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Comment 6

June 17, 2008

Ms. Claudia Steiding, Senior Environmental Planner

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

3133 Mission Inn Avenue
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Re: SCH#2008021126; CEQA Notice of Completion; draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Public Safety Enterprise Communication Project; Riverside, Orange, San Bernardino and San Diego Counties, California

Dear Ms. Steiding:

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) is the state agency designated to protect California's Native American Cultural Resources. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires that any project that causes a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource, that includes archaeological resources, is a 'significant effect' requiring the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) per the California Code of Regulations §15064.5(b)(c) (CEQA guidelines). Section 15382 of the 2007 CEQA Guidelines defines a significant impact on the environment as "a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of physical conditions within an area affected by the proposed project, including ... objects of historic or aesthetic significance." In order to comply with this provision, the lead agency is required to assess whether the project will have an adverse impact on these resources within the 'area of potential effect (APE)', and if so, to mitigate that effect. When the NAHC conducted the Sacred Lands File search for this project, at the request of Michael Brandman Associates (MBA), a number of Native American cultural resources were identified. A list of persons to contact were mailed to MBA. We have corrected the most recent letter to Michael Brandman Associates. We have updated and replaced the following Native American Contact: Erica Helms has replaced Harold Arres at the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians (same telephone number as Harold) and Dian Chihuahua has replaced William Contreras at Torres-Martinez Band of Desert Cahuilla Indians (same telephone number as William had) To adequately assess the project-related impacts on historical resources, the Commission recommends the following action:

- √ Contact the appropriate California Historic Resources Information Center (CHRIS) for possible 'recorded sites' in locations where the development will or might occur.. Contact information for the Information Center nearest you is available from the State Office of Historic Preservation (916/653-7278)/ <http://www.ohp.parks.ca.gov>. The record search will determine:
 - If a part or the entire APE has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.
 - If any known cultural resources have already been recorded in or adjacent to the APE.
 - If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.
 - If a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
- √ If an archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.
 - The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measures should be submitted immediately to the planning department. All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum, and not be made available for public disclosure.
 - The final written report should be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the appropriate regional archaeological Information Center.
- √ Contact the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) for: potential Native American Project Monitors.
 - The NAHC advises the use of Native American Monitors, when professional archaeologists or the equivalent are employed by project proponents, in order to ensure proper identification and care given cultural resources that may be discovered. The NAHC recommends that contact be made with Native American Contacts on the attached list to get their input on potential project impact (APE). In some cases, the existence of a Native American cultural resources may be known only to a local tribe(s).
- √ Lack of surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude their subsurface existence.
 - Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of accidentally discovered archeological resources, per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) §15064.5 (f). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American, with knowledge in cultural resources, should monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
 - A culturally-affiliated Native American tribe may be the only source of information about a Sacred Site/Native American cultural resource.

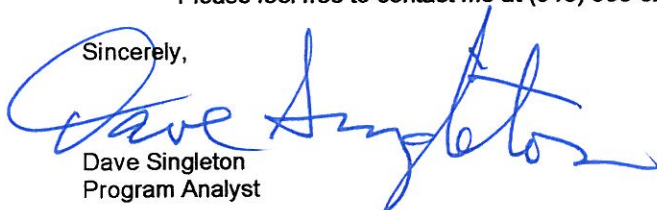
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- Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the disposition of recovered artifacts, in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.
- √ Lead agencies should include provisions for discovery of Native American human remains or unmarked cemeteries in their mitigation plans.
 - * CEQA Guidelines, Section 15064.5(d) requires the lead agency to work with the Native Americans identified by this Commission if the initial Study identifies the presence or likely presence of Native American human remains within the APE. CEQA Guidelines provide for agreements with Native American, identified by the NAHC, to assure the appropriate and dignified treatment of Native American human remains and any associated grave liens.
- √ Health and Safety Code §7050.5, Public Resources Code §5097.98 and Sec. §15064.5 (d) of the California Code of Regulations (CEQA Guidelines) mandate procedures to be followed, including that construction or excavation be stopped in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a location other than a dedicated cemetery until the county coroner or medical examiner can determine whether the remains are those of a Native American. . . Note that §7052 of the Health & Safety Code states that disturbance of Native American cemeteries is a felony.
- √ Lead agencies should consider avoidance, as defined in §15370 of the California Code of Regulations (CEQA Guidelines), when significant cultural resources are discovered during the course of project planning and implementation

