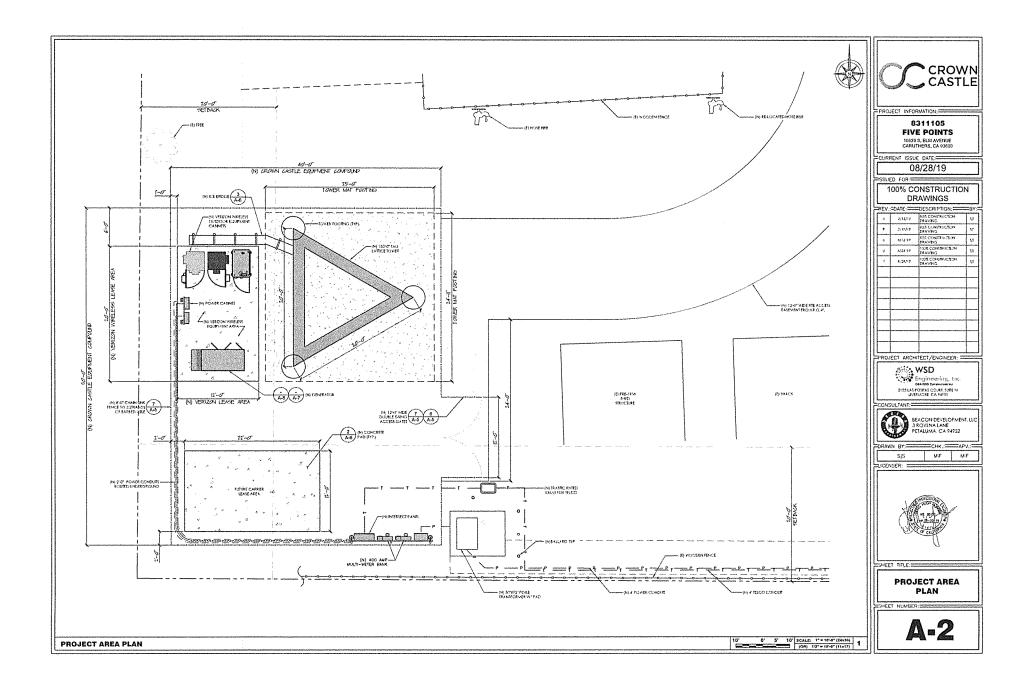
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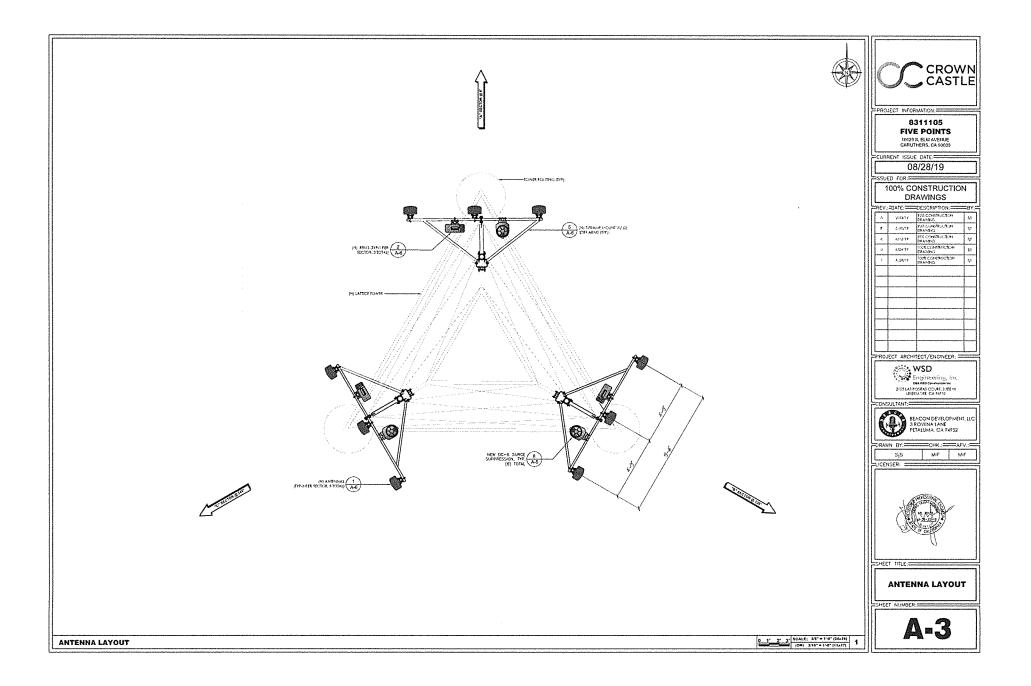
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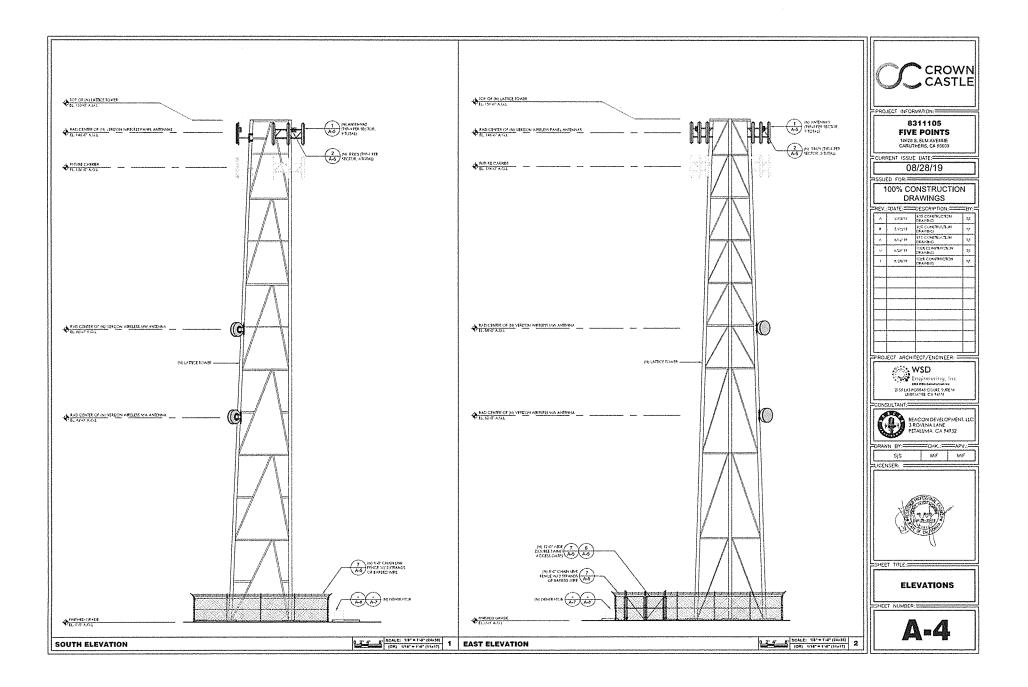


