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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**Project Title:**

New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) at Branch Center Complex

**Control Number:**

PLER2025-00123

**Project Location:**

3700 Branch Center Road, Sacramento, CA 95827

**APN:**

060-0011-034

**Description of Project:** AT&T is requesting permission to lease a portion of County-owned property for a wireless telecommunication facility. The existing 93-foot-tall lattice tower will be replaced with a new 93-foot-tall lattice tower for collocation of antennas. Additionally, equipment cabinets will be installed within the existing County building. The facility will include approximately 73 square feet of leased area within County-owned property.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:**

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**Person or Agency Carrying out Project:**

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**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption (PRC Section 21084; CEQA Guidelines Sections 15300-15333):

- CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 – Existing Facilities
- CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

The project consists of replacing an existing 93-foot-tall lattice tower with a new 93-foot-tall lattice tower for collocation of antennas. Equipment cabinets will be placed within the existing County building, located on approximately 73 square feet of leased area. The proposed new 93-foot-tall lattice tower will not substantially alter the original purpose or capacity of the current lattice tower, and the equipment cabinets will be located within the existing county facility on the approximately 73 square feet of leased area. The facility will have the same purpose and capacity as the existing structure; therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

### **Section 15300.2-Exceptions**

Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines, Exceptions, provides conditions under which categorical exemptions are inapplicable. Review of the Project indicates that it will not violate any of the exceptions, as described in the following section.

1. *For Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11, will the project have an impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies?*

The project exemption is not one of the above classes and this exception does not apply.

2. *Will cumulative impacts be considerable because successive projects of the same type will occur at the same place over time?*

The project consists of replacing existing structures with structures of similar design and use and will not result in significant impacts. Therefore, no cumulative impacts will result from implementation of the project and successive projects of the same type and at the same place over time.

3. *Is there a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances?*

There are no known unusual circumstances that will have a significant effect on the environment.

4. *Will the project result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources within a highway officially designated as a scenic highway?*

River Road/Highway 160 (from the Sacramento City Limits at the northern edge of Freeport to the southern tip of the Delta at Antioch Bridge) is a designated State Scenic Highway. The project is not located within the vicinity of this scenic highway. Therefore, implementation of the project will not result in damage to scenic resources or similar resources within a highway that is officially designated as a scenic highway.

5. *Is the project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code?*

The project site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

6. *Will the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource?*

The project site does not contain any historical resources.

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