Please feel free to contact me at (916) 653-6251 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Dave Singleton
Program Analyst

Attachment: List of Native American Contacts

Cc: State Clearinghouse

PS: Please note the changes I noted in the first paragraph of this letter. Thank you. DS

Native American Heritage Commission (June 17, 2008)

Response to Comment 6-1

The County appreciates the NAHC's advice and direction regarding this and other County projects. The Commission's comment letter contains protocols to be observed in the compilation of cultural resource surveys as well as suggested mitigation measures. As reflected in the various cultural resource and paleontological assessments prepared for the project area, the surveys were executed in accordance with the Commission's recommendations and other applicable standards. In addition, recommendations relating to site monitoring, the disposition of recovered artifacts, and discovery of Native American human remains have been incorporated into the mitigation measures and conditions of approval for the proposed project.

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Linda S. Adams
Secretary for
Environmental Protection



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Department of Toxic Substances Control

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Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor

July 21, 2008

Comment 7

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY ENTERPRISE COMMUNICATION (PSEC), RIVERSIDE'S EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATION NETWORK PROJECT, MULTIPLE LOCATIONS, RIVERSIDE, SAN BERNARDINO AND SAN DIEGO COUNTIES (SCH#2008021126)

Dear Ms. Steiding:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has received your submitted Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the above-mentioned project. The following project description is stated in your document: "The project entails the upgrading of the County of Riverside's emergency services communication network. This network will serve fire and law enforcement personnel and will allow expanded interoperability with other agencies and jurisdictions. Approximately 52 telecommunications facilities will be constructed throughout Riverside County and in several locations in San Bernardino County and one location in San Diego County. The typical will be composed of a communication tower and equipment shelter, all located within a 65 x 65 foot fenced compound. The PSEC project would expand the County's radio tower network from the current 25 sites to approximately 70 sites throughout the County, and some sites outside of the County including sites in San Bernardino, San Diego and Orange counties, that are necessary to provide coverage in the more remote areas of the County. This expansion will increase the operational coverage of the emergency services telecommunications system to approximately 95 percent of the County's land area, and will also provide greatly expanded voice and data transmission capability. Design, approval, and construction of the network are projected to take two to three years. To meet the coverage requirements of the project, it is likely that approximately 50 tower sites will need to be constructed region-wide. Tower sites would be typical of existing County communications facilities. The sites would be

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composed of a steel tower, an equipment building, and necessary electrical and road access. The typical site footprint would be approximately 65 feet to 65 feet, or about half the size of a small residential lot. Towers would range in height from 40 to 330 feet." DTSC has the following comments; please address if applicable.

- 1) DTSC recognizes that this is an areawide plan and therefore not site-specific. EIRs for future, site-specific plans should identify the current or historic uses at the project site that may have resulted in a release of hazardous wastes/substances. Your document states: "Existing Land Use: Of 52 proposed communication facility location, 25 are located adjacent to existing telecommunication facilities. The remaining 27 locations are in areas where there are not adjacent telecommunication facilities. Of these 27, seven are proposed in areas that have not been previously disturbed."
- 2) Any future site-specific EIRs should identify the known or potentially contaminated sites within the proposed Project area. For all identified sites, the EIR should evaluate whether conditions at the site may pose a threat to human health or the environment. Following are the databases of some of the regulatory agencies:
 - National Priorities List (NPL): A list maintained by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S.EPA).
 - Envirostor (formerly CalSites): A Database primarily used by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, accessible through DTSC's website (see below).
 - Resource Conservation and Recovery Information System (RCRIS): A database of RCRA facilities that is maintained by U.S. EPA.
 - Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Information System (CERCLIS): A database of CERCLA sites that is maintained by U.S.EPA.
 - Solid Waste Information System (SWIS): A database provided by the California Integrated Waste Management Board which consists of both open as well as closed and inactive solid waste disposal facilities and transfer stations.
 - Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) / Spills, Leaks, Investigations and Cleanups (SLIC): A list that is maintained by Regional Water Quality Control Boards.
 - Local Counties and Cities maintain lists for hazardous substances cleanup sites and leaking underground storage tanks.

