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Cc: Sheikhali, Monet; Murray, Susie; Janusek, Mike; Hartman, Suzanne
Subject: Late Correspondence - Item 8.2 - DRB January 18, 2024
Attachments: Resolution - Revised.docx

Hello again,

There was one slight adjustment needed to the resolution, so I have attached the most recent one that will be included on the agenda.

Thank you,

Krystal Camp | Administrative Secretary

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- INFORMATION ONLY – DO NOT REPLY ALL -

Dear Chair Jones-Carter and Members of the Design Review Board,

Please see attached late correspondence for item 8.2 – New Verizon Wireless Telecommunication Tower, including a revised staff report, a revised Resolution, and late community correspondence.

I will be sending an additional email containing late correspondence for item 8.3. The files were too large to send in the same email. Please keep an eye out for it to arrive shortly after this one.

This will also be added to the agenda.

Thank you!

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to the urgent attention of
Santa Rosa California City Attorney Teresa Stricker

Verizon needs to erect a 69 foot tall cell tower
(telecommunications tower - monopine tree pole)
at 244 Colgan Ave. including:
a large microwave dish
a 30 KW diesel generator
13 antennas
8 radio units
6 surge suppressors
6 hybrid cables
4 outdoor equipment cabinets
400 A PB+E service, access, utilities
and a 6 foot tall chain link fence enclosure

the
next
meeting
is
Jan. 18 2024
Thursday

This is entirely inadvisable and inappropriate
in such a highly populated area.

It is a clear imminent obvious danger / threat
to the health, safety, welfare of thousands
of people that would be adversely effected
currently and in the future.

This includes all the hundreds thousands
of people who shop at / patronize the many
businesses at Santa Rosa Market Place -
(shopping center / mall) - and all the
other businesses in the immediate vicinity
i.e. Costco
Best Buy
Target
etc, etc, etc,

contid.

and all the many residents who reside
in the immediate and nearby vicinity —

i.e. Vintage Park Senior Apts.

La Esplanade Apts,
Colgan Mobile Home Park
Best Western Motel
Several houses / homes
etc.

I ask that you read the book
The Body Electric, review the applicable
scientific literature, confer with
cardiologists, neurologists, ^{hematologists} immunologists, etc
re: the hazards.

Surely you would not want this equipment
in the immediate vicinity of your home
— front yard, back yard, or across the
street from your home.

Therefore I ask that you respect
— and protect — the persons who reside
in the vicinity of 244 Colgan Ave
and those who shop at Santa Fe Plaza Market Place
— Costco, etc.

I ask that you confer with the Planning
Commission to not grant the

Verizon application no. PRJ 23-009.

No amount of money can suffice ^{compensate} for the
purposeful, intentional, unnecessary harm of
oz to human beings. For the city of Santa Fe
to be complicit surely has liability repercussions.
Thank you for your time and attention to this ^{important} urgent matter.

Submitted by
a concerned citizen
on behalf of the many many
people that would be adversely
effected if this application
would be granted.

I prefer to remain
anonymous for privacy reasons
and because I do not want
to suffer any retaliation from
Verizon or anyone else.

I hope you understand
and appreciate that,

Thank you.

TRUST IN THE
Lord
WITH ALL YOUR
Heart

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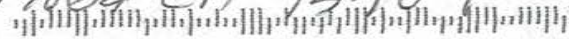
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RESOLUTION NO. PRJ23-009

RESOLUTION OF THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA GRANTING DESIGN REVIEW APPROVAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 69-FOOT-TALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER AND ASSOCIATED GROUND EQUIPMENT - LOCATED AT 244 COLGAN AVENUE, APN: 044-011-053 - FILE NO. PRJ23-009

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2023, an application was submitted requesting the approval of a Conditional Use Permit for a 69-foot-tall monopine (wireless telecommunication tower) with supporting ground equipment, behind a 7-foot, 2-inch tall chain-link and barbed-wire fence, to be located at 244 Colgan Avenue, also identified as Sonoma County Assessor's Parcel Number 044-011-053 (Project Site); and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2023, an application was submitted requesting the approval of a Design Review Permit for of a new 69-foot-tall monopine (wireless telecommunication tower) with supporting ground equipment, behind a 7-foot, 2-inch tall chain-link and barbed-wire fence, to be located at 244 Colgan Avenue, also identified as Sonoma County Assessor's Parcel Number 044-011-053; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2023, a Notice of Application was mailed to residents within 600-feet of the project site; and