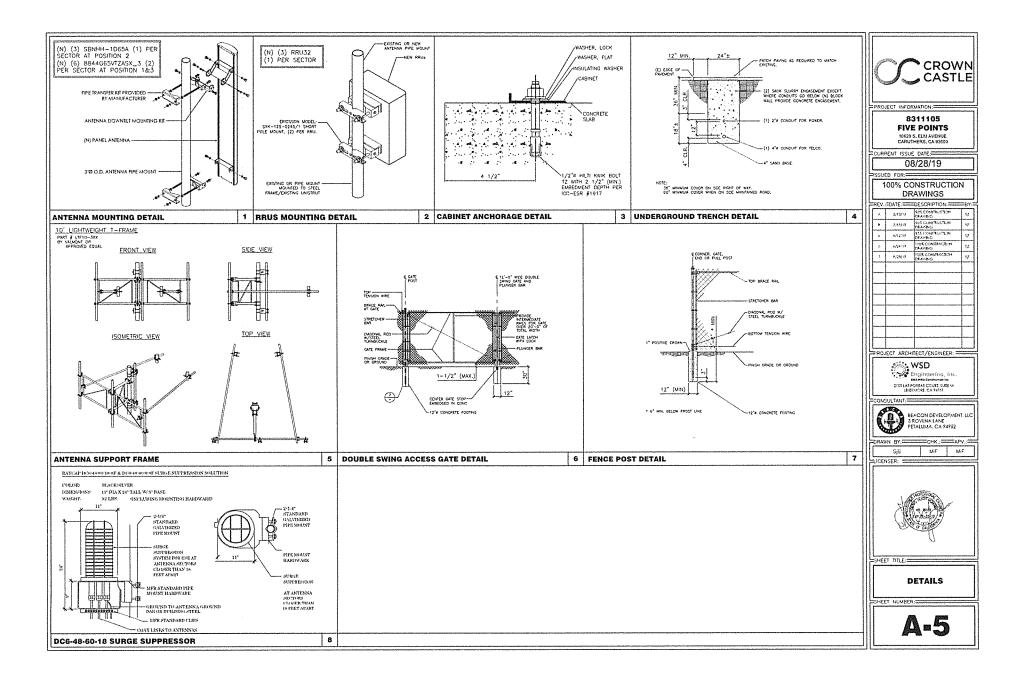


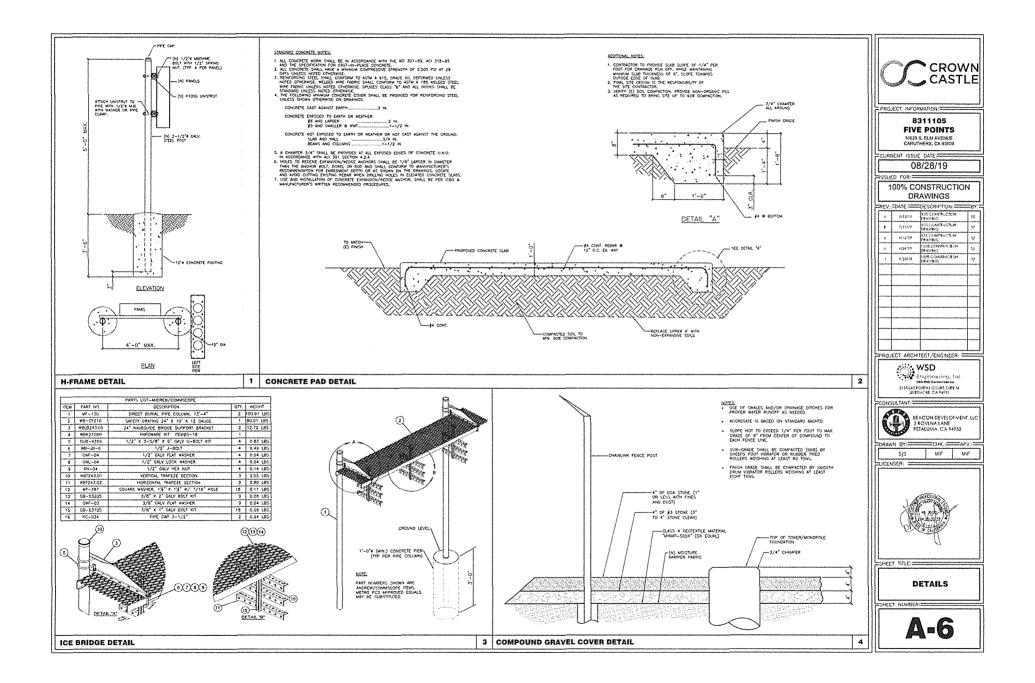


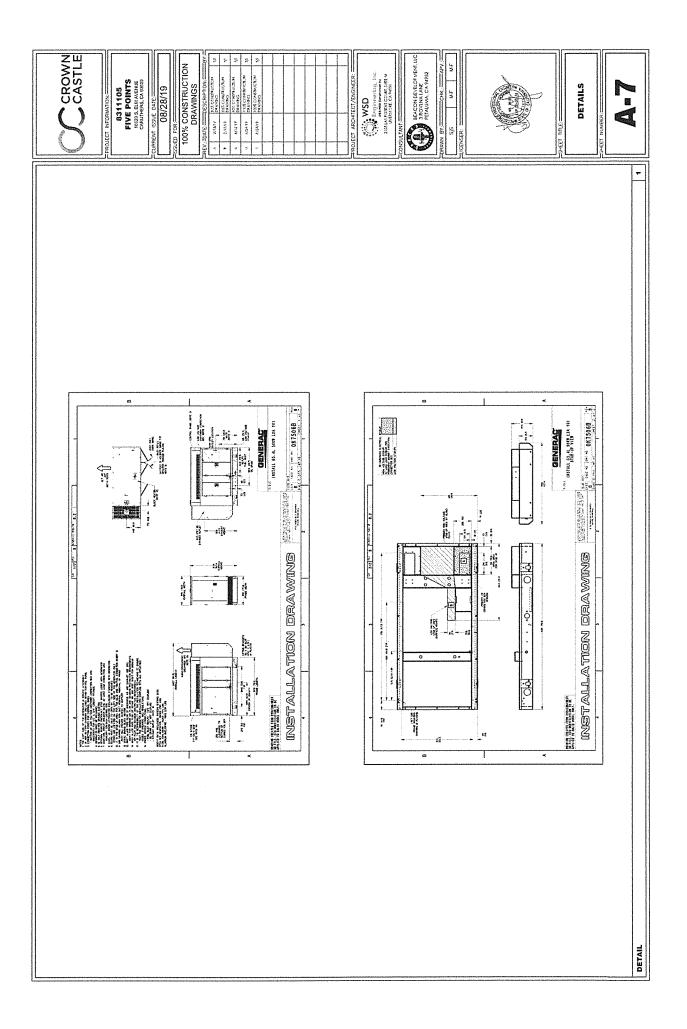


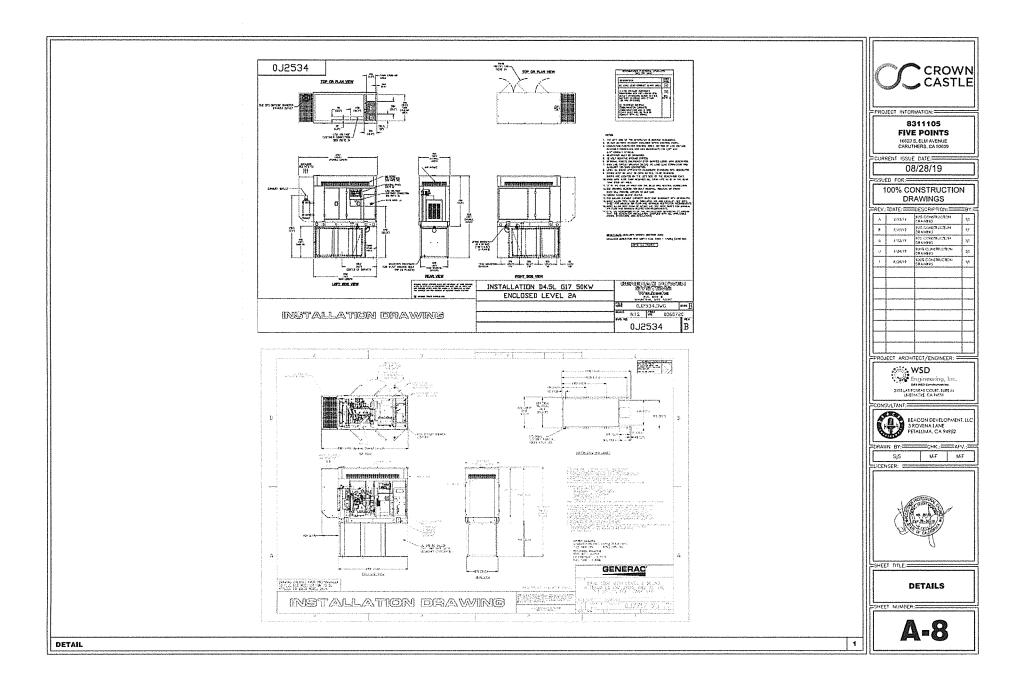


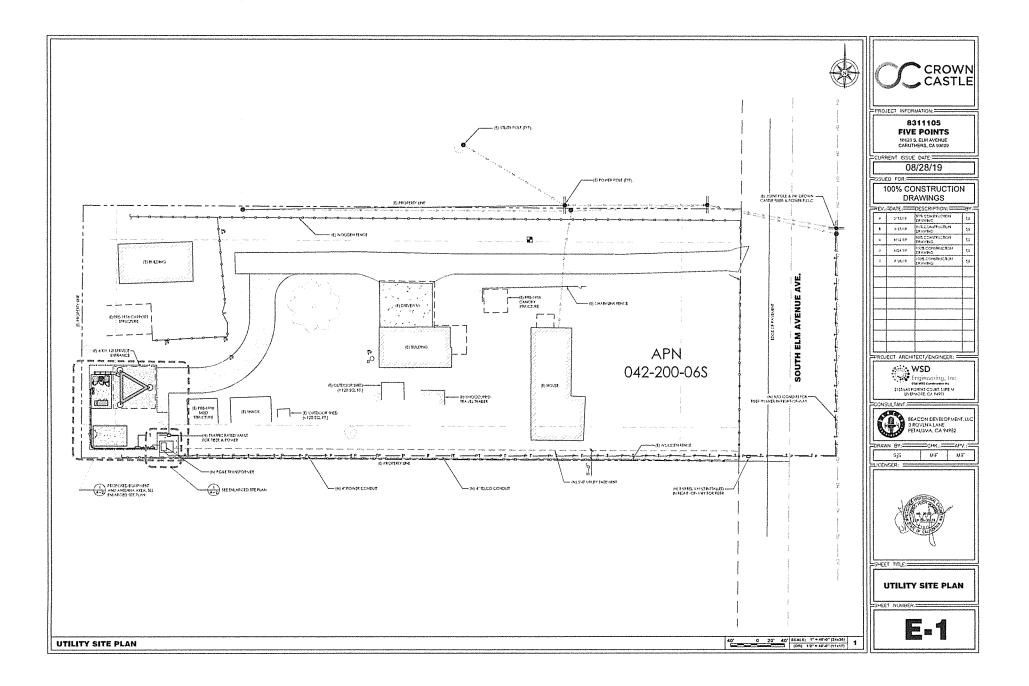


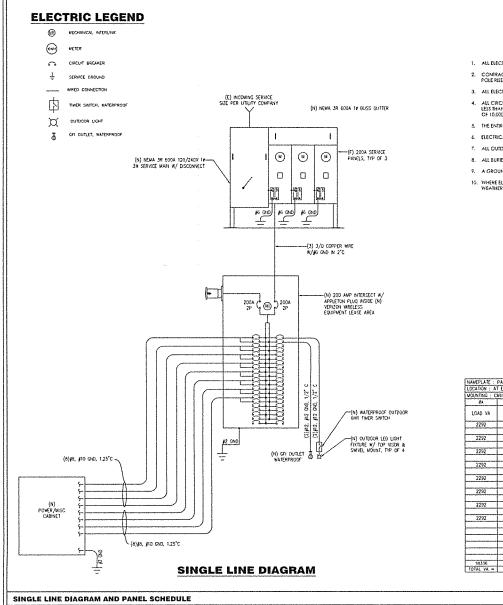












#### ELECTRIC NOTES

1. ALL ELECTRICAL WORK SHALL CONFORM TO THE NEC AS WELL AS ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND LOCAL CODES.

