
4.13 - Public Services

4.13.1 - Introduction

This section describes the existing public services setting and potential effects from project implementation on the sites and their surrounding areas. It also considers impacts likely to be incurred in the future if additional sites are proposed or if existing sites are modified.

4.13.2 - Existing Conditions

Sites will be built on parcels that currently consist of vacant land. The only exceptions to this condition are the Big Maria, Box Springs, Elsinore Peak, Red Mountain, Santa Rosa Peak, and Whitewater sites, which currently house existing County communication facilities. Residential structures, places of business, or other facilities that could require the provision of public services currently do not exist at any of the sites.

4.13.3 - Thresholds of Significance

According to the CEQA Guidelines' Appendix G, Environmental Checklist, to determine whether impacts to public services are significant environmental effects, the following question is analyzed and evaluated for the public service identified:

Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, 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:

- a) Fire Protection?
- b) Police Protection?
- c) Schools?

4.13.4 - Project Impacts and Mitigation Measures

This section discusses potential impacts associated with the development of the project and provides mitigation measures where appropriate.

Fire Protection

Impact PS-1	Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, 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 Fire Protection?
	[CEQA Public Services Threshold 13(a)]

Impact Analysis

Development of the tower sites and associated infrastructure will aid in the provision of fire services. Enhanced communication capabilities made possible by the new sites and facilities will be used to dispatch fire protection personnel and to provide for their support in the field. County fire personnel and their cooperators are the intended primary beneficiaries of the improved and expanded network. The project will, in fact, provide a substantial benefit in the provision of these services. Accordingly, it can be concluded that the project will provide an overall benefit to response times and other performance objectives.

Level of Significance Before Mitigation

No impact.

Mitigation Measures

No mitigation is required.

Level of Significance After Mitigation

No impact.

Police Protection

Impact PS-2	Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, 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 Police Protection?
	[CEQA Public Services Threshold 13(b)]

Impact Analysis

Development of the tower sites and associated infrastructure will aid in the provision of police and law enforcement services. Enhanced communication capabilities made possible by the new sites and facilities will be used to dispatch law enforcement personnel and to provide for their support in the field. County law enforcement personnel and their cooperators are the intended primary beneficiaries of the improved and expanded network. The project will, in fact, provide a substantial benefit in the provision of these services. Accordingly, it can be concluded that the project will provide an overall benefit to response times and other performance objectives.

Level of Significance Before Mitigation

No impact.

Mitigation Measures

No mitigation is required.

Level of Significance After Mitigation

No impact.

Schools

Impact PS-3	Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, 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 Schools? [CEQA Public Services Threshold 13(c)]
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Impact Analysis

The proposed towers will not create new housing or businesses or promote significant or substantial population growth into an area. No addition of school-age children to an area will result from the proposed project. Therefore, additional school facilities will not be required as a result of the project. As such, the project will have no impact in this regard.

Level of Significance Before Mitigation

No impact.

Mitigation Measures

No mitigation is required.

Level of Significance After Mitigation

No impact.

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