WHEREAS, Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the “Act”), Federal law requires that requests to authorize the installation of wireless communications equipment must be acted upon in a “reasonable period of time”, which was later determined to be 150 days; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has largely preempted local government regulation in the area of Radio Frequency (RF) emissions, making the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) the federal agency responsible for setting nationwide guidelines for safe RF levels, and severely limiting local authority to regulate RF emissions or to deny an application to install wireless service facilities based on concerns about RF emissions; and

WHEREAS, federal law specifically provides that “no state or local government or instrumentality thereof may regulate the placement, construction and modification of personal wireless service facilities on the basis of the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions to the extent that such facilities comply with the Federal Communications Commission’s regulations concerning such emissions” (47 U.S.C. §332(c)(7)(B)(iv)); and

WHEREAS, federal courts have also held that the FCC has exclusive jurisdiction over RF interference issues and thus local zoning ordinances and permit conditions cannot regulate RF interference (Southwestern Bell Wireless v. Johnson County Board of County Commissioners, 199F. 3d 1185 (10th Cir. 1999)); and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2023, the applicant accepted City staff’s request for a Tolling Agreement that would extend the review timeframe and shot clock of this project from November 28, 2023, to January 15, 2024, to allow this project to be scheduled for the two required Public Hearings; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2023, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on the application, which, at the request of the applicant, was continued to a date certain of January 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2023, the City and the applicant entered into an amended Tolling Agreement that would extend the review timeframe and shot clock of this project from, January 15, 2024, to February 2, 2024, to allow this project to be re-scheduled for the two required Public Hearings; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2023, the Design Review Board held a duly noticed public hearing on the application, which, at the request of the applicant, was continued to a date certain of January 18, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2024, the Planning Commission considered the application, the staff reports, oral and written, the General Plan and zoning on the subject property, the testimony, written comments, and other materials presented at the public hearing and approved the Conditional Use Permit for the proposed use, subject to a 10-day appeal period; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2024, the Design Review Board held a duly noticed public hearing on the application at which all those wishing to be heard were allowed to speak or present written comments and other materials; and

WHEREAS, the Design Review Board has considered the application, the staff reports, oral and written, the General Plan and zoning on the subject property, the testimony, written comments, and other materials presented at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Design Review Board, at the same time considered written and oral reports of staff, testimony, and other evidence presented by all those who wished to be heard on the matter; and

WHEREAS, the Design Review Board, after due consideration of all evidence and reports offered for review, does find and determine the following:

1. The design and layout of the proposed development is of superior quality, and is consistent with the General Plan, and applicable specific plan, applicable Zoning Code standards and requirements, the City's Design Guidelines, architectural criteria for special areas, and other applicable City requirements (e.g., City policy statements and development plans), in that the project complies with application requirements and development standards as set forth in City Code Chapters 20-24 (Industrial Zoning Districts) and 20-44 (Telecommunication Facilities), and installation of the proposed telecommunications facility implements a variety of overarching General Plan goals by creating a functional place for those who live and work within the City; and

2. The design is appropriate for the use and location of the proposed development and achieves the goals, review criteria and findings for approval as set forth in the Framework of Design Review (Design Guidelines, Introduction, Subsection C), in that the proposed height of the tower is necessary to maintain adequate height for function while allowing future collocation of the site; and
3. The design and layout of the proposed development will not interfere with the use and enjoyment of neighboring existing or future developments, in that the existing site is both developed and surrounded by existing industrial development with adequate access to the proposed use and once in operation, the telecommunications facility does not require frequent visits by employees, thus would not intensify the site; and
4. The architectural design of the proposed development is compatible with the character of the surrounding neighborhood, in that the base of the cell tower and all related ground equipment will be screened from public view and placed behind an existing commercial building to minimize visual impacts as much as possible. Additionally, the tower is proposed to be designed as a monopine with thick foliage, blending in with the surrounding redwood trees; and
5. The design of the proposed development will provide a desirable environment for its occupants, visiting public, and its neighbors through the appropriate use of materials, texture, and color, and would remain aesthetically appealing and be appropriately maintained. The base of the cell tower and all related ground equipment will be placed behind a 7-foot-2-inch-tall chain-link and barbed-wire fence and surrounded by existing commercial buildings on all sides. The monopine is also located near a row of redwood trees, which will partially screen it when viewed from the west; and
6. The proposed development will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare or materially injurious to the properties or improvements in the vicinity, in that the project included an Electromagnetic Energy Report, prepared by Waterford Consultants, LLC., dated received on July 19, 2023, which concluded that the proposed placement of the telecommunications tower at the subject site will not result in exposure of the public to excessive levels of radio-frequency energy as defined in the FCC Rules and Regulations. The project was reviewed by City Staff, and has been conditioned to avoid any effects on the surrounding area; and
7. The proposed project has been reviewed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, the cellular tower and related equipment qualify for a Class 3 Categorical Exemption, which exempts the construction of new small structures in that telecommunication towers are considered small structures that are similar to this Project. No exceptions to the exemptions apply and there is no reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances (CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2).

