Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration

Per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this notice has been prepared to inform you that the following project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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Project Location

The subject property is a rural zoned, unincorporated, 8.7 acre parcel located at 15055 and 15085 Monterey Road, approximately 0.5 miles south of Watsonville Road, south of the City of Morgan Hill.

Project Description

This application is for a Use Permit and Architecture and Site Approval to establish a new 75-foot tall telecommunications tower at 15055 & 15085 Monterey Road (See Figure 1—location map). The tower would be disguised as a eucalyptus tree to help to minimize visual impacts to neighbors and passers-by. The tower will be located within the area to be leased by the property owner (leasehold area). Utilities and cabling between the leasehold area and the street would be entirely below grade. Grading of 108 cubic yards of cut and 108 cubic yards of fill would be necessary for the driveway and utility access as well as to establish the equipment shelter and tower areas. The tower and associated equipment would be accessed by a new driveway from Monterey Road. Project construction would not involve removal of any trees. The proposed telecommunications tower will include the following components:

1) Nine (9) panel antennas centered at the 69-foot level
2) Twelve (12) Remote Radio Units centered at the 69-foot level
3) Two (2) ground-based GPS antennas
4) Ancillary ground-based equipment located behind an 8-foot tall chain-link fence-enclosed 1,050 square foot leasehold area
5) 144 square foot equipment roof cover
6) Faux tree foliage to disguise the pole as a eucalyptus tree
7) 1,560 gallon water tank for the required landscape mitigation irrigation
8) 30Kw / 132-gallon standby diesel generator
9) Landscape screening

Purpose of Notice

The purpose of this notice is to inform you that the County Planning Staff has recommended that a Negative Declaration be approved for this project. County of Santa Clara Planning Staff has reviewed the Initial Study for the project, and based upon substantial evidence in the record, finds that the proposed project could not have a significant effect on the environment.

Approval of this proposed Negative Declaration for the proposed project is tentatively scheduled before the Santa Clara County Architecture and Site Approval Committee on July 2, 2015 in the County Government Center. It should be noted that the approval of a Negative Declaration does not constitute approval of the project under consideration. The decision to approve or deny the project will be made separately.
Public Review Period:  
Begins: January 5, 2016  
Ends: January 26, 2016

Public Comments regarding the correctness, completeness, or adequacy of this Negative Declaration are invited and must be received on or before the end of the review period listed above. Such comments should be based on specific environmental concerns. Written comments should be addressed to Carl Hilbrants Planner III:  
County of Santa Clara Planning Office, County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, CA 95110; Tel: (408) 299-5781. A file containing additional information on this project may be reviewed at the Planning Office under the file number appearing at the top of this form.

The Negative Declaration and Initial Study may be viewed at the following locations:
1. Santa Clara County Planning Office, 70 West Hedding Street, East Wing, 7th Floor, San Jose, CA 95110
2. Morgan Hill Library, 660 West Main Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037
3. Gilroy Library, 350 West 6th Street, Gilroy, CA 95020

Other Agencies sent a copy of this document

Basis for Negative Declaration Recommendation

County of Santa Clara Planning Staff has reviewed the Initial Study for the project, and based upon substantial evidence in the record, finds that the proposed project could not have a significant effect on the environment.

Prepared by:
Carl Hilbrants, Planner III

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Signature  
Date

Approved by:
David Rader, Planner III

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Signature  
Date