- The United States Army Corps of Engineers, 911 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 90017, (213) 452-3908, maintains a list of Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS).
- 3) Any future site-specific EIRs should identify the mechanism to initiate any required investigation and/or remediation for any site that may be contaminated, and the government agency to provide appropriate regulatory oversight. If necessary, DTSC would require an oversight agreement in order to review such documents. Please see comment No.17 below for more information. Your document states: "The hazardous materials database search conducted for each of the project sites found no know existing hazardous condition on the project sites."
- 4) Any environmental investigations, sampling and/or remediation for a site should be conducted under a Workplan approved and overseen by a regulatory agency that has jurisdiction to oversee hazardous substance cleanup. The findings of any investigations, including any Phase I or II Environmental Site Assessment Investigations should be summarized in the document. All sampling results in which hazardous substances were found above regulatory standards should be clearly summarized in a table.
- 5) Proper investigation, sampling and remedial actions overseen by the respective regulatory agencies, if necessary, should be conducted prior to new development or construction. All closure, certification or remediation approval reports should be included in any site-specific EIRs.
- 6) If any property adjacent to a future project site is contaminated with hazardous chemicals, and if the proposed project is within 2,000 feet from a contaminated site, then the proposed development may fall within the "Border Zone of a Contaminated Property." Appropriate precautions should be taken prior to construction if the proposed project is within a Border Zone Property.
- 7) If buildings, other structures, or associated uses; asphalt or concrete-paved surface areas are being planned to be demolished, an investigation should be conducted for the presence of other related hazardous chemicals, lead-based paints or products, mercury, and asbestos containing materials (ACMs). If other hazardous chemicals, lead-based paints (LPB) or products, mercury or ACMs are identified, proper precautions should be taken during demolition activities. Additionally, the contaminants should be remediated in compliance with California environmental regulations and policies.
- 8) Future project construction may require soil excavation or filling in certain areas. Sampling may be required. If soil is contaminated, it must be properly disposed

and not simply placed in another location onsite. Land Disposal Restrictions (LDRs) may be applicable to such soils. Also, if the project proposes to import soil to backfill the areas excavated, sampling should be conducted to ensure that the imported soil is free of contamination.

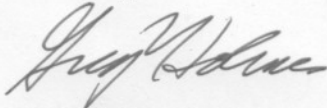
- 9) Human health and the environment of sensitive receptors should be protected during any construction or demolition activities. If it is found necessary, a study of the site and a health risk assessment overseen and approved by the appropriate government agency and a qualified health risk assessor should be conducted to determine if there are, have been, or will be, any releases of hazardous materials that may pose a risk to human health or the environment.
- 10) If it is determined that hazardous wastes are, or will be, generated by the proposed operations of a project, the wastes must be managed in accordance with the California Hazardous Waste Control Law (California Health and Safety Code, Division 20, Chapter 6.5) and the Hazardous Waste Control Regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4.5).
- 11) If it is determined that hazardous wastes are or will be generated and the wastes are (a) stored in tanks or containers for more than ninety days, (b) treated onsite, or (c) disposed of onsite, then a permit from DTSC may be required. If so, the facility should contact DTSC at (714) 484-5423 to initiate pre-application discussions and determine the permitting process applicable to the facility.
- 12) If it is determined that hazardous wastes will be generated, the facility should obtain a United States Environmental Protection Agency Identification Number by contacting (800) 618-6942.
- 13) Certain hazardous waste treatment processes may require authorization from the local Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA). Information about the requirement for authorization can be obtained by contacting your local CUPA.
- 14) If project plans include discharging wastewater to a storm drain, you may be required to obtain an NPDES permit from the overseeing Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB).
- 15) If during construction/demolition of the project, the soil and/or groundwater contamination is suspected, construction/demolition in the area would cease and appropriate health and safety procedures should be implemented.
- 16) If a site was used for agricultural, cattle ranching or related activities, onsite soils and groundwater might contain pesticides, agricultural chemical, organic waste or other related residue. Proper investigation, and remedial actions, if

necessary, should be conducted under the oversight of and approved by a government agency at the site prior to construction of a project.