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15183, the proposed use is eligible for a streamlining measure as it is consistent with General Plan 2035, for which an Environmental Impact Report was certified by Council in 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Design Review Board of the City of Santa Rosa does hereby grant Design Review of the Verizon Telecommunication Facility subject to each of the following conditions:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ENGINEERING DIVISION:

1. Compliance with Engineering Development Services Exhibit A, dated October 30, 2023, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

PLANNING DIVISION:

2. The building materials, elevations, and appearance of this project, as presented for issuance of a building permit, shall be the same as that approved by the Planning Commission. Any future additions, expansions, remodeling, etc., will be subject to review and approval of the Planning Division.
3. Compliance with City Graffiti Abatement Program Standards for Graffiti Removal (City Code 10-17.080).
4. When the telecommunication facility (monopine and supporting equipment) becomes obsolete or is no longer used, the telecommunications facility shall be removed at the operator's expense.
5. The telecommunication facility (monopine and supporting equipment), including foliage, trunk, and fence, shall be maintained in good condition.
6. Construction hours shall be limited to 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturdays. No construction is permitted on Sundays and holidays.
7. When the telecommunication facility (monopine and supporting equipment) becomes obsolete or is no longer used, the telecommunications facility shall be removed at the operator's expense.
8. The telecommunication facility (monopine and supporting equipment), including foliage, trunk, and fence, shall be maintained in good condition.
9. **PROJECT DETAILS:**
 - A. All project details shall be in accordance with the restrictions and limitations of the City Zoning and Uniform Building Codes, as well as the City's Design Review Guidelines.

- B. All outdoor storage of materials and/or refuse bins/cans shall be maintained within a completely screened structure or area. The design of the screened structure or area shall be approved by the Planning Division prior to issuance of a building permit.

10. LIGHTING:

- A. All exterior lighting shall be shown and specified on the plans submitted for issuance of a building permit in accordance with the Design Review approval.
- B. Light sources shall be concealed from public view.
- C. All lighting shall be directed toward the subject property and away from adjacent properties.
- D. The mounting height of lighting fixtures in parking and storage areas shall not exceed 16-feet in height. Lower mounting heights are encouraged.

11. SIGNING:

- A. No exterior signs, banners, or the like are approved with this permit. A planning sign permit application is required for all signs.

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

- 1. add/delete text as needed

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Design Review Board of the City of Santa Rosa on this 18th day of January 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Approved: _____
Melanie Jones-Carter, Chair

Attest: _____
Monet Sheikhal, Executive Secretary

yCITY OF SANTA ROSA
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
STAFF REPORT FOR DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
JANUARY 18, 2024

PROJECT TITLE

Verizon Wireless Cell Tower

APPLICANT

Aaron DeLaO

ADDRESS/LOCATION

244 Colgan Avenue

PROPERTY OWNER

Nessigner Properties LLC

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER

044-011-053

FILE NUMBERS

PRJ23-009

APPLICATION DATES

July 19, 2023

APPLICATION COMPLETION DATES

October 30, 2023

REQUESTED ENTITLEMENTS

Design Review Permit

FURTHER ACTIONS REQUIRED

None

PROJECT SITE ZONING

IL (Light Industrial)

GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION

Light Industry

PROJECT PLANNER

Suzanne Hartman

RECOMMENDATION

Approval

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
FROM: SUZANNE HARTMAN, CITY PLANNER
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: VERIZON WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Planning and Economic Development Department that the Design Review Board, by resolution, approve a Design Review Permit to allow the construction of a new 69-foot-tall monopine pole (wireless telecommunication tower), along with supporting ground equipment placed behind a **7-foot, 2-inch tall chain-link and barbed-wire fence**, on the property located at 244 Colgan Avenue.