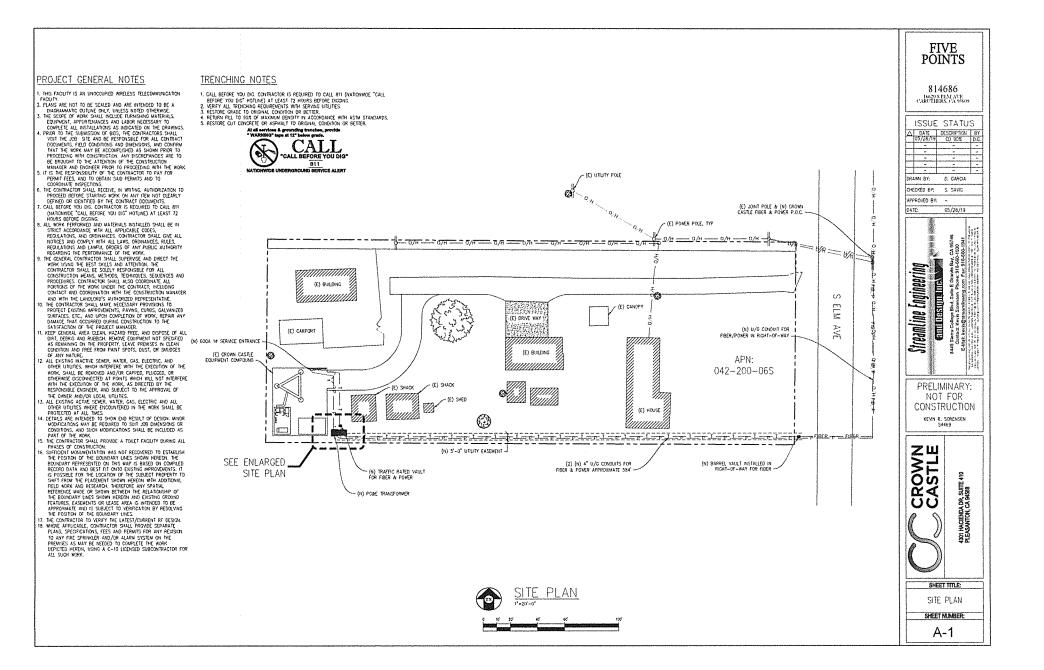
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- 3. ALL ELECTRICAL ITEMS SHALL BE ULI APPROVED OR LISTED AND PROCURED PER PLAN SPECIFICATIONS,
- 4. ALL CIRCUIT BREAKERS, FUSES, AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT SHA, HAVE AN INTERRUPTION RATING NOT LESS THAN THE MAXIMUM SHORT CIRCUIT CURRENT TO WHICH THEY MAY BE SUBJECTED WITH A NUMMUM OF 10.000 ALL CO RAS REQUERED.
- 5. THE ENTIRE ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION SHALL BE GROUNDED AS REQUIRED BY A APPLICABLE CODES.
- 6. ELECTRICAL WIRING SHALL BE COPPER #12 MBY WITH TYPE XHHW, THWN, OR THHN INSULATION.
- 7. ALL OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT SHALL HAVE NEWA 3R ENCLOSURE.
- 8. ALL BURIED WIRE SHALL RUN THROUGH SCHEDULE 40 PVC CONDUIT UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
- 9. A GROUND WIRE IS TO BE PULLED IN ALL CONDUITS.
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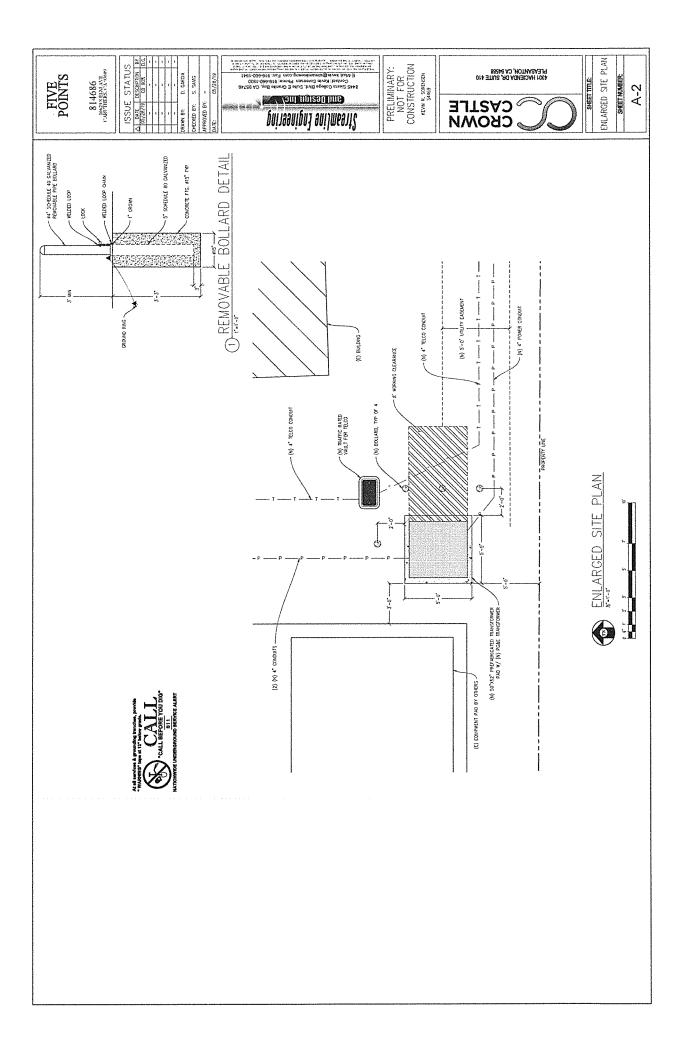


