

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

836



FROM: Economic Development Agency/Facilities Management

SUBMITTAL DATE:

March 3, 2011

SUBJECT: Approval of Four Relocated Communication Sites for the Public Safety Enterprise Communication Project

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Consider the attached addendum with the Final Environmental Impact Report for the County of Riverside's Public Safety Enterprise Communication (PSEC) Project, State Clearinghouse Number 2008021126;
2. Find that use of the sites referenced herein will not result in any new significant environmental effects, will not substantially increase the severity of previously identified significant effects, and will not necessitate new mitigation measures; and
3. Approve the relocation of four communication sites to the PSEC Project.

BACKGROUND: (Commences on Page 2)

Robert Field
Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2010/11

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA: No

SOURCE OF FUNDS: PSEC Project Budget	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

BY:
Jennifer L. Sargent

County Executive Office Signature

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: Michelle Clack
DATE: 3/2/11
Departmental Concurrence

Dep't Recomm.: Consent Policy
Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 3.52 of 9/2/08

District: 1, 2, 3

Agenda Number:

3.8

ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

BACKGROUND: The County of Riverside's existing law enforcement and emergency first responder voice communication network is lacking in coverage and functionality. As currently configured, the county's system of approximately 20 communication sites provides voice coverage to only about 60% of the county. The PSEC project will construct approximately 65 new communication sites to remedy this deficiency, and will ultimately provide communication coverage to approximately 95% of the county. The new system is urgently needed to ensure the safety of the public, Sheriff's deputies, and firefighters.

The Board of Supervisors approved a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the project on September 2, 2008. The PEIR imposed a number of standard mitigation measures that were applicable to all of the sites. However, at the time of the PEIR's adoption, certain design details and a final location for a number of the sites had not been finalized. To provide for such a contingency, the PEIR prescribed mitigation measures to be implemented if a site or its supporting components (access roads, power alignments, etc.) were to be relocated to an area that had not been assessed and/or surveyed as part of the PEIR. This programmatic approach was adopted to allow modifications and expansion of the project's design without the need for recirculation of the PEIR. Specific measures prescribed in the PEIR required the county to determine if the impacts associated with the proposed modification/addition were consistent with the analysis and findings of the PEIR. Specific performance measures were adopted to identify the analysis necessary to make this determination.

Since adoption of the PEIR in September 2008, it has been determined that four sites that had been evaluated in the PEIR had to be relocated due to acquisition issues and communication coverage deficiencies. As such, the county undertook to implement the mitigation prescribed in the PEIR that was required in the event of site relocation and/or network expansion. Pursuant to CEQA Section 15164, an addendum to the PEIR was prepared.

The addendum (included as Attachment A) evaluates four relocated sites: Beacon Hill, Estelle Mountain, Margarita, and North Mountain. These sites were not specifically evaluated in the PEIR. The purpose and need for each of these sites is summarized below, and are presented in greater detail in the attached addendum. The analysis for each site is also presented in the attached addendum, and incorporates the findings from the biological and cultural resources studies that were required as per the PEIR mitigation measures.

Beacon Hill Communication Site Relocation – Since adoption of the PEIR in September 2008, it has been determined that the originally proposed Paradise Communication Site location is not available for acquisition. This determination is based on a number of constraints that are present at the site, principally the site's location adjacent to an existing Federal Aviation Administration facility that cannot accept the interference that would result from the proposed PSEC site. As such, the proposed Paradise site had to be relocated to an area that could still meet the site's critical radio coverage objectives. The alternative site is located to the west of Interstate 15 on a hilltop known locally as Beacon Hill. The Beacon Hill site is located in a previously disturbed area immediately adjacent to an existing cellular communication tower and a water tank. This proposed site would provide emergency services communication coverage to areas in and around the City of Norco. Emergency responders working in this area currently do so without reliable communication coverage to summon backup or needed resources. The construction of the Beacon Hill Communication Site is intended to supplement the coverage in this area and remedy the deficiency.

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BACKGROUND: (Continued)

Estelle Mountain Communication Site Relocation – Since adoption of the PEIR in September 2008, it has been determined that the originally proposed Estelle Mountain Communication Site location is not available for acquisition. This determination is based on a number of constraints that are present at the site, principally the site's location on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management and a number of management criteria that preclude development of a communication facility on the property. As such, the proposed Estelle Mountain site had to be relocated to an area that could still meet the site's critical radio coverage objectives. The alternative site is located approximately 0.5 miles east of the original proposed Estelle Mountain site. The site is located on the western flank of Estelle Mountain overlooking Interstate 15 and the Temescal Valley. This proposed site would provide emergency services communication coverage to areas in the Temescal Valley adjacent to Interstate 15. An additional area that would be provided with coverage by this site is the southeastern flank of the Santa Ana Mountains and associated canyons. Emergency responders working in this area currently do so without reliable communication coverage to summon backup or needed resources. The construction of the Estelle Mountain Communication Site is intended to supplement the coverage in this area and remedy the deficiency.