- 17) Envirostor (formerly CalSites) is a database primarily used by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, and is accessible through DTSC's website. DTSC can provide guidance for cleanup oversight through an Environmental Oversight Agreement (EOA) for government agencies, or a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement (VCA) for private parties. For additional information on the EOA please see www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Brownfields, or contact Ms. Maryam Tasnif-Abbasi, DTSC's Voluntary Cleanup Coordinator, at (714) 484-5489 for the VCA.
- 18) In future CEQA documents please provide contact title, e-mail address, and agency web address which contains the project information. Also, if a project title changes, please provide historical project title(s).

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Teresa Hom, Project Manager, at thom@dtsc.ca.gov or by phone at (714) 484-5477.

Sincerely,



Greg Holmes
Unit Chief
Brownfields and Environmental Restoration Program - Cypress Office

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Department of Toxic Substances Control (July 21, 2008)

Response to Comment 7-1

The County is aware of the various state and federal laws and regulations that are in place to regulate hazardous substances. The County recognizes that these requirements are in place to provide for public safety in relation to these substances. The County is committed to abiding by these laws and regulations and appreciates the Department's interest in this project.

To that end, the County has complied, where applicable, with all regulations relating to hazardous materials. As documented in Section 4.7 of the Draft EIR, database searches were completed on each of the selected sites. Results of the database searches were presented in Table 4.7-1 of the Draft EIR. No known existing hazardous conditions were identified at any of the project sites. Any additional sites that may be required for this project will undergo an identical process. Due diligence in all phases of site acquisition and development is an important part of this and all County projects.

It is important to recognize that this project does not include the construction of habitable structures or facilities where people will be working for extended periods of time. No acutely hazardous materials will be used in construction and operation of the project. Thus, it is extremely unlikely that any person will come into contact with a hazardous substance or be harmed by a hazardous substance as a result of the proposed project.

Again, the County appreciates the Department's attention to this project, and the Department's continued oversight in this important element of public safety is also appreciated.



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July 22, 2008

Claudia Steiding
Riverside County Department of Facilities Management
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Riverside, CA 92507

Comment 8

Subject: Public Safety Enterprise Communications (PSEC) Project
SCH#: 2008021126

Dear Claudia Steiding:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Draft EIR to selected state agencies for review. On the enclosed Document Details Report please note that the Clearinghouse has listed the state agencies that reviewed your document. The review period closed on July 21, 2008, and the comments from the responding agency (ies) is (are) enclosed. If this comment package is not in order, please notify the State Clearinghouse immediately. Please refer to the project's ten-digit State Clearinghouse number in future correspondence so that we may respond promptly.

Please note that Section 21104(c) of the California Public Resources Code states that:

“A responsible or other public agency shall only make substantive comments regarding those activities involved in a project which are within an area of expertise of the agency or which are required to be carried out or approved by the agency. Those comments shall be supported by specific documentation.”

These comments are forwarded for use in preparing your final environmental document. Should you need more information or clarification of the enclosed comments, we recommend that you contact the commenting agency directly.

This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Please contact the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

Sincerely,

Terry Roberts
Director, State Clearinghouse

Enclosures
cc: Resources Agency

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**Document Details Report
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

SCH# 2008021126
Project Title Public Safety Enterprise Communications (PSEC) Project
Lead Agency Riverside County

Type EIR Draft EIR
Description The project entails the upgrading of the County of Riverside's emergency services communication network. This network will serve fire and law enforcement personnel and will allow expanded interoperability with other agencies and jurisdictions. Approximately 52 telecommunications facilities will be constructed throughout Riverside County and in several locations in San Bernardino County and one location in San Diego County. The typical facility will be composed of a communication tower and equipment shelter, all located within a 65 x 65 foot fenced compound.