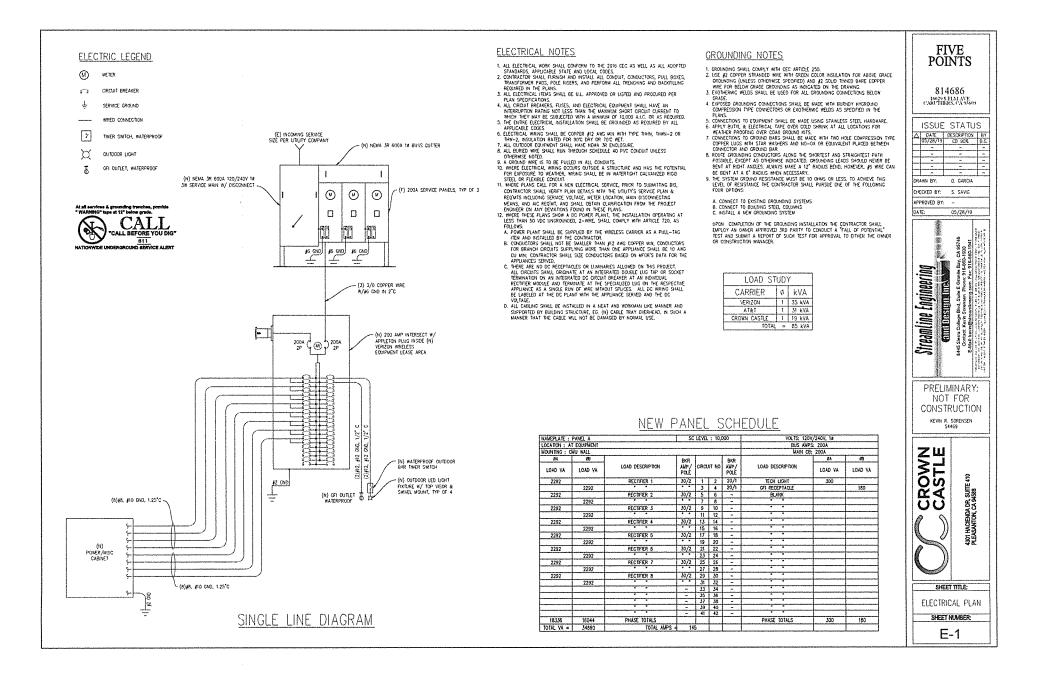
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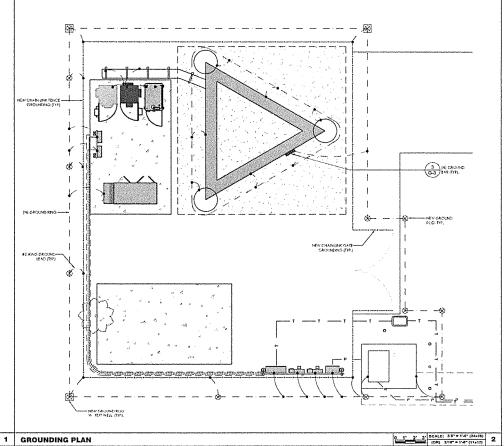
- 1. ALL DETAILS ARE SHOWN IN GENERAL TERMS, ACTUAL GROUNDING INSTALLATION AND CONSTRUCTION MAY VARY DUE TO SITE SPECIFIC CONDITIONS.
- GROUND ALL ANIENNA BASES. FRANES, CAREE RUNS, AND OTHER METALIC COMPONENTS USING A2 GROUND WIRES AND CONNECT TO STREET MOUNTED GROUND BUIS BASE AS SHOWN, FOLLOW ANTENNA AND BIS ANAUFACITURERS PRACTICES FOR GROUNDOWS REQUEREMINS, GROUND COAX SHEET AS TO HER SYSTEMS SHALL BE BONDED TOGETHER.
- ALL GROUND CONNECTIONS SHALL BE #2 AWG U.N.O. ALL WRES SHALL BE COPPER THRIN/THWN, ALL GROUND WRES SHALL BE SOLID THIN COATED OR STRANDED GREEN INSULATED WIRE.
- 4. CONTRACTOR TO VERIEY AND TEST GROUND TO SOURCE. S OHN'S MAXIMUM, PROVIDE SUPPLEMENT GROUNDING RODS AS REQUIRED TO ACHEVE SECTIED OHN'S READING, GROUNDING AND OTHER OPTICMAL TESTING WILL BE WITNESSED BY THE CARKER REPRESENTATIVE.
- 5. NOTIFY ARCHITECT/ENGINEER IF THERE ANY ANY DIFFICULTIES INSTALLING GROUND SYSTEM DUE TO SITE SOIL CONDITIONS.
- 6. BARE GROUNDING CONDUCTOR SHALL BE HARD DRAWN TINNED COPPER SILES AS NOTED ON PLANS,
- 7. ALL HORIZONTALLY RUN GROUNDING CONDUCTORS SHALL BE INSTALLED MINIMUM 307 BELOW GRADE/FROST LINE IN TRENCH, U.N.O., AND BACK RUL SHALL BE COMPACTED AS REQUIRED BY ARCHITECT.
- B. ALL GROUND CONDUCTORS SHALL BE RUN AS STRAIGHT AND SHORT AS POSSIBLE. WITH A MH4MUM 12' BENDING RADIUS NOT LESS THAN 90 DEGREES.
- 9. ALL SUPPORT STRUCTURES, CABLE CHANNEL WAYS OR WIRE GUIDES SHALL BE BONDED TO GROUND SYSTEM AT A POINT NEAREST THE MAIN GROUNDING BUS "MGB" (OR DIRECTLY TO GROUND-RING)
- ACCEPTABLE CONNECTIONS FOR GROUNDING SYSTEM SHALL BE: a BURNDY, HY-GRADE UL. LISTED CONNECTORS FOR REDOOR USE OR AS APPROVED BY PROJECT MANAGER. b. CONVELD. DXICHERUCK VERLS (WELED CONNERCTIONS).
   CTWO (2) HOLE THINED COPPER CONFRESSION (LONG BARREL) FITTINGS (BUS BAR CONNECTIONS).
- ALL CRIMPED CONNECTIONS SHALL HAVE EMBOSSED MANUFACTURER'S DEMARK VISIBLE AT THE CRIMP (RESULTING FROM USE OF PROPER CRIMPING DEVICES).
- PRIOR TO ANY LUG-BUIJBAR CONNECTIONS, THE BUISBAR SHALL BE CLEANED BY USE OF "SCOTCH-BRITE" OR PLAIN STEEL WOOL AS TO FENORY ALL SUBFICE COMDATION AND CONTAMINANTS, A COATING OF "NO-OX-ID" SHALL BE APPLIED TO THE CONNECTIONS SUBFICES.
- 13. ALL CONNECTION HARDWARE SHALL BE TYPE 316 55 (NOT ATTRACTED TO MAGNETS).

**GROUNDING NOTES** 

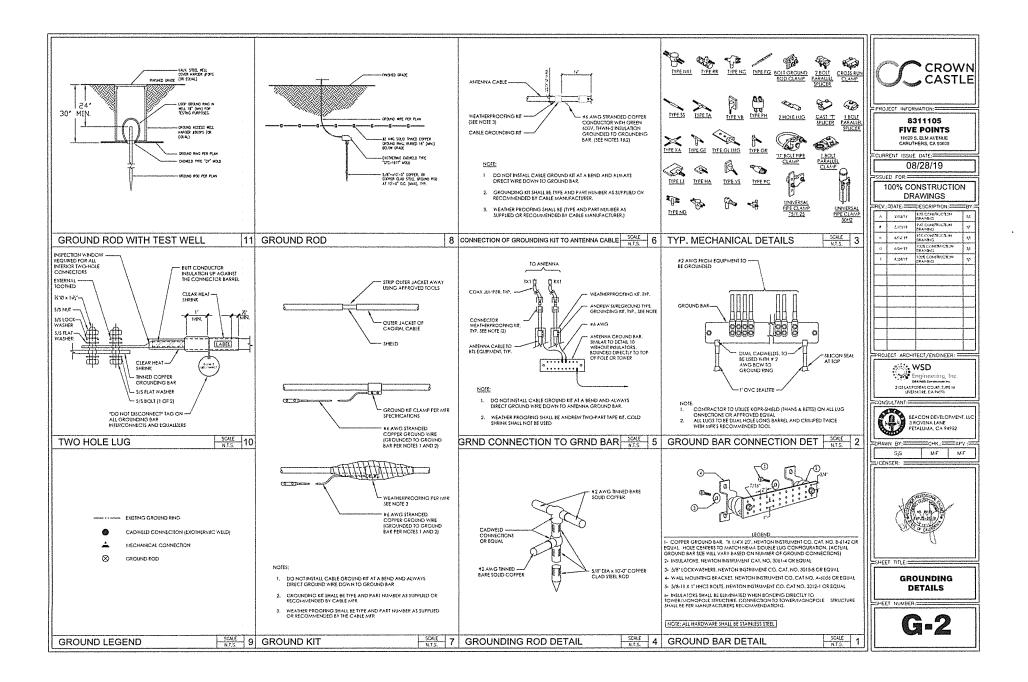
- 14. THE GROUND RING SHALL BE INSTALLED 24" MIRIMUM BEYOND ANY BUILDING DRIP LINE,
- 15. ELECTRICAL SERVICE EQUIPMENT GROUNDING SHALL COMPLY WITH NEC. ARTICLE 250-82 AND SHALL BOND ALL EXISTING AND NEW GROUND ELECTRODES, NEW GROUNDING BECTRODE SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO GROUND PODS, GROUND SHOR 5' SERVICE BUTTINH THE RADIO CUMPMENT (COATHONS, BUILDING STEEL & APPLICABLE, COID WATER CORNIECTIONS MUST BE MADE ON THE STREET SIDE OF MAIN SHUT-OFF VALVE.