Margarita Communication Site Relocation – When the PEIR was certified in September, 2008, the Margarita Communication Site was proposed to be located at 1 of 2 candidate locations, both generally located in the vicinity of the City of Temecula. Shortly after the PEIR was certified, it was determined that both candidate locations presented specific constraints that rendered each of them undesirable for future consideration. Both candidates were subsequently dropped from further consideration and a new candidate was selected. The principal area to be covered by the Margarita Communication Site is the southwestern portion of the county adjacent to Interstate 15 and the City of Temecula. This area is currently without adequate emergency services communication coverage, especially within the hilly areas surrounding the city, and also within portions of the city itself. The new Margarita Communication Site will remedy this deficiency.

North Mountain Communication Site Relocation – When the PEIR was certified in September, 2008, the North Mountain Communication Site was proposed to be constructed at an existing communication facility north of the City of Hemet. The updated PSEC equipment was proposed to be mounted on an existing communication tower and within an existing shelter. Since no new ground disturbance was proposed as part of this action, the potential environmental effects were considered negligible and the county adopted a Categorical Exemption (CE) for the North Mountain site, as permitted under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities, Class 1, and General Rule Exemption Section 15061. The CE was adopted on January 16, 2008.

Upon further evaluation of the existing communication tower at the site, it was determined that the tower would not be adequate to meet the requirements of the PSEC project. Specifically, the existing tower failed structural tests relating to its ability to withstand 120 mile-per-hour winds, which is a requirement for the PSEC project. As such, it was determined that a new tower would need to be constructed adjacent to the existing equipment shelter. Since this new level of effort surpassed the level of effort that was originally envisioned, and since the construction would disturb an area that had not previously been evaluated, additional analysis was undertaken as required in the PEIR.

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The principal area to be covered by the North Mountain Communication Site is the San Jacinto Valley area in the vicinity of the Cities of San Jacinto and Hemet, as well as a portion of the San Jacinto Mountains south of the Cities of Beaumont and Banning. Portions of the coverage area are broken and mountainous, and are currently without adequate emergency communication coverage. In addition, portions of the San Jacinto Valley currently lack sufficient signal strength to allow emergency service providers to effectively communicate when they are working within buildings and other structures. The new North Mountain Communication Site will remedy these deficiencies.

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2008021126

Project Title: Public Safety Enterprise Communication (PSEC) project, Phase 2 Communication Sites Addendum

Project Location (include county): Four communication sites within Riverside County, one communication site within San Bernardino County.

Project Description:

Addendum to Program EIR for construction of four relocated communication sites. Sites will consist of emergency services communication towers and equipment shelters within standard 100' by 100' fenced compounds.

This is to advise that the County of Riverside has approved the above described project on March 15, 2011 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:
(Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

- 1. The project [X] will [] will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. [X] An Environmental Impact Report and Addendum were prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. [] A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [X] were [] were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [X] was [] was not adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [X] was [] was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings [X] were [] were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at: http://psec.co.riverside.ca.us/notice-deir.html

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER

**AUTHORIZATION
TO BILL
BY JOURNAL VOUCHER**

Project Name: PSEC
Project Number: FM0417400010

Accounting String: 525440 - 47220 - 7200400300 - 6340 - 26000 - FM0417400010 -
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- **ADMIN FILING FEES ONLY - \$64.00**


DATE: January 27, 2011

AGENCY: Riverside County Economic Development Agency

THIS AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER TO BILL FOR FILING AND HANDLING FEES FOR THE ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT(S).

NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS INCLUDED: One (1)

AUTHORIZED BY: Claudia Steiding, Senior Environmental Planner, Economic
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PRESENTED BY: Claudia Steiding, Senior Environmental Planner, Economic
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-TO BE FILLED IN BY COUNTY CLERK-

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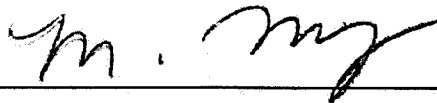
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Project Applicant: Local Public Agency

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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Appendix D

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Project Title: Public Safety Enterprise Communication (PSEC) Project

Project Location (include county): Multiple Jurisdictions, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties

Project Description:

The project entails the upgrading of the County of Riverside's emergency services communication network. This network will serve fire and law enforcement personnel and will allow expanded interoperability with other agencies and jurisdictions. Approximately 50 telecommunication facilities will be constructed throughout Riverside County and in several locations in San Bernardino County and one location in San Diego County. The typical facility will be composed of a communication tower and equipment shelter, all located within a fenced compound

This is to advise that the County of Riverside has approved the above described project on

