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Here is another Rancho Carrillo homeowner email, that came in on Thursday 3/27/08. Please note that they too copied Supervisor Busters office on this email.
Thanks, Vikki

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Response to PSEC Project NOP

We are opposed to the placement of an antenna in or adjacent to Rancho Carrillo, our neighborhood located at the extreme western edge of Riverside County, for the following reasons:

1. THE PROPOSED ANTENNA WILL NOT FULFILL THE STATED PURPOSE.
The stated purpose of the PSEC Project is to *provide radio coverage for emergency services personnel as they serve the public* The new system is urgently needed to ensure the safety of firefighters, law enforcement officers and the public.²

The installation of an antenna will not support the emergency personnel in Rancho Carrillo. The only Riverside County personnel that respond to emergencies within our neighborhood are our volunteer firefighters who live here. The closest Riverside County fire department and ambulance service is located in Lake Elsinore, approximately 40 miles away. The nearest Sheriff substation is located in Murietta, more than 40 miles from Rancho Carrillo. Since our community is in the 949 area code, when we dial 911, we receive emergency aid from Orange County, specifically from San Juan Capistrano which is 15 miles away. In the near future a fire station will be built in Rancho Mission Viejo, only 8 miles from Rancho Carrillo.

The tower does not provide coverage in the area where most of our emergencies occur - the narrow, winding access road to Rancho Carrillo.

Our discussions with Riverside County indicated that the tower radio frequencies would not be accessible to Orange County service providers or the CHP. Therefore, the proposed antenna will not fulfill its stated purpose.

2. THE PROPOSED ANTENNA WILL CREATE SIGNIFICANT IMPOSITION AND ECONOMIC COST TO OUR COMMUNITY.

The proposed facility reaching 100*-140* is incompatible with the current CC&R*s and zoning regulations and the overall nature of Rancho Carrillo.

This is a small residential community.

The members of the community are responsible for all of the maintenance of the interior and access roads. The construction and maintenance of the tower will create significant imposition and economic cost to our community. The interior access roads of the community are owned by the individual lot owners and easements are granted to the community association to allow community access over the roads. We do not believe that the County of Riverside has the right to transverse our property without obtaining our consent - and the consent of each of our neighbors. We would not grant that consent.

3. THE PROPOSED ANTENNA WILL DAMAGE THE AESTHETIC NATURE OF OUR RURAL, WILDERNESS-SURROUNDED COMMUNITY.

The placement of a 100* -140* tower at any of the proposed locations, or within the surrounding Forest or Wilderness would be visible from a great distance and destroy the natural area that the 1984 Wilderness Act sought to create when the San Mateo Canyon National Wilderness was created. While CEQA is not directly applicable to projects on Federal lands within California, the protections afforded in the Federal setting must be applied in consideration of projects located in so-called *included areas² such as the Rancho Carrillo community. In essence, what is appropriate on private or non-Wilderness USFS land surrounded by the Wilderness is no different than what would be appropriate in the Wilderness itself * especially considering the height of the project being proposed. Thus, requirements of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) are applicable to any project located in this area because of proximity to the Federal and Wilderness lands. Mere placement of a 100 to 140 foot tower on private land in Rancho Carrillo is insufficient to mitigate the aesthetic damage that would result to our property, the community of Rancho Carrillo, and to the surrounding National Wilderness.

4. THE PROPOSED ANTENNA IS A WASTE OF MONEY.

We believe that the expense of constructing and maintaining such a tower with little or no use to the residents of the community is a waste of money and should be used by the county for more important projects. With technology continuing to advance, less-expensive alternatives will become available in the near future. Constructing this facility at the far-end of Riverside County will be an economic waste.

In summary, because there are no benefits of such a tower, the negative impact on our community and our particular lot forces us to oppose this project. We encourage you to work together with Orange County in providing us the emergency coverage and services that we need.

Sincerely,

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