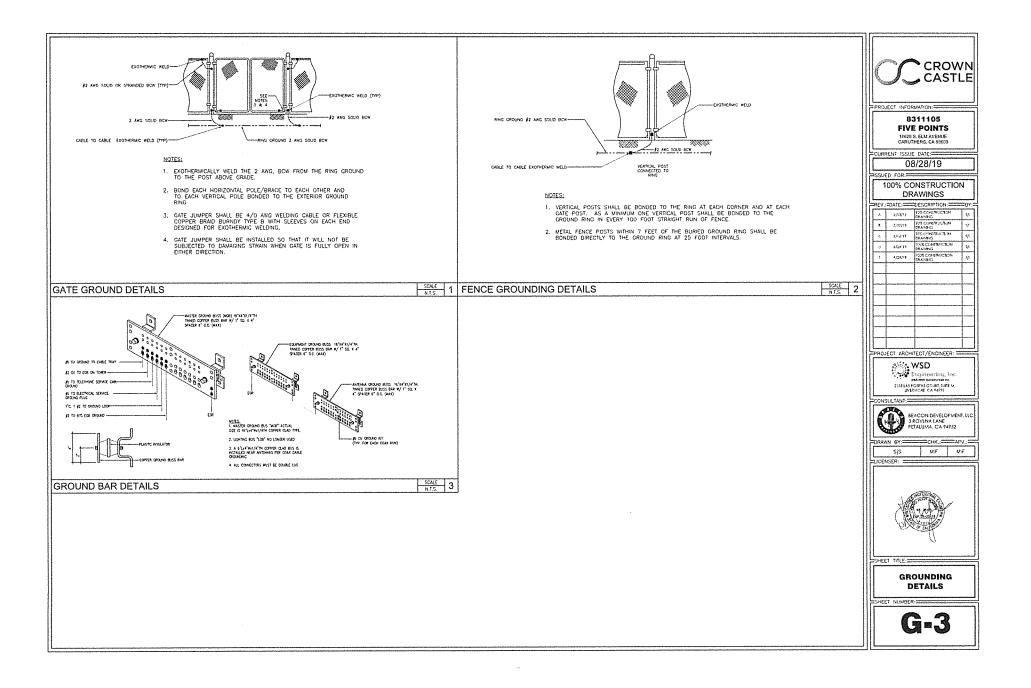
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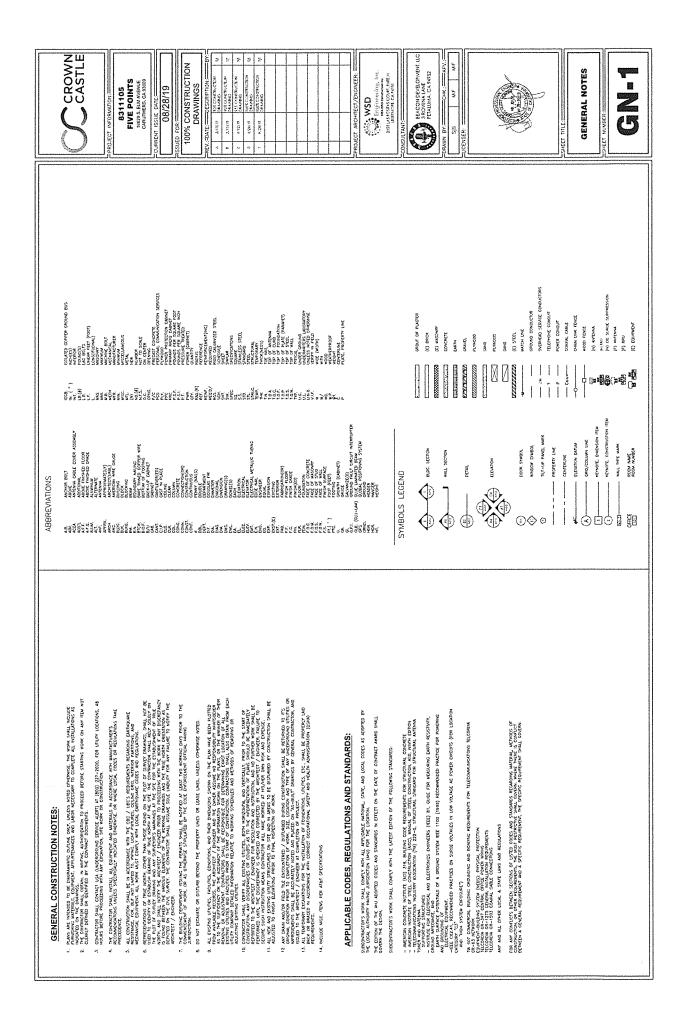
- O MECHANICAL CONNECTION
- CADWELD EXOTHERMIC CADWELD
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- TYP " DIA. X 10"-0" LONG COFFER CLAD GROUND ROO 0 10" D.C. MAX & 18" MIN BELOW FINISH GRADE
- TYP #2 TINNED BOW UNDERGROUND GND RING & 18"
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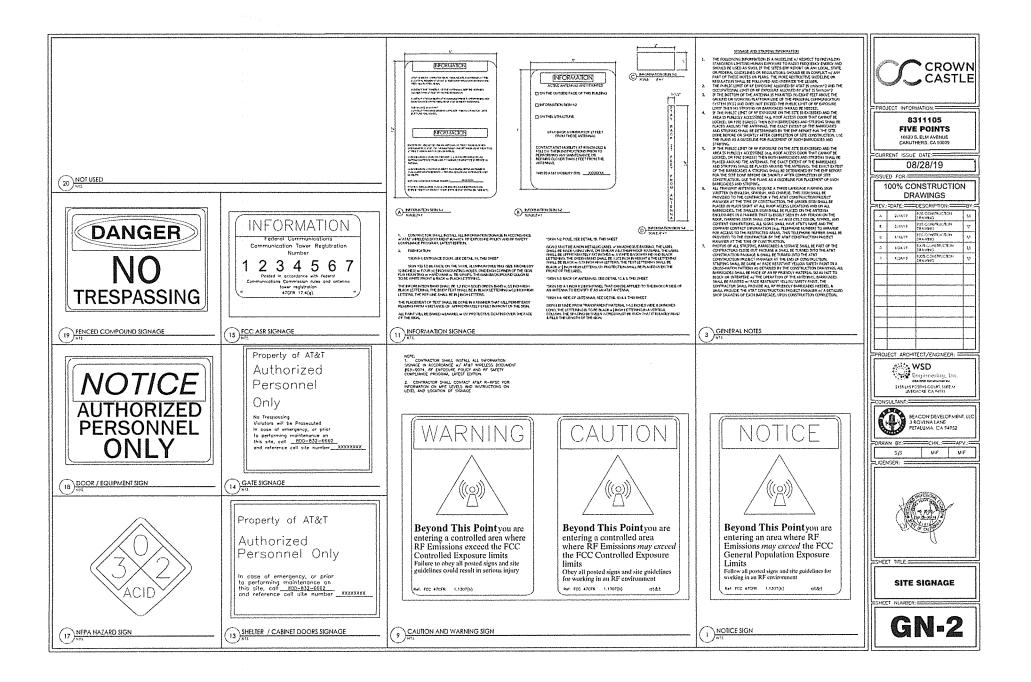


