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BUTTE COUNTY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
KEEFER ROAD WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA25-0002)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Butte County has prepared an Initial Study in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is considering the adoption of a Negative Declaration for the project described below. The County has prepared this Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration to provide an opportunity for input from public agencies, organizations, and interested parties on the environmental analysis addressing the potential effects of the proposed project. The IS/ND is available for review on the County's website at https://www.buttecounty.net/363/California-Environmental-Quality-Act-CEQ.

Project Information

Project: Keefer Road Wireless Telecommunication Facility (CEQA25-0002)

Location: The project site is at 4007 Keefer Road, on the southwest corner of Keefer Road and Garner Lane, north of Chico; Assessor Parcel Number: 047-600-005

Project Description: Proposal to establish a lease agreement between Butte County and Verizon Wireless for a 50 x 50-foot (2,500 square feet) lease area within a vacant 6.19-acre County-owned property to develop a new wireless communication facility Upon execution of the lease, the applicant, Epic Wireless Group LLC (on behalf of Verizon Wireless), will seek approval of a Conditional Use Permit to construct a wireless telecommunications tower. The proposed tower would be up to 100 feet in height and designed as a monopole, monopine, or faux water tank. The facility would include an equipment shelter to support Verizon Wireless communication systems and allow for future co-location by other wireless carriers. The final tower design will be determined during the review of the Conditional Use Permit.

The Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) is on file for public review and comment starting **October 1, 2025,** to **October 30, 2025**. All comments for the IS/ND must be submitted in writing and received by **5:00 pm, Thursday, October 30, 2025**. Written comments may be submitted to the project planner, Rowland Hickel, Senior Planner, Butte County Development Services Department, Planning Division, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965. Phone: (530) 552-3684 Email: rhickel@buttecounty.net. The Butte County Planning Commission will consider the proposed project at a public hearing on a future date to be determined.

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