Lead Agency Contact

Name Claudia Steiding
Agency Riverside County Department of Facilities Management
Phone (951) 955-4890 **Fax**
email
Address 3133 Mission Inn Avenue
City Riverside **State** CA **Zip** 92507

Project Location

County Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego
City
Region
Lat / Long
Cross Streets Multiple locations
Parcel No. Multiple
Township **Range** **Section** **Base**

Proximity to:

Highways Multiple
Airports
Railways
Waterways Multiple
Schools
Land Use Multiple existing land uses. Of 52 proposed communication facility locations, 25 are located adjacent to existing telecommunication facilities. The remaining 27 locations are in areas where there are not adjacent telecommunications facilities. Of these 27, seven are proposed in areas that have not been previously disturbed.

Project Issues Aesthetic/Visual; Agricultural Land; Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Cumulative Effects; Drainage/Absorption; Flood Plain/Flooding; Forest Land/Fire Hazard; Geologic/Seismic; Landuse; Minerals; Noise; Other Issues; Population/Housing Balance; Public Services; Recreation/Parks; Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading; Solid Waste; Toxic/Hazardous; Traffic/Circulation; Vegetation; Water Quality; Wetland/Riparian; Wildlife

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; Department of Parks and Recreation; Native American Heritage Commission; Office of Emergency Services; Office of Historic Preservation; Department of Fish and Game, Region 6; Department of Fish and Game, Region 5; Department of Water Resources; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 11; Caltrans, District 8; Cal Fire; Department of Toxic Substances Control; State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality

Date Received 06/06/2008 **Start of Review** 06/06/2008 **End of Review** 07/21/2008

Governor's Office of Planning and Research (July 22, 2008)

Response to Comment 8-1

The letter acknowledges receipt of the Draft EIR by the State Clearinghouse, and indicates that the Clearinghouse circulated the Draft EIR for agency review. No response to the comment is necessary.



Riverside County
Waste Management Department

Hans W. Kernkamp, General Manager-Chief Engineer

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July 2, 2008

Ashley Mitchell
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Comment 9

RE: Notice of Availability of a Draft Program EIR for the Public Safety Enterprise Communications (PSEC) Project

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

The Riverside County Waste Management Department (Department) has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the above-mentioned project. The PSEC consists of the installation of approximately 50 radio tower sites throughout Riverside County, one of which is proposed for installation on the Mecca II Landfill site. The DEIR has thoroughly and accurately depicted environmental issues associated with the Mecca II Landfill site and the installation of a 100-foot radio communications tower. With respect to overall solid waste impacts to regional landfills, the Department concurs with the findings in the DEIR that states the tower sites will generate only a negligible amount of solid waste and that the project's impact will be less than significant (DEIR pg. 4.16-4).

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Thank you for the allowing us the opportunity to comment on the DEIR. Feel free to call me at (951) 486-3351 if you have any questions regarding the above comments

Sincerely,

Ryan Ross
Planner

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Riverside County Waste Management Department (July 2, 2008)

Response to Comment 9-1

The County appreciates the Department's attention to this project and its assistance in facilitating project development at the Mecca Landfill site.



Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency

A Joint Powers Authority

July 16, 2008

Comment 10

RCHCA
Board of Directors

Ms. Ashley Mitchell
County of Riverside
Department of Facilities Management
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Riverside, CA 92502-0789

City of Corona
Eugene Montanez
Vice-Chair

Re: PSEC Project (SCH 2008021126)

City of Hemet
Robin Reeser Lowe

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

City of Lake Elsinore
Bob Schiffner

The Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA) is the agency that implements the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (SKR) Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). The RCHCA has the following comments on the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report:

City of Moreno Valley
William H. Batey II

1. Both Exhibit 4.4-3 and Table 4.4-3 should show both Estelle Mountain A and B sites as being within the SKR Reserve Area and requiring focused surveys for SKR.