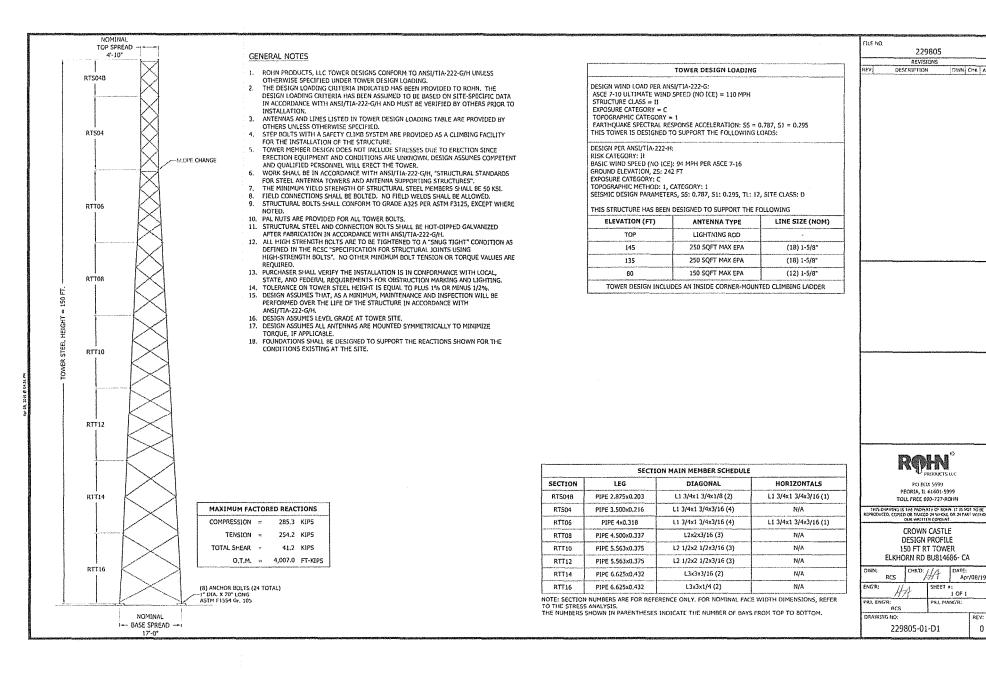












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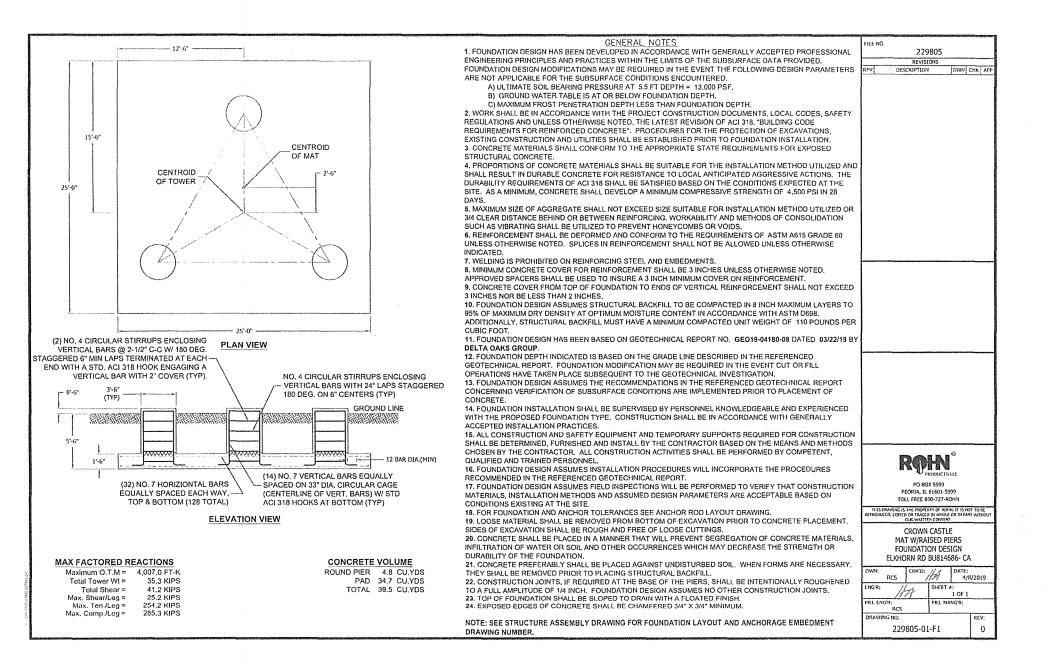
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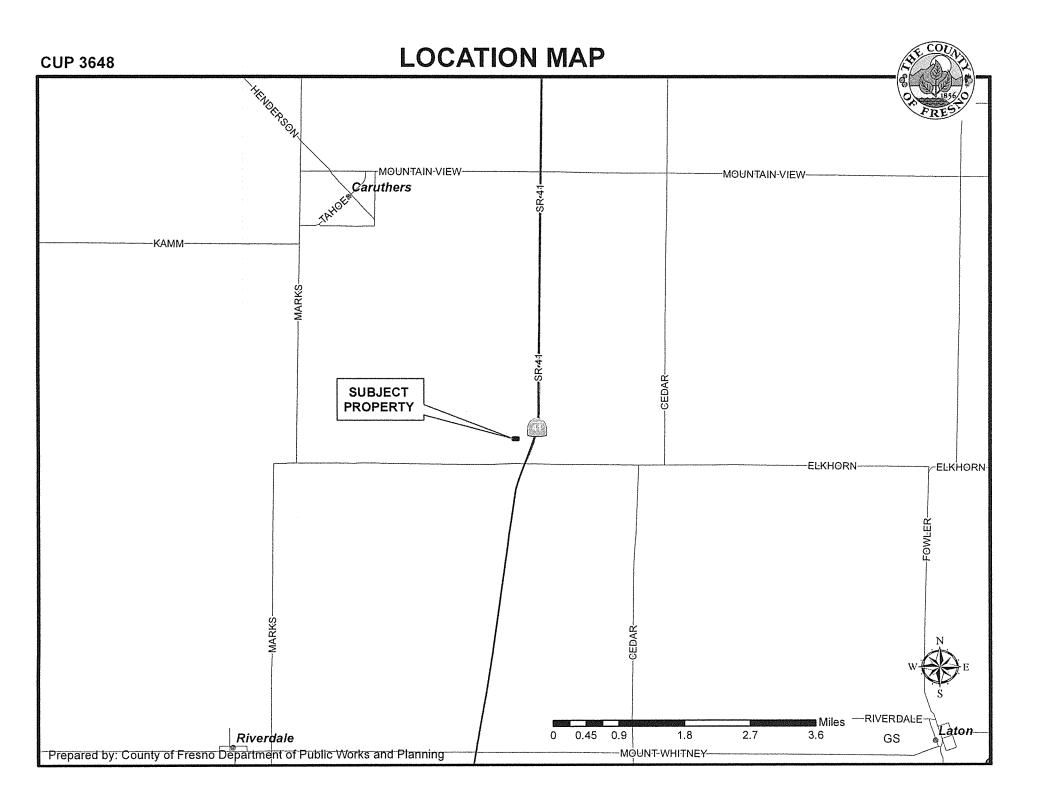
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