

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County of Los Angeles
Registrar-Recorder/Clerk
Business Filing & Registration
12400 Imperial Highway, Room 1201
Norwalk, California 90650

From Lead Agency: Port of Long Beach
City of Long Beach Harbor Department
Environmental Planning Division
415 West Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90802

Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, California 95814
Via State Clearinghouse CEQAnet

Applicant: Arvin Norouzi, Agent Manager
American Towers LLC
22431 Antonio Pkwy, Suite B160-234
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688
(818) 653-1393
anorouzi@dernagrp.com

Project Title: Wireless Communications Tower Upgrades– Harbor Development Permit No. 26-031
State Clearinghouse No: Enter Number
Project Location – Specific: 150 Pier D Avenue; Harbor Planning District 5 – Middle Harbor
Project Location – City: Long Beach, California **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Verizon Wireless upgrades to modify ground-based and tower-mounted equipment. Tower-mounted equipment upgrades involve installing up to three (3) sector mounts, one (1) standoff mount, one (1) microwave dish, fifteen (15) antennas, three (3) remote radio units, three (3) over-voltage protection, two (2) outdoor units, and four (4) cables on tower. Ground-work consists of installing up to one (1) battery cabinet, one (1) power cabinet, one (1) generator with tank, one (1) emergency stop button, twelve (12) batteries, one (1) ILC/ATC cabinet, one (1) GPS antenna, one (1) H-frame extension, one (1) fiber junction box, one (1) telco vault, one (1) fire knox padlock, one (1) LED lamp, one (1) chain link fence, approximately 28-feet long by 14-feet wide and 9-feet tall, and (1) rolling gate, approximately 11-feet long and 9-feet tall.

Exempt Status:

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ Ministerial Exemption [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268]; | ☐ Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3)) |
| ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)); | ☐ Other: |
| ☐ Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)] | |
| ☒ Categorical Exemption. Section 15301 (Class 1. Existing Facilities), Section 15302 (Class 2. Replacement or Reconstruction), and Section 15303 (Class 3. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) | |
| ☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number: | |

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1): The Class 1 Categorical Exemption consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The Port will issue a Level I HDP for minor alteration of existing facilities to upgrade the wireless tower-mounted equipment consisting of ground-work installations to support the existing telecommunications facility.

Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction (Class 2): The Class 2 Categorical Exemption 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 involves replacing

existing equipment to upgrade wireless communication facility. All equipment that is removed from the site will be disposed of in a manner that meets all federal, state and local environmental and regulatory requirements.

Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Class 3): The Class 3 Categorical Exemption consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The project involves tower-mounted and ground equipment upgrades consisting of installing up to three (3) sector mounts, one (1) standoff mount, one (1) microwave dish, fifteen (15) antennas, three (3) remote radio units, three (3) over-voltage protection, two (2) outdoor units, and four (4) cables on tower. Ground-work consists of new installation of up to one (1) battery cabinet, one (1) power cabinet, one (1) generator with tank, one (1) emergency stop button, twelve (12) batteries, one (1) ILC/ATC cabinet, one (1) GPS antenna, one (1) H-frame extension, one (1) fiber junction box, one (1) telco vault, one (1) fire knox padlock, one (1) LED lamp, one (1) chain link fence, approximately 28-feet long by 14-feet wide and 9-feet tall, and (1) rolling gate, approximately 11-feet long and 9-feet tall, which are a limited number of new small facilities, structures, and equipment.

The Port has determined that none of the exceptions to the exemptions in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15300.2 foreclose the use of Categorical Exemption CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1. Existing Facilities), Section 15302 (Class 2. Replacement or Reconstruction), and Section 15303 (Class 3. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); therefore, the Project is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.

Lead Agency

Contact: Allyson Teramoto **Telephone and Email:** (562) 283-7100; allyson.teramoto@polb.com

Signature:  **Date:** 8/10/26 **Title:** Director of Environmental Planning
Renee Moilanen

☒ 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.