



RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
March 25, 2008

Ms. Ashley Mitchell
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Department of Facilities Management
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Dear Ms. Mitchell:

Re: Notice of Preparation of a Draft
Environmental Impact Report for the
Public Safety Enterprise Communication
Project

This letter is written in response to the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Public Safety Enterprise Communication Project. The proposed project would expand the County's radio tower network from the current 20 sites to approximately 70 sites. The proposed towers will primarily be located within Riverside County; however, some sites will be located in San Bernardino, San Diego and Orange counties.

The Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District has the following comments:

1. Please be advised the proposed project sites are located within several Master Drainage Plan (MDP) boundaries. When fully implemented, these MDP facilities will provide flood protection to relieve those areas within the plan of the most serious flooding problems and will provide adequate drainage outlets. The DEIR should address potential impacts to proposed MDP facilities. To obtain further information on the MDPs and the proposed District facilities, please contact Dale Anderson of the District's Planning Section at 951.955.1345.
2. Existing facilities are located within the proposed project area. Any project site that involves District right-of-way, easements or facilities should be coordinated with us. In addition, the DEIR should address potential impacts to the existing storm drain facilities. To obtain further information on encroachment permits or existing facilities, contact Ed Lotz of the District's Encroachment Permit Section at 951.955.1266.
3. The District is a signatory to the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP). For purposes of procuring an encroachment permit from the District, the permit applicant will need to demonstrate that the portion of the project located within District rights-of-way, easements or facilities is consistent with the MSHCP. The DEIR should include a MSHCP consistency report with all of its supporting documents and provide adequate mitigation in accordance with all applicable MSHCP requirements. The report should address, at a minimum, Sections 3.2, 3.2.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.3, 6.1.4, 6.3.2, 7.5.3 and Appendix C of the MSHCP.

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4. Some of the proposed project sites may be located within the 100-year Zone A floodplain limits as delineated on the Federal Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) issued in conjunction with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The DEIR should address potential impacts to floodplains within the project area. For additional information regarding this matter please contact David Garcia of the District's Floodplain Management Section at 951.955.1200.
5. The proposed project has the potential to alter existing drainage patterns. The potential diversion or concentration of stormwater flow and any related impacts should be addressed in the DEIR. The proposed project also has the potential to increase stormwater runoff and erosion at the downstream of project areas. The DEIR should address the potential for increased runoff and any impacts that may result.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Notice of Preparation. Please forward any subsequent environmental documents regarding the project to my attention at this office. Any questions concerning this letter may be referred to Jason Swenson at 951.955.8082 or me at 951.955.1200.

Very truly yours,


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