BACKGROUND

1. Project Description

The applicant proposes to install a Verizon Wireless Telecommunications Facility consisting of installing equipment, including the following: a 69-foot-tall monopine; four new outdoor equipment cabinets; a 30kW diesel generator; twelve antennas; eight radio units; six surge suppressors; six hybrid cables; one microwave dish; one GPS antenna; and one 400A PG&E service along with access and utilities to the site. The proposed foliage of the monopine pole will be colored green to match with the existing redwood trees that are located on the adjacent parcel; the trunk and branching will also be colored brown to match the with existing redwood trees. All equipment will be placed behind a **7-foot, 2-inch tall chain-link and barbed-wire fence**.

2. Existing Land Use – Project Site

The subject parcel is 1.45 acres, and the existing use of the site is an automotive repair shop. The tower, ground equipment and fence lease area will be

constructed in the southeast corner of the site. The proposed development will not displace or disrupt any existing parking or circulation for the existing buildings.

3. Project History

July 19, 2023	Application Submitted
November 17, 2023	Applicant accepted a Tolling Agreement from City staff that would extend the review timeframe and shot clock of this project to January 15, 2024.
November 17, 2023	Notice of Application Distributed
December 1, 2023	Notice of Planning Commission Public Hearing Distributed
December 8, 2023	Notice of Design Review Board Public Hearing Distributed
December 14, 2023	On December 14, 2023, in order to allow time to address concerns raised by the community, the applicant requested that the Planning Commission continue the public hearing to a date certain of January 11, 2024. Because the item was continued to a date certain, no additional noticing was required for the January 11, 2024 Planning Commission meeting.
December 14, 2023	Applicant accepted a Tolling Agreement from City staff that would extend the review timeframe and shot clock of this project to February 2, 2024.
December 21, 2023	On December 21, 2023, in order to allow time to address concerns raised by the community, the applicant requested that the Design Review Board continue the public hearing to a date certain of January 18, 2024. Because the item was continued to a date certain, no additional noticing was required for the January 18, 2024 Design Review Board meeting.
January 5, 2024	Notice of Design Review Board Public Hearing Distributed
January 11, 2024	Planning Commission Public Hearing
January 18, 2024	Design Review Board Public Hearing

Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the “Act”), Federal law requires that requests to authorize the installation of wireless communications equipment must be acted upon in a “reasonable period of time”, which was later determined to be 150 days. Due to circumstances beyond the control of City staff, the review and issuance of this use permit for a wireless facility could not reasonably be completed within the application shot clock period, which ended on November 28, 2023. On November 17, 2023, the applicant accepted City staff’s request for a Tolling Agreement that would extend the review

timeframe and shot clock of this project from November 28, 2023, to January 15, 2024, to allow this project to be scheduled for the two required Public Hearings.

On December 14, 2023, the applicant accepted City staff's request for a Tolling Agreement that would extend the review timeframe and shot clock of this project from January 15, 2024, to February 2, 2024, to allow this project to be re-scheduled for the two required Public Hearings.

4. Summary of Public Comments

Planning staff has received both written and oral comments for this application. Staff has attached all correspondence to this staff report. The following list includes comments and staff responses:

Comment: The font on the noticing is too small and there is no information regarding the meeting date of the public hearing.

Staff Response: There was some confusion between the Notice of Application, which does not include a meeting date, and the Notice of Public Hearing, which did. As a courtesy after the Planning Commission meeting was continued, a second Public Hearing Notice was sent with larger font.

Comment: There was not enough time to provide comments due to the notice being sent out during a Holiday week.

Staff Response: As discussed in the Public Notification section of this report, the public hearing noticing, including the mailed notice, was done pursuant to Zoning Code [Chapter 20-66](#), including mailed notices to property owners and occupants within 600 feet of the project site and an onsite sign.

Comment: The proposed location is inappropriate due to the project site being directly across a residential property and adjacent to a motel and a retail business center.

Staff Response: Pursuant to Zoning Code [Chapter 20-44](#), all major commercial telecommunication facilities shall be located at least 75 feet from any habitable structure, except for a habitable structure on the property in which the facility is located.

Comment: This is an inappropriate use of the project site.

Staff Response: Pursuant to Zoning Code Chapter 20-44, a new telecommunication facility may be allowed through the Conditional Use Permit process.

Comment: The plastic pine needles that proposed to be on the tower will fall into, and pollute, Colgan Creek.

Staff Response: The project has been conditioned to require continued maintenance of the proposed monopine.

Comment: There is concern regarding excess noise amounts of noise during construction.

Staff Response: The project has been conditioned allowing standard construction hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, and no construction activities on Sunday or holidays.