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City of Murrieta
Gary Thomasian

2. Table 4.4-10 should reflect that both Estelle Mountain A and B sites are within the SKR HCP Reserve and Fee Area.

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City of Perris
Mark Yarbrough
Chairperson

3. In Appendix A, for both Estelle Mountain (A) and Estelle Mountain (B), the following additions should be made:

a. **Overview** should state that the site is located within the Lake Mathews Estelle Mountain SKR Reserve.

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b. **Land Ownership and Applicable Habitat/Land Management Plan** should acknowledge that the sites are located within a reserve area under the SKR HCP.

In this same section in the discussion of **Commercial Power Access**, it should be noted that the RCHCA would want underground power installation. Poles and lines present a concern for the potential for wildland fire.

City of Riverside
Mike Gardner

4. In the discussion of the SKR HCP, the last sentence of the last paragraph (page 4.4-8) should state that the location of replacement acreage is subject to approval by the USFWS, CDFG, and the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA).

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County of Riverside
Supervisor Bob Buster

5. The discussion of security lighting controlled by motion sensor should acknowledge the potential for impact to nocturnal animals and address minimization of the impact.

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City of Temecula
Maryann Edwards

Executive Director
Carolyn Syms Luna

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed PSEC Project. Please feel free to contact the RCHCA if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Syms Luna
Executive Director

General Counsel
Karin Watts-Bazan
Deputy County Counsel

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Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (July 16, 2008)

Response to Comment 10-1

Both of the Estelle Mountain sites are actually located upon isolated parcels administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and as such are not part of the SKR Reserve Area. The BLM is not a signatory to the SKR HCP. Therefore, the BLM will be required to initiate a Section 7 consultation process with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service prior to approval of the project on their lands. Development at the site will also be required to undergo analysis under NEPA as part of BLM's development approval process.

Response to Comment 10-2

See Response to Comment 10-1, above.

Response to Comment 10-3

The description of the project sites in Appendix A is accurate in regards to land ownership and applicable habitat and land management plans (see Response to Comment 10-1, above). In regards to commercial power access to the site, the County will work with the RCHCA for any commercial power provisions that could impact adjacent lands and property owners, including the RCHCA.

Response to Comment 10-4

See Response to Comment 10-1, above.

Response to Comment 10-5

Security lighting at the site will be triggered by a motion sensor that will typically only be triggered by maintenance personnel that might have to access the site during nighttime hours. One light would be mounted on the outside wall of the equipment shelter adjacent to the entry door. The equipment shelter itself would be placed within the fenced perimeter of the communication compound. The lights would be down shielded and screened to minimize any light bleeding onto adjacent areas. Impacts from the lights will be negligible, especially if one considers the minimal amount of time that the lights will actually be triggered. For obvious reasons, the County would prefer to retain this feature, since it provides for the safety of its maintenance personnel who might be called out to visit a site during an outage or other emergency. Considering how infrequently these lights will be used, the County does not believe that this arrangement would be overly disruptive to nocturnal animals or any other receptors in the area.

Response to Comment 10-6

The County appreciates the RCHCA's interest in this project, and looks forward to its continued involvement as development of the project proceeds.



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RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

July 22, 2008

Ms. Ashley Mitchell
Riverside County
Department of Facilities Management
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Comment 11

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

Re: Notice of Availability of a Draft
Program Environmental Impact Report
for the Public Safety Enterprise
Communications Project

This letter is written in response to the Notice of Availability of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR) for the Public Safety Enterprise Communications Project. The proposed project would expand the County's radio tower network from the current 25 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 no comments at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the DPEIR. 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 951.955.1233.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of Teresa Tung in blue ink.
TERESA TUNG
Senior Civil Engineer

c: TLMA
Attn: David Mares

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Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (July 22, 2008)

Response to Comment 11-1

The County appreciates the District's interest in this project.

From: Brewer, Marc
Sent: Mon 6/16/2008 2:57 PM
To: EIR
Subject: PSEC Project

Comment 12

Afternoon:

During my initial review of the project I noted a tower is proposed for Box Springs Mtn. However, you have not provided information for the site on

Table 1. Could you please provide the tower information.

