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Customer Name	HERRMANN
Balance	\$4,730 75

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PROJECT TITLE  
 VERTICAL BRIDGE, T-MOBILE AND VERIZON WIRELESS CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT / N-DRC2024-00046 / ED26-0011

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SAMANTHA HERRMANN	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL sherrmann@assurance-group.com	PHONE NUMBER (310) 488-6237
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1499 HUNTINGTON DRIVE, STE 305	CITY SOUTH PASADENA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 91030

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency   
  School District   
  Other Special District   
  State Agency   
  Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,227.50	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$3,043.75	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,437.25	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)		
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$81.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash   
  Credit   
  Check   
  Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$81.00

SIGNATURE X <i>Michelle Maltby</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Michelle Maltby, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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By M Maltby, Deputy





Notice of Exemption/General Rule Exemption

Project Title and No.: Vertical Bridge, T-Mobile and Verizon Wireless Conditional Use Permit / N-DRC2024-00046 / ED26-0011

Table with 2 columns: Project Location and APN, Project Applicant/Phone No./Email. Includes details like '0.5-miles south of the Village of Heritage Ranch' and 'Samantha Herrmann / (310) 488-6237 / sherrmann@assurance-group.com'.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

A request by Vertical Bridge, Verizon, and T-Mobile for a Conditional Use Permit and Variance to allow the construction of telecommunications and public utility facility, consisting of a 69' faux mono-pine with (19) 8' antennas, (18) rru's, (1) 2' microwave, (1) 4' microwave, (2) gps antenna, (3) service lights, (5) ground mounted radio cabinets, (2) back-up diesel generators, (2) raised concrete pads, cable ice bridge, Utility backboard and multi-meter utility service mounted on concrete pad within a 1,600 square-foot fenced lease area.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of San Luis Obispo

Exempt Status:

- 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 {Sec. 15303; Class: 3}
Statutory Exemption {Sec. \_\_\_\_}
General Rule Exemption {Sec. 15061(b)(3)}
Not a Project \_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt: The project qualifies for a Class 3 Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (New Construction of Small Structures). Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, including, per subsection (d) "Water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction."

The project involves the construction of an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility, including panel antennas and related equipment on a 69-foot-tall faux mono-pine, along with ground-mounted equipment and two emergency diesel generators. All components will be located within an approximately 1,600-square-foot lease area, enclosed by a chain-link fence, in the Rural Lands land use category.

trees will be replaced at a 4:1 ratio and impacted trees at a 2:1 ratio. Davey Resource Group (October, 2025) evaluated the site and determined that on-site replacement planting would not be feasible; therefore, in-lieu fees are proposed. The project site is approximately 820 feet from the nearest stream, and no impacts to sensitive resources, including cultural resources, are anticipated. A biological resources assessment conducted by Trileaf Corporation (June, 2025) did not identify any sensitive species on the site. Given the scale, location, and design of the facility, the project would not result in significant visual impacts or alter the rural character of the area. The project is conditioned to comply with all applicable grading, drainage, lighting, and glare standards and is consistent with County Code

Therefore, the proposed activity qualifies for a Categorical Exemption 15303 (Class 3, New Construction of Small Structures) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15332 and is further covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this project may have a significant effect on the environment.

This project is also covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this project may have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, the activity is not subject to CEQA. [Reference: State CEQA Guidelines sec. 15061(b)(3), General Rule Exemption].

**Additional Information:** Additional information pertaining to this notice of general rule exemption may be found on the next page of this document and by contacting the Planning and Building Department, 976 Osos St., Rm 200, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408 (805) 781-5600.

Blake Maule (bmaule@co.slo.ca.us)

(805) 781-4163

**Lead Agency Contact Person**

**Telephone**

Signature: *Blake Maule*

Date: 1/21/2026

**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

On February 26, 2026, the project was approved by:

- Board of Supervisors       Subdivision Review Board       Chief Building Official  
 Planning Commission       Planning Dept Hearing Officer       Other \_\_\_\_\_

# Notice of General Rule Exemption

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Pursuant to section 15061 of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the preliminary review of a project includes a determination as to whether a project is exempt from CEQA. This checklist represents a summary of this project's review for exemption.

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
1. Does this project fall within any exempt class as listed in sections 15301 through 15333 of the State CEQA Guidelines?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Is there a reasonable possibility that the project could have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Is the project inconsistent with any Federal, State, or local law or administrative requirement relating to the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the project involve substantial public controversy regarding environmental issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of achieving long-term environmental goals? (A short-term impact on the environment is one which occurs in a relatively brief, definitive period of time while long-term impacts will endure well into the future.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Does the project have adverse impacts which are individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant? Cumulatively significant means that the incremental effects of an individual project are substantially adverse when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

On the basis of this initial evaluation, I find that the proposed project does not have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from CEQA.