Comment: No alternative locations were considered.

Staff Response: The applicant provided alternative site analysis on page 12 of the attachment titled Project Description and Application Materials.

Comment: The tower will cause indecent exposure to radiation.

Staff Response: The project complies with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requirements (see Attachment 7 to this report).

ANALYSIS

The General Plan land use designation for the site is Light Industry, which is intended for light industrial, warehousing and heavy commercial uses. Uses appropriate to this land use category include auto repair, bulk or warehoused goods, general warehousing, manufacturing/assembly with minor nuisances, home improvement retail, landscape materials retail, freight or bus terminals, research oriented industrial, accessory offices, and employee-serving commercial uses, and services with large space needs, such as health clubs.

While there are no goals or policies that speak directly to telecommunications facilities, cellular phone service has become an integral part of personal and business communication. As such, installation of the proposed telecommunications facility implements a variety of overarching General Plan goals by creating a functional place for those who live and work within the City. The proposal has been determined to be consistent with the General Plan.

5. Zoning

The [Zoning Code](#) implements the goals and policies of the General Plan by classifying and regulating the use of land and structure development within the City.

Surrounding Zoning Districts:

North: Multi-Family Residential (R-3-15 and Planned Development)

South: General Commercial (CG)

East: Light Industrial (IL)

West: General Commercial (CG)

The project site is within the Light Industrial (IL) Zoning District, which is applied to areas appropriate for some light industrial uses, as well as commercial service uses and activities that may be incompatible with residential, retail, and/or office uses. The IL zoning district is consistent with the Light Industry land use classification of the General Plan.

Zoning Code Section [20-44](#), defines telecommunication facility standards. The project is considered a major telecommunications facility and as such, has been required to obtain a Major Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and a Major Design Review Permit (DR). Pursuant to Zoning Code Section [20-44.020](#), the review authorities are the Planning Commission (Conditional Use Permit) and the Design Review Board (Design Review).

Pursuant to Zoning Code Section [20-30.070](#), the height of telecommunication facilities are specifically addressed in Zoning Code Chapter 20-44 and more specifically, Zoning Code Section [20-44.030\(G\)](#) states, "The facility shall be as small as possible and the minimum height necessary without compromising reasonable reception or transmission." Staff has interpreted this language to allow the review authority (Planning Commission) discretion regarding the height limits of telecommunication facilities. Based on the information included in the application materials, staff finds that the proposed height of the tower is necessary to maintain adequate height for function while allowing future collocation of the site.

The project complies with development standards, design guidelines, and application requirements set forth in Chapters 20-23 and 20-44 of the City Code. The tower and all related equipment will be placed adjacent to an existing industrial structure, shielding the equipment from public view. The equipment will be placed behind a **7-foot, 2-inch tall chain-link and barbed-wire** fence. The proposed monopine pole blends in with the surrounding redwood trees. The project will not interfere with other industrial and commercial operations in the vicinity.

Section 20-44.060 of the Zoning Code regulates the location of telecommunication towers by requiring an alternative site analysis, a separation between facilities, a good faith effort in achieving collocation, minimum roads and parking areas as necessary to serve the facility, and operation in compliance with the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) human exposure standards for non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation (NIER), which is attached to this report

and also stated within the applicant's project description. An "Electromagnetic Energy (EME) Exposure Report," prepared by OSC Engineering, Inc., dated May 19, 2021, concluded that the proposed placement of the tower at the subject site will not result in exposure of the public to excessive levels of radio-frequency energy as defined in the FCC Rules and Regulations.

Pursuant to Zoning Code [Section 20-52.030](#) the Design Review Board must make the findings shown below before granting Design Review. As demonstrated on the attached draft resolution, staff's analysis has determined that these findings can be met:

1. The design and layout of the proposed development is of superior quality, and is consistent with the General Plan, any applicable specific plan, applicable Zoning Code standards and requirements, the City's Design Guidelines, architectural criteria for special areas, and other applicable City requirements (e.g., City policy statements and development plans).
2. The design is appropriate for the use and location of the proposed development and achieves the goals, review criteria and findings for approval as set forth in the framework of Design Review (Design Guidelines, Introduction, subsection C).
3. The design and layout of the proposed development will not interfere with the use and enjoyment of neighboring existing or future developments.
4. The architectural design of the proposed development is compatible with the character of the surrounding neighborhood.
5. The design of the proposed development will provide a desirable environment for its occupants, visiting public, and its neighbors through the appropriate use of materials, texture, and color, and would remain aesthetically appealing and be appropriately maintained.
6. The proposed development will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare or materially injurious to the properties or improvements in the vicinity.
7. The proposed project has been reviewed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Staff analysis along with the required findings are included in the Resolution, attached to this Staff Report.