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COUNTY CLERK
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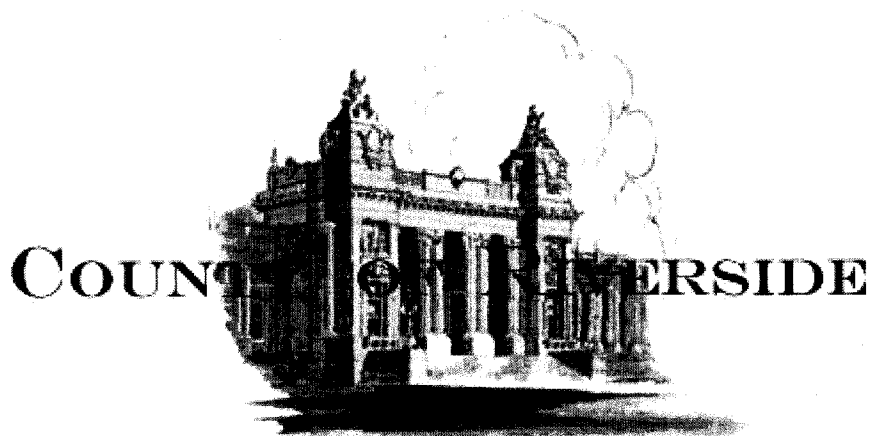
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Signature (Public Agency) Sandi Schlemmer Title Deputy Clerk
Sandi Schlemmer for NANCY ROMERO, Clerk of the Board
Date SEPTEMBER 2, 2008 Date Received for filing at OPR

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.



**Public Safety Enterprise Communication (PSEC) Project
Program Environmental Impact Report
Addendum No. 2
Communication Site Relocations**

Prepared for
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List of Acronyms

CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
HCP	Habitat Conservation Plan
I-15	Interstate 15
MWD	Metropolitan Water District
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
PEIR	Program Environmental Impact Report
PSEC	Public Safety Enterprise Communication
RCA	Regional Conservation Authority
RCHCA	Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency
SDSU	San Diego State University
SKR	Stephens Kangaroo Rat
SR-91	State Route 91
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
WRMSHCP	Western Riverside Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan

Section 1 – Background

On September 2, 2008, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors adopted the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Public Safety Enterprise Communication (PSEC) project. The PEIR assessed the environmental impacts likely to result from the construction and operation of up to 65 communication sites throughout Riverside County and adjoining areas of San Bernardino, San Diego, and Orange Counties.

The findings of the PEIR are hereby incorporated by reference into this addendum. The PEIR determined that the environmental impacts associated with the project would be less than significant for the majority of the environmental issues that were analyzed. This finding was based on the fact that all of the PSEC sites are virtually identical and would have the same types of impacts regardless of where they were located. Issues found to result in either No Impact or a Less Than Significant Impact with No Mitigation Required were as follows:

- Agricultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Utilities
- Climate Change

For several issue areas, the PEIR determined that potential impacts warranted the prescription of a number of standard mitigation measures. These mitigation measures were applicable to all of the sites, regardless of location. Issues found to result in a finding of Less Than Significant With Mitigation Required were as follows:

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Hydrology and Water Quality

The mitigation measures for biological and cultural resources included requirements for actions to be taken if a site were to change location or if additional sites not previously identified in the PEIR were proposed to be included as part of the overall PSEC project.

For one issue area, aesthetics, the PEIR determined that feasible mitigation to lessen the project's impacts in this regard was not available, and that the project's impact for this issue would be unavoidable and adverse.

Despite the project's potential unavoidable and adverse impact to aesthetic resources, the County determined that the project would provide specific safety benefits, increased communication, and other advantages that outweighed the unavoidable adverse environmental impacts of the project, such that those impacts were considered acceptable. The benefits were defined as follows:

- 1) Completion of the project will increase emergency communication coverage in the County from 60 percent to 95 percent of the County's land area for emergency service personnel and their cooperators;
- 2) The increased communication coverage will provide immeasurable benefits for all residents within the County. With better coverage, there will be adequate

communication capability during emergency incidents (including wildfires, earthquakes, large-scale releases of hazardous substances, and other natural or man-made disasters) that cross jurisdictional boundaries or require multiple-agency cooperation;

- 3) The project will provide a secure voice and data communication network that is not dependent upon commercial facilities for its operation;
- 4) The collocation of PSEC sites will reduce the number of individual communication sites that would otherwise be required if each agency were to construct their own separate facilities; and
- 5) When weighed against the potential for significant loss of life and property resulting from deficiencies in current communication coverage, the resulting impacts from the proposed project are quite minimal.

Based on the identified benefits of the proposed project, and pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15093, the County adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations for the project's potential unavoidable adverse impacts to aesthetics.

Section 2 – Allowance for Modification and Expansion

The PEIR imposed a number of standard mitigation measures that were applicable to all PSEC sites. As noted previously, mitigation measures related to air quality, hydrology and water quality were intended to apply to all sites, regardless of location. Mitigation measures related to biological and cultural resources were intended to be more site and area specific, and included requirements for actions to be taken if a site were to change location or if additional sites not previously identified in the PEIR were proposed to be included as part of the overall PSEC project.