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Thank you

Marc Brewer

Senior Planner

Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District

951-955-4316

Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District (June 16, 2008)

Response to Comment 12-1

The information requested in the commentor's email was made as requested. The County appreciates the District's interest in this project.



CITY OF BLYTHE

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Comment 13

To: County of Riverside
Department of Facilities Management

From: Development Services Department

Date: 6/9/2008

Re: Mailing Address

Please note that this office is not at 440 South Main Street and update your records. Thank you.

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City of Blythe Development Services Department (June 9, 2008)

Response to Comment 13-1

The comment is informational in nature and does not require a response. The County appreciates the City's interest in this project.



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
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June 16, 2008

Comment 14

County of Riverside
Department of Facilities Management
ATTN: Ms. Ashley Mitchell
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RE: Draft Program Environmental Impact Report Regarding the Public Safety Enterprise Communication (PSEC) Project

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

The City of Corona appreciates the opportunity to respond to the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Public Safety Enterprise Communication (PSEC) project which is intended to update Riverside County's communication network. Although the City of Corona realizes the importance of such facilities, it is also important to ensure that the facilities are located in a manner that meets that county's goals and needs while minimizing any impact to existing communities. As such, our comments are listed below.

14-1

- The city requests that the project incorporate appropriate landscape screening along the boundaries of the project site to aide in buffering the proposed communications facility from the adjacent sensitive land uses to the south and north and those across Buena Vista Avenue to the east. The "Corona" location is located adjacent to and across from residentially zoned and developed properties. A proposed lattice tower with a height of 80 feet is not compatible with the aforementioned land uses.

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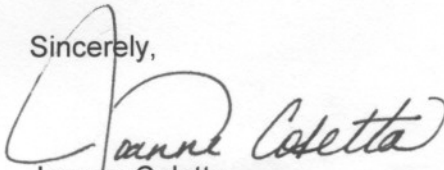
- An alternative location could be considered approximately .50 miles north within an industrial area where the use would be more compatible. It should be noted that the area north of State Route 91 is located within the Airport Safety Zone D (Primary Traffic Patterns and Runway Buffer Areas) thereby requiring the review of any facility located north of State Route 91 by the Airport Land Use Commission. However, it is the City's position that the latter is a more suitable location.

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Thank you for considering our comments. If you have any questions, please call me at 951-736-2262.

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Sincerely,


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City of Corona Community Development Department (June 16, 2008)

Response to Comment 14-1

The County appreciates the City's interest in this project. The County is committed to implementing the project in the most sensitive manner feasible while still meeting the objectives of the project and the public's need for a reliable emergency services communication network. The proposed project is intended to benefit all residents of the County, including the County's emergency service cooperators (i.e. the City of Corona) and residents that live in incorporated areas that are served by those cooperators.

Response to Comment 14-2

Page 3-14 of the DEIR outlines some of the aesthetic treatments that will be incorporated as appropriate at each tower site. It is the County's desire to construct and operate these facilities with the minimal amount of visual impact possible. Unfortunately, radio coverage requirements may require that some of these facilities be placed in areas where visual impacts may be more noticeable. This particular site was selected because it provided the required radio coverage, was located in a previously disturbed area with which it was compatible (the CNUSD maintenance yard, which is essentially a light industrial facility and storage yard), and was located on lands under the control of an owner that was willing to assist the County in implementation of the project. The County believes that this site presents the best compromise in regards to the difficult challenge of placing a communication tower in an urban area.

Response to Comment 14-3

The County considered alternate locations for placement of this facility. However, ultimate placement was constrained first and foremost by coverage requirements, followed by environmental and acquisition constraints. It has generally been the County's policy to avoid placement of towers within Airport Land Use Plan areas, unless no other feasible alternative exists. In this case, a feasible alternative does exist at the selected location.

Response to Comment 14-4

The County appreciates the City's interest in this project, and looks forward to the City's cooperation as the project moves forward.