

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: City of Watsonville
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FILE NO.: PP2026-10831

Project Title: Telecommunications Facility

Project Location - Specific: 11 Grove Street

Project Location - City: Watsonville

Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Minor Modification with Environmental Review (PP2026-10831) to Special Use Permit #02-46 to allow the modification of an existing telecommunications facility. The project consists of minor modifications to an existing telecommunications facility for Verizon that involves swapping and modifying existing telecommunications equipment with no increase in the number of antennas or height.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Watsonville

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Powder River Development, on behalf of Verizon Wireless, 5720 Westchester Way, Eastvale CA 92880

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: Class 1, Section 15301
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: This project qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption per Section 15301 of the *State CEQA Guidelines* as it involves minor alterations of an existing telecommunication facility and no expansion of use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Matt Orbach

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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:  **Date:** July 2, 2026 **Title:** Community Development Director,

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____