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**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Notice of Exemption**

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95814

 County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

From: Contra Costa County
Department of Conservation and
Development (**Lead Agency**)
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

Project Title: Renewal of Existing Verizon Wireless Facility, County File #CDWA25-00009
Project Applicant: Matthew Norton, NextEdge Networks, on behalf of Verizon Wireless
1355 Windward Concourse, Suite 410, Alpharetta, GA 30005, (916) 505-7178
Project Location: Public right-of-way on the northern side of Marsh Creek Road, approximately 0.25 miles east of its intersection with Gill Drive, adjacent to the property addressed 14101 Marsh Creek Road in unincorporated Clayton (APN: ROW 078-140-010)
Lead Agency: Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553
Contact Person: Chloe Partain, (925) 655-2857, chloe.partain@dcd.cccounty.us

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Land Use permit, approved July 21, 2025 by the Contra Costa County Zoning Administrator, authorizing the continued operation of an existing Verizon Wireless telecommunications facility located within the Marsh Creek Road public right-of-way. The project includes the removal of an existing 30' utility pole and the installation of a new 43'-tall replacement pole at the same location. Additionally, the project includes the removal and replacement of existing Verizon Wireless antennas and associated radio equipment presently mounted to the existing utility pole.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268) Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15302(b))
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080[b][3]; 15269[a]) General Rule of Applicability (Sec. 15061[b][3])
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080[b][4]; 15269[b][c]) Other Statutory Exemption (Sec.)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project involves the removal and replacement of an existing utility pole and existing telecommunications equipment, with no intensification of the established telecom use. Therefore, the project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15302(b), regarding "Replacement or Reconstruction," which specifies that the replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity, are categorically exempt from CEQA review. There is no substantial evidence that the project involves unusual circumstances, including future activities, resulting in, or which might reasonably result in, significant impacts which threaten the environment. None of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply.

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
- 2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Chloe C. Partain Title: Planner I Date: 07/21/25
Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

AFFIDAVIT OF FILING AND POSTING
I declare that on JUL 24 2025 I received and posted this notice as required by California Public Resources Code Section 21152(c). Said notice will remain posted for 30 days from the filing date.

W. Smiglewski Signature Deputy Clerk Title

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Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due

De Minimis Finding - \$0
 County Clerk - \$50
 Conservation and Development - \$25
Total Due: _____ Receipt #: _____