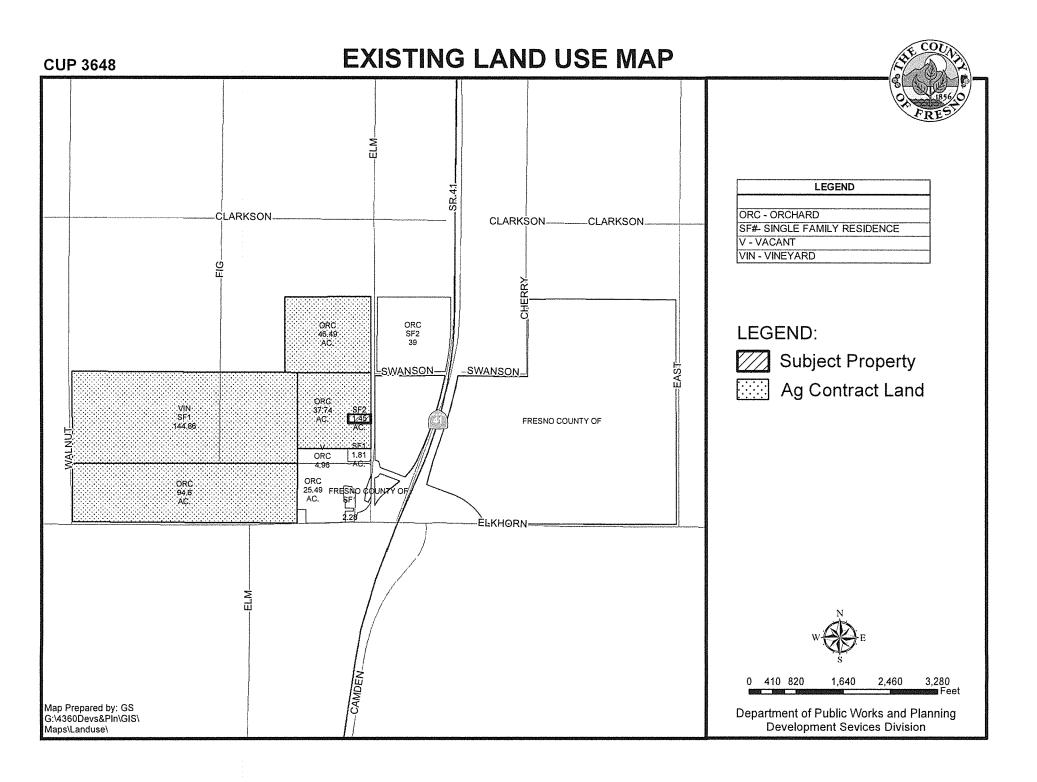
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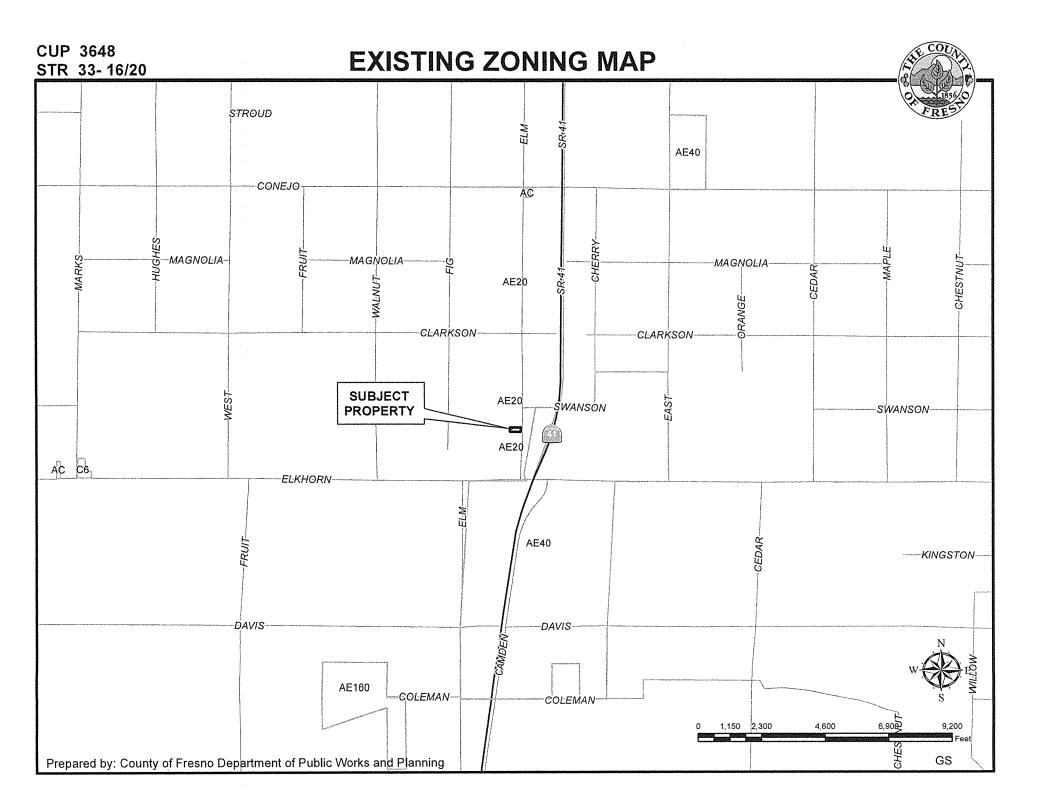
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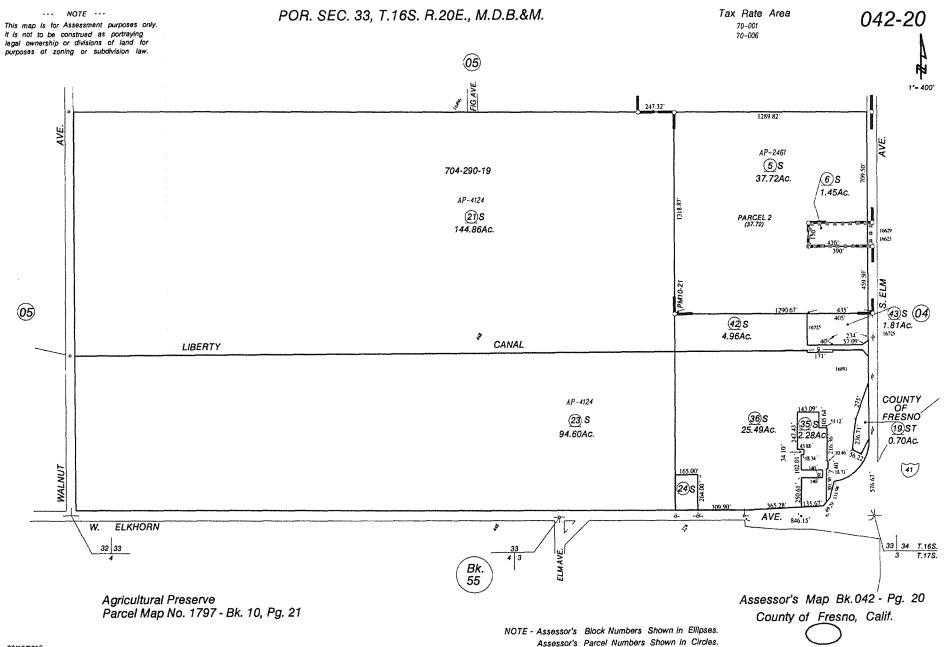
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