

Notice of Exemption

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From: County of Placer
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Environmental Coordination Services
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Project Title: Modification of an AT&T Wireless Telecommunication Facility (CVL01097-Bowman Water Plant)

Project Number: PLN25-00183

APN: 077-050-043-000

Project Location: 595 Christian Valley Road, unincorporated area of Auburn, Placer County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Consider a request from the applicant for approval of a Minor Use Permit (MUP) to increase the height of an existing monopole cellular tower by 15 feet, from an existing 56 feet to a proposed height of 71 feet. The increased tower height will accommodate the installation of 12 new panel antennas, 12 new remote radio units, and three new DC-9 surge protectors. The project also includes the installation of a new CWIC cabinet and 30kW standby back-up generator with associated equipment in an expanded 706 square foot (total) fenced ground facility area. The Zoning Administrator will also consider a finding of Categorical Exemption in accordance with Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and Placer County Code Section 18.36.030 (Class 1 – Existing facilities).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Placer County

Entitlement/Action Date

Minor Use Permit / August 14, 2025

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Placer County Community Development Resource Agency

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sections 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed project is categorically exempt from environmental review in accordance with Sections 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and Placer County Code Section 18.36.030 (Class 1 – Existing facilities) because the project is an addition to an existing monopole cell tower which serves to expand the coverage of an existing communications network (private/public utility). The Zoning Administrator will be required to make a finding to this effect.

Lead Agency Contact Person

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Signature Claudia Garcia Date 8/14/2025

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