At the time of the PEIR's adoption, certain design details and a final location for a number of the sites had not been finalized. To provide for such a contingency, the PEIR prescribed mitigation measures to be implemented if a site or its supporting components (access roads, power alignments, etc.) were to be relocated to an area that had not been assessed and/or surveyed as part of the PEIR. This programmatic approach was adopted to allow modifications to project design without the need for recirculation of the PEIR. Specific measures prescribed in the PEIR required the County to determine that the impacts associated with the proposed modification/addition were consistent with the analysis and findings of the PEIR. Specific performance measures were adopted to identify the analysis necessary to make this determination. Those measures were contained in a number of mitigation measures applicable to the sites assessed in this addendum, as follows:

Biological Resources

- MM BR-1c** If any construction related to the proposed project, such as access roads, is anticipated to occur outside of the area surveyed for the June 3, 2008 Habitat Assessment Report, then additional habitat assessments shall be conducted by a qualified biologist prior to development to evaluate potential impacts. If these expanded surveys find that sensitive biological resources are present in the area to be impacted, then appropriate measures consistent with applicable laws and policies in effect at the time of the survey shall be undertaken to avoid or mitigate identified impacts. If the expanded surveys do not find sensitive biological resources in the area to be impacted, then development may then commence unimpeded within the parameters of applicable laws and policies governing such development.
- MM BR-5a** A consistency analysis shall be prepared for all sites governed by the Western Riverside Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (WRMSHCP). This analysis may be presented as a master document that incorporates analysis for all of the sites rather than separate documents for each site. Regardless of the manner in which the analysis is presented, the development of each site must be found consistent with the WRMSHCP and payment of the mandatory mitigation fee must be submitted prior to the site's development. Payment of the fee and a determination of consistency with the requirements of the WRMSHCP is intended to provide full mitigation under CEQA, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), California Endangered Species Act, and Federal Endangered Species Act for impacts to the species and habitats covered by the WRMSHCP.

MM BR-5b If a site is located within a Criteria Cell as defined in the WRMSHCP, then the County shall enter into a Habitat Evaluation and Acquisition Negotiation Strategy (HANS) process with the Riverside County Environmental Planning Department (EPD) or the appropriate WRMSHCP participant. Once the HANS application is deemed complete, a HANS Criteria Determination Letter shall be issued. The application and letter must then be reviewed and accepted by the Regional Conservation Authority (RCA) prior to site development.

MM BR-5h If a site is proposed to be located within an SKR Reserve Area, then focused surveys for Stephens' kangaroo rat shall be conducted to determine the occupancy status of the species on the site. If the species is determined to be present on the site, an area of suitable habitat, at a minimum replacement ratio of one to one and approved by both the CDFG and the USFWS, shall be purchased and managed as a reserve area.

Cultural Resources

MM CR-1a In the event that ground-disturbing activities extend beyond the limits of a 300-foot buffer from the surveyed site, then additional archaeological studies must be completed to determine whether historical properties or significant archaeological resources will be affected by the proposed construction plans. Ground disturbing activities may consist of, but are not limited to trenching for electrical power, creation of access roads, or access road improvements. The extent of these additional archaeological studies would be determined based upon the nature of the proposed construction plans beyond a 300-foot radius of the surveyed location. If these expanded surveys find that sensitive properties or resources are present in the area to be impacted, then appropriate measures consistent with applicable laws and policies in effect at the time of the survey shall be undertaken to avoid or mitigate identified impacts. If the expanded surveys do not find sensitive properties or resources in the area to be impacted, then development may then commence unimpeded within the parameters of applicable laws and policies governing such development.

Since adoption of the PEIR in September 2008, it has been determined that several of the proposed sites will need to be relocated in order to adequately provide emergency services communication coverage to certain portions of the County. As such, the County undertook to implement the mitigation prescribed in the PEIR that was required in the event of site relocation or network expansion.

This addendum evaluates four relocated sites that were not specifically evaluated in the PEIR. For biological and cultural resources, the analysis for each site is presented individually below, and incorporates the findings from the biological and cultural resources studies as required by the PEIR mitigation measures outlined above.

Section 3 – Site Evaluations and Consistency with the PEIR

3.1 – Beacon Hill Communication Site Relocation

Since adoption of the PEIR in September 2008, it has been determined that the originally proposed Paradise Communication Site location is not available for acquisition. This determination is based on a number of constraints that are present at the site, principally the site's location adjacent to an existing Federal Aviation Administration facility that cannot accept the interference that would result from the proposed PSEC site. As such, the proposed Paradise site had to be relocated to an area that could still meet the site's critical radio coverage objectives. The alternative site is located to the west of Interstate 15 on a hilltop known locally as Beacon Hill. The Beacon Hill site is located in a previously disturbed area immediately adjacent to an existing cellular communication tower and a water tank. Exhibits are included within Appendix A.1 of this addendum that show the site's location and photographs of the site and surrounding area.