6. Design Guidelines

[Section 20-44.060](#) of the Zoning Code outlines design criteria for commercial telecommunication facilities, and in concert with the City's Design Guidelines, requires that the facilities be designed and located to be compatible with and minimize visual impacts to surrounding areas.

The [Design Guidelines](#) are the primary design criteria under which discretionary review is conducted. The most relevant applicable Design Guidelines goals and policies include:

- 3.3 III. B.1. Use high quality, durable and low maintenance materials.
- 20-44.060 F.1 Innovative design solutions that minimize visual impacts should be utilized. Telecommunication facilities shall be as small as possible and the minimum height necessary without compromising reasonable reception or transmission.
- 20-44.060 F.3 Antennas and their support structures should be located on the rear half of property or structures when reasonable transmission and/or reception would not be impaired and when visual impacts would be reduced unless no other feasible alternative location exists.
- 20-44.060 F.4 Telecommunication facilities and appurtenances should not be situated between the primary building on the parcel and any public or private street adjoining the parcel.

The proposal includes a monopine tower with thick foliage that blends in with the existing industrial and natural landscape. The monopine will be placed behind an commercial building at the rear (southeast) corner of the property so that the facility will not be situated along the public street. Staff has determined no scenic resources are affected by this proposal based on site visits and the photo simulations provided by the applicant.

7. Public Improvements

For a comprehensive list of on- and off-site improvements, refer to the attached Exhibit A, provided by Engineering Development Services, dated October 30, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of the Project will not have an effect on the General Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The project has been found in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, the project qualifies for Class 3, which exempts the construction of new small structures in that telecommunication towers are considered small structures that are similar to this Project. No exceptions to the exemptions apply and there is no reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances (CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2)

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15183, the proposed use is eligible for a streamlining measure as it is consistent with General Plan 2035, for which an Environmental Impact Report was certified by Council in 2009.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On January 11, 2024, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the application at which all those wishing to be heard were allowed to speak or present written comments and other materials; and, which includes the construction of a 69-foot-tall monopole, chain-link and barbed-wire fence and associated equipment shelter.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The project was noticed as a public hearing for the December 21, 2023, Design Review Board meeting and per the requirements of Chapter 20-66 of the City Code. Notification of the public hearing was provided by posting an on-site sign, publishing notice in a newspaper of general circulation, mailed notice to surrounding property owners and occupants, electronic notice to parties that had expressed interest in projects taking place in this geographic area of Santa Rosa, and bulletin board postings at City Hall and on the City website.

It should be noted that the City received several comments regarding concerns that the font size of the mailed notice was not large enough, and that the mailing was not sent out with adequate time to respond. It should be noted that all of the required noticing was completed within the minimum 10 calendar day requirement identified in Zoning Code Section 20-66.020(C), which included the mailed notice that was sent out on December 8, 2023.

On December 21, 2023, in order to allow time to address concerns raised by the community, the applicant requested that the Design Review Board continue the public hearing to a date certain of January 18, 2024. The project was re-noticed as a public hearing on January 5, 2024, per the requirements of Chapter 20-66 of the City Code. Notification of the public hearing was provided by posting an on-site sign, publishing notice in a newspaper of general circulation, mailed notice to surrounding property owners and occupants, electronic notice to parties that had expressed interest in projects taking place in this geographic area of Santa Rosa, and bulletin board postings at City Hall and on the City website.

VERIZON WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER

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Pursuant to Government Code Section 65091, where necessary, the City has incorporated notice procedures to the blind, aged, and disabled communities. These procedures include audio amplifier/assistive listening device support at public meetings, closed captioning, and optical character recognition conversion of electronic notices.

ISSUES

There are no unresolved issues for this project.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Disclosure Form
Attachment 2 - Project Description
Attachment 3 - Neighborhood Context Map
Attachment 4 - Network Map
Attachment 5 - Plan Set
Attachment 6 - Electromagnetic Energy (EME) Report
Attachment 7 - RFC Compliance Report
Attachment 8 - Foliage Samples
Attachment 9 - Photo Simulations
Attachment 10 - RF Justification
Attachment 11 - Community Correspondence

Resolution
Exhibit A

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