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CAL-4-PM 7.914 CUP
2024-044 Copperopolis
Cingular Wireless
Telecommunications
Initial Study - 2025041166

Dear Mr. Franklin,

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the Initial Study of the installation of stealth wireless communications facility of a new 90-foot (ft.) broadleaf tree pole with twelve (12) 8 ft. antennas, a microwave dish, three (3) ground mounted cabinets, and associated small equipment. All facility equipment will be on raised concrete pad and contained within a 16 ft. by 31 ft. fenced lease area, located approximately 55 ft. from the nearest property boundary. Plans indicate potential future co-location. A 30Kw backup generator has been proposed. Stealth telecommunications facilities are allowed in the Single Family Residential (R1) zone with approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). This project requires an environmental impact analysis, and site-specific studies to examine the project site and associated impacts.

The project parcel is located at 409 Jackson Street in the community of Copperopolis within Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 054-011-014.

Caltrans has the following comments:
Caltrans suggests Calaveras County continue to coordinate and consult with Caltrans to identify and address potential cumulative transportation impacts from this project and other developments near this location. This will assist Caltrans in ensuring that traffic safety and quality standards are maintained for the traveling public on existing and future state transportation facilities.

Environmental
If there are any construction related activities that will encroach into Caltrans Right of Way (ROW) as a result of the project, the project proponent must apply for an Encroachment Permit with the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office. All California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation, like the final Initial Study, with supporting technical studies, must be submitted with the Encroachment Permit Application. These studies may include an analysis of potential impacts to any cultural sites, historic properties, biological resources, hazardous waste/materials, scenic highways, and/or other environmental resources within Caltrans ROW, at the project site(s). Evidence of consultation with local Native American tribes and interested parties will need to be presented within the technical documents for approval of encroachment in the Caltrans ROW.

Encroachment Permits
If any project activities encroach into Caltrans ROW, the project proponent must submit an application for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office through the Caltrans CEPS Portal at https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep. For more information, please visit the Caltrans Website at: https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shiferaw Jemberie (209) 986-9635 (email: Shiferaw.jemberie@dot.ca.gov) or me at (209) 483 -7234 (email: Gregoria.ponce@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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