The Beacon Hill Communication Site is located in the vicinity of the City of Norco in Riverside County, approximately 3.7 miles north of the junction of State Route (SR) 91 and Interstate 15 (I-15). It is situated approximately 2.1 miles northwest of the original Paradise Communication Site location. It shares similar characteristics to the original location in that it is located on a hilltop adjacent to an existing communication facility. The hilltop is surrounded by urban development and possesses the same vegetation and habitat characteristics and contains similar visual features. The project site is located in Section 1 of Township 3 South, Range 7 West, as found on the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Corona North, California, 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle. The site is located on a privately-owned parcel, in rolling foothills. The surrounding area is urban in nature, with I-15 located approximately 0.25 miles to the east and the California Rehabilitation Center approximately 0.25 miles to the west. has been subdivided into numerous large and multi-acre lots. Single-family residences are located at the base of the hill within several hundred feet of the site. Commercial electric power is available adjacent to the site. A new access road approximately 600 feet in length will need to be constructed to reach the site. The site has been subject to disturbance associated with grading for the adjacent communication facility and a nearby water tank.

Since this proposed relocation site was not assessed in the PEIR, the County has implemented the mitigation measures that were prescribed in the PEIR for new or relocated sites. Table 1, below, summarizes the PEIR mitigation measures that are relevant to the relocated Beacon Hill Communication Site. The table also provides justification as to whether or not the mitigation measures listed above in Section 2 apply to this site.

Table 1: PEIR Mitigation Applicable to the Beacon Hill Communication Site

Mitigation Measure	Applicable to Billy Goat Communication Site?
Biological Resources	
BR-1c: Requirement for additional biological resources surveys if new sites are proposed or if a site changes location.	Yes. The Beacon Hill site is an all-new relocated site that was not previously assessed for biological resources in the PEIR. A biological resources survey was completed and the findings are summarized below in Section 3.1.1.
BR-5a: Preparation of WRMShCP Consistency	Yes. The Beacon Hill site is located within the

Analysis for sites within the MSHCP plan area.	WRMSHCP plan area. A WRMSHCP Consistency Analysis was prepared and the findings are summarized below in Section 3.1.1.
BR-5b: Requirement for additional review for sites located within WRMSHCP Criteria Cells.	No. The site is not located within a Criteria Cell.
BR-5h: Requirement for additional mitigation for sites located within the SKR Reserve Area.	No. The Beacon Hill site is not located within the SKR Reserve area.
Cultural Resources	
CR-1a: Requirement for additional cultural resources surveys if new sites are proposed or if a site changes location.	Yes. The Beacon Hill site is an all-new relocated site that was not previously assessed for cultural resources in the PEIR. A cultural resources survey was completed and the findings are summarized below in Section 3.1.2.

3.1.1 – Biological Resources (Beacon Hill Communication Site Relocation)

As per the relevant mitigation measures related to biological resources for this site, and noted above (MM BR-1c and MM BR-5a), a habitat assessment and WRMSHCP Consistency Analysis was prepared. The Consistency Analysis and the County’s Determination are attached to this addendum within Appendix B.1.

The County found that the proposed action at the proposed Beacon Hill Communication Site was consistent with WRMSHCP requirements and that development of the proposed project would not prevent the County of Riverside from achieving the conservation goals of the WRMSHCP. No adverse environmental effects from project implementation were identified. WRMSHCP fees would be paid during the standard construction permitting process. Based on these findings, it can be determined that the proposed Beacon Hill Communication Site is consistent with the findings contained in the PEIR, which determined that the project would not have a significant impact in regards to biological resources. As such, further action related to biological resources is not required.

3.1.2 – Cultural Resources (Beacon Hill Communication Site Relocation)

As per the mitigation measure (MM CR-1a), a records search and a pedestrian cultural resources survey was conducted for the proposed site. A report that outlines the results of these efforts is included within Appendix C.1 of this addendum. The results of the records search indicated that no previously recorded cultural resources are located within the project area, and 13 resources are known within one mile. However, only two of those resources are located within 0.25 miles of the project area and they would not be affected by construction. During the pedestrian survey, no prehistoric archaeological resources were observed, and no historic-age sites were detected.

The results of the records search, the negative results for significant cultural resources during the pedestrian survey, and the disturbed nature of the soils within the project area render it unlikely that significant and intact subsurface resources would be encountered during project implementation. Therefore, the project area appears to exhibit low sensitivity for significant cultural resources. As such, further action related to cultural resources is not required.

3.1.3 – Determination of Findings (Beacon Hill Communication Site Relocation)

Based on the analysis contained in the above assessment, the County finds that the impacts of the proposed Beacon Hill Goat Communication Site are consistent with the analysis and findings contained in the PEIR. The proposed project meets the criteria established in Public Resources Code Sections 15162 and 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines for an addendum to an EIR. Based on substantial evidence in the light of the whole record, it is determined that:

- 1) No substantial changes are proposed which will require major revisions of the PEIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.
- 2) No substantial changes occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the PEIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.
- 3) There is no new information of substantial importance, which was not shown or could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the PEIR was certified as complete that shows that:
 - a. The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the PEIR.
 - b. Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible in the PEIR would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project; and
 - c. Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the PEIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment.

Based on the discussion provided above, no subsequent changes are proposed or would occur that necessitate the preparation of a subsequent EIR or other applicable CEQA document.

3.2 – Estelle Mountain Communication Site Relocation

Since adoption of the PEIR in September 2008, it has been determined that the originally proposed Estelle Mountain Communication Site location is not available for acquisition. This determination is based on a number of constraints that are present at the site, principally the site's location on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management and a number of management criteria that preclude development of a communication facility on the property. As such, the proposed Estelle Mountain site had to be relocated to an area that could still meet the site's critical radio coverage objectives. The alternative site is located approximately 0.5 miles east of the original proposed Estelle Mountain site. The site is located on the western flank of Estelle Mountain overlooking I-15 and the Temescal Valley. Exhibits are included within Appendix A.2 of this addendum that show the site's location and photographs of the site and surrounding area.

The Estelle Mountain Communication Site is located in a rural area of the County approximately 1.3 miles northeast of I-15. It is situated approximately 0.5 miles east of the original Estelle Mountain B Communication Site location. It shares similar characteristics to the

original location in that it is located on an undeveloped hilltop that is surrounded by rolling, grass-covered hills. It possesses the same vegetation and habitat characteristics and contains similar visual features. The project site is located in Section 6 of Township 5 South, Range 5 West, as found on the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Lake Mathews, California, 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle. The site is located on a parcel that is owned by the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Authority (RCHCA), in rolling foothills. The surrounding area is rural in nature, with a transmission line to the east along the ridgeline of Estelle Mountain and rural development adjacent to I-15 in the valley below. Commercial electric power is not available at the site, and the electrical needs of the facility will be supplied via an onsite diesel-powered generator. An access road is currently present to the site, though some minor grading along its length will be required prior to site construction.

Since this proposed relocation site was not assessed in the PEIR, the County has implemented the mitigation measures that were prescribed in the PEIR for new or relocated sites. Table 2, below, summarizes the PEIR mitigation measures that are relevant to the relocated Estelle Mountain Communication Site. The table also provides justification as to whether or not the mitigation measures listed above in Section 2 apply to this site.

Table 2: PEIR Mitigation Applicable to the Estelle Mountain Communication Site

Mitigation Measure	Applicable to Estelle Mountain Communication Site?
Biological Resources	
BR-1c: Requirement for additional biological resources surveys if new sites are proposed or if a site changes location.	Yes. The Estelle Mountain site is an all-new relocated site that was not previously assessed for biological resources in the PEIR. A biological resources survey was completed and the findings are summarized below in Section 3.1.1.
BR-5a: Preparation of WRMSHCP Consistency Analysis for sites within the MSHCP plan area.	Yes. The Estelle Mountain site is located within the WRMSHCP plan area. A WRMSHCP Consistency Analysis was prepared and the findings are summarized below in Section 3.1.1.
BR-5b: Requirement for additional review for sites located within WRMSHCP Criteria Cells.	No. The site is not located within a Criteria Cell.
BR-5h: Requirement for additional mitigation for sites located within the SKR Reserve Area.	Yes. The Estelle Mountain site is located within the SKR Reserve area.
Cultural Resources	
CR-1a: Requirement for additional cultural resources surveys if new sites are proposed or if a site changes location.	Yes. The Estelle Mountain site is an all-new relocated site that was not previously assessed for cultural resources in the PEIR. A cultural resources survey was completed and the findings are summarized below in Section 3.1.2.

3.2.1– Biological Resources (Estelle Mountain Communication Relocation)

As per the relevant mitigation measures related to biological resources for this site, and noted above (MM BR-1c, MM BR-5a, and MM BR-5h), a habitat assessment and WRMSHCP Consistency Analysis was prepared. Additional mitigation was also undertaken in regards to

parcels located within the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (SKR) Reserve. The Consistency Analysis and the County's Determination are attached to this addendum within Appendix B.1.

The County found that the proposed action at the proposed Estelle Mountain Communication Site was consistent with WRMSHCP requirements and that development of the proposed project would not prevent the County of Riverside from achieving the conservation goals of the WRMSHCP. No adverse environmental effects from project implementation were identified. WRMSHCP fees would be paid during the standard construction permitting process. Based on these findings, it can be determined that the proposed Beacon Hill Communication Site is consistent with the findings contained in the PEIR, which determined that the project would not have a significant impact in regards to biological resources.

In regards to the additional mitigation required for sites within the SKR Reserve, the County has purchased a parcel approximately 10 acres in size of suitable and comparable SKR habitat adjacent to the reserve and has dedicated it to the RCHCA. The ratio of dedicated lands to acquired lands is approximately 10 to 1, which is far in excess to that required under the SKR Habitat Conservation Plan. The mitigation was approved by both the RCHCA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. As such, the project has met all of the requirements provided in the PEIR to biological resources and no further action is required in this regard.

3.2.2- Cultural Resources (Estelle Mountain Communication Site Relocation)

As per the mitigation measure (MM CR-1a), a records search and a pedestrian cultural resources survey was conducted for the proposed site. A report that outlines the results of these efforts is included within Appendix C.2 of this addendum. The results of the records search indicated that no previously recorded cultural resources are located within the project area, and one resource is known within one mile. However, that resource is not located within the proposed impact area for the project, and would thus not be affected by construction. During the pedestrian survey, no previously unrecorded prehistoric archaeological resources were observed, and no historic-age sites were detected.

The results of the records search, the negative results for significant cultural resources during the pedestrian survey, and the disturbed nature of the soils within the project area render it unlikely that significant and intact subsurface resources would be encountered during project implementation. Therefore, the project area appears to exhibit low sensitivity for significant cultural resources. As such, further action related to cultural resources is not required.

3.2.3 - Determination of Findings (Estelle Mountain Communication Relocation)

Based on the analysis contained in the above assessment, the County finds that the impacts of the proposed Estelle Mountain Communication Site are consistent with the analysis and findings contained in the PEIR. The proposed project meets the criteria established in Public Resources Code Sections 15162 and 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines for an addendum to an EIR. Based on substantial evidence in the light of the whole record, it is determined that:

- 1) No substantial changes are proposed which will require major revisions of the PEIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.
- 2) No substantial changes occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the PEIR due to the

involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.

- 3) There is no new information of substantial importance, which was not shown or could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the PEIR was certified as complete that shows that:
 - a. The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the PEIR.
 - b. Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible in the PEIR would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project; and
 - c. Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the PEIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment.

Based on the discussion provided above, no subsequent changes are proposed or would occur that necessitate the preparation of a subsequent EIR or other applicable CEQA document.

3.3 – Margarita Communication Site Relocation

When the PEIR was certified in September, 2008, the Margarita Communication Site was proposed to be located at one of two candidate locations, both generally located in the vicinity of the City of Temecula. One of these candidates was located on property owned by the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) of Southern California and the other candidate was located on property owned by San Diego State University (SDSU). Both candidate locations provided adequate communication coverage, but at the time of the PEIR's circulation it had not been determined if either of the site's could be successfully acquired or if other constraints were present that could render one or the other unsuitable for development.

Shortly after the PEIR was certified, it was determined that both candidate locations presented specific constraints that rendered each of them undesirable for future consideration. Constructability was the largest factor for the MWD site, since it was proposed to be built within MWD's right-of-way and would thus conflict with their access to their facilities. The SDSU site presented constraints associated with access, since the roadway leading to the site would require costly improvements and would pass through a sensitive archaeological and habitat area. Both candidates were subsequently dropped from further consideration and a search was made for a new candidate location. The candidate that was ultimately selected is the subject of this addendum.

The principal area to be covered by the Margarita Communication Site is the southwestern portion of the County adjacent to Interstate 15 (I-15) and the City of Temecula. This area is currently without adequate emergency services communication coverage, especially within the hilly areas surrounding the City, and also within portions of the City itself. The new Margarita Communication Site will remedy this deficiency.

The site is located approximately 2.5 miles south of Old Town Temecula approximately 800 feet east of I-15. It is situated approximately 2.8 miles southeast of the original Margarita MWD Communication Site location. It shares similar characteristics to the original location in that it is

located on an undeveloped hilltop that is surrounded by rolling, scrub-covered hills. It possesses the same vegetation and habitat characteristics and contains similar visual features. The site provides excellent coverage to the urban areas of Temecula and also to the I-15 corridor in both directions. The site will be leased by the County from a private party and is located on Section 30, Township 8 South, Range 2 West on the USGS Temecula, California, 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle. The site is located in an area of chaparral-covered hills south of the City between Rainbow Canyon Road and I-15. A dirt access road travels to the site from Rainbow Canyon Road, and commercial electric power is available nearby. The site has been subject to disturbance associated with off-highway-vehicle activity and illegal dumping. Exhibits are included within Appendix A.3 of this addendum that show the site's location and photographs of the site and surrounding area.

Since this relocated site was not assessed in the PEIR, the County has implemented the mitigation measures that were prescribed in the PEIR for new or relocated sites. Table 3, below, summarizes the PEIR mitigation measures that are relevant to the relocated Margarita Communication Site. The table also provides justification as to whether or not the mitigation measures listed above in Section 2 apply to this site.

Table 3: PEIR Mitigation Applicable to the Margarita Communication Site

Mitigation Measure	Applicable to Margarita Communication Site?
Biological Resources	
BR-1c: Requirement for additional biological resources surveys if new sites are proposed or if a site changes location.	Yes. The Margarita site is at a new location that was not previously assessed for biological resources in the PEIR. A biological resources survey was completed and the findings are summarized below in Section 3.3.1.
BR-5a: Preparation of WRMSHCP Consistency Analysis for sites within the MSHCP plan area.	Yes. The site is located within the WRMSHCP plan area. A WRMSHCP Consistency Analysis was prepared and the findings are summarized below in Section 3.3.1.
BR-5b: Requirement for additional review for sites located within WRMSHCP Criteria Cells.	No. The site is not located within a Criteria Cell.
BR-5h: Requirement for additional mitigation for sites located within the SKR Reserve Area.	No. The Margarita site is not located within the SKR Reserve area.
Cultural Resources	
CR-1a: Requirement for additional cultural resources surveys if new sites are proposed or if a site changes location.	Yes. The Margarita site is at a new location that was not previously assessed for cultural resources in the PEIR. A cultural resources survey was completed and the findings are summarized below in Section 3.3.2.

3.3.1 – Biological Resources (Margarita Communication Site Relocation)

As per the relevant mitigation measures related to biological resources for this site, and noted above (MM BR-1c and MM BR-5a) a habitat assessment and WRMSHCP Consistency Analysis was prepared for the candidate location. Since the proposed site is not located within a Criteria Cell, review by the RCA is not required and the County can make its own consistency determination. The Consistency Analysis and the County's Consistency Determination are attached to this addendum within Appendix B.3.

The County found that the proposed action at the proposed Margarita Communication Site was consistent with WRMSHCP requirements and that development of the proposed project would not prevent the County of Riverside from achieving the conservation goals of the WRMSHCP. No adverse environmental effects from project implementation were identified. WRMSHCP fees would be paid during the standard construction permitting process. Based on these findings, it can be determined that the proposed Margarita Communication Site is consistent with the findings contained in the PEIR, which determined that the project would not have a significant impact in regards to biological resources. As such, further action related to biological resources is not required.

3.3.2- Cultural Resources (Margarita Communication Site Relocation)

As per the mitigation measure (MM CR-1a), a records search and a pedestrian cultural resources survey was conducted for the proposed site. A report that outlines the results of these efforts is included within Appendix C.3 of this addendum. The results of the records search indicated that no previously recorded cultural resources are located within the project area, but that 29 resources have been recorded within one mile. However, those resources are not located directly within the project area and would not be affected by construction. During the pedestrian survey, no prehistoric archaeological resources were observed, and no historic-age sites were detected.

Despite the negative findings during the pedestrian survey, the results of the records search, as well as information received from the Native American Heritage Commission render it likely that significant and intact subsurface resources could be encountered during project implementation. Therefore, the project area appears to exhibit moderate to high sensitivity for cultural resources, and a monitoring program shall be implemented, as described in Appendix C.3 of this addendum. This monitoring program was included in the PEIR in the event that a site were to exhibit moderate to high potential for the presence of subsurface resources. As such, the requirement for a monitoring program at the relocated Margarita Communication Site is not new mitigation and is not grounds to recirculate the PEIR.

With implementation of the standard monitoring mitigation set forth in the PEIR, further action related to cultural resources is not required.

3.3.3- Determination of Findings (Margarita Communication Site Relocation)

Based on the analysis contained in the above assessment, the County finds that the impacts of the proposed Margarita Communication Site are consistent with the analysis and findings contained in the PEIR. The proposed project meets the criteria established in Public Resources Code Sections 15162 and 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines for an addendum to an EIR. Based on substantial evidence in the light of the whole record, it is determined that:

- 1) No substantial changes are proposed which will require major revisions of the PEIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.
- 2) No substantial changes occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the PEIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.

- 3) There is no new information of substantial importance, which was not shown or could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the PEIR was certified as complete that shows that:
 - a. The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the PEIR.
 - b. Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible in the PEIR would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project; and
 - c. Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the PEIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment.

Based on the discussion provided above, no subsequent changes are proposed or would occur that necessitate the preparation of a subsequent EIR or other applicable CEQA document.

3.4 – North Mountain Communication Site Relocation

When the PEIR was certified in September, 2008, the North Mountain Communication Site was proposed to be constructed at an existing communication facility north of the City of Hemet. The updated PSEC equipment was proposed to be mounted on an existing communication tower and within an existing shelter. Since no new ground disturbance was proposed as part of this action, the potential environmental effects were considered negligible and the County adopted a Categorical Exemption (CE) for the North Mountain site, as permitted under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities, Class 1 and General Rule Exemption Section 15061. The CE was adopted on January 16, 2008.

Upon further evaluation of the existing communication tower at the site, it was determined that the tower would not be adequate to meet the requirements of the PSEC project. Specifically, the existing tower failed structural tests relating to its ability to withstand 120 mile-per-hour winds, which is a requirement for the PSEC project. As such, it was determined that a new tower would need to be constructed adjacent to the existing equipment shelter. Since this new level of effort surpassed the level of effort that was originally envisioned, and since the construction would disturb an area that had not previously been evaluated, additional analysis was undertaken as required in the PEIR. The relocated North Mountain Communication Site is the subject of this addendum.

The principal area to be covered by the North Mountain Communication Site is the San Jacinto Valley area in the vicinity of the Cities of San Jacinto and Hemet, as well as a portion of the San Jacinto Mountains south of the Cities of Beaumont and Banning. Portions of the coverage area are broken and mountainous, and are currently without adequate emergency communication coverage. In addition, portions of the San Jacinto Valley currently lack sufficient signal strength to allow emergency service providers to effectively communicate when they are working within buildings and other structures. The new North Mountain Communication Site will remedy these deficiencies.

The site is located in the western San Jacinto Mountains approximately 3.1 miles north of the City of San Jacinto at an elevation of approximately 3,600 feet. It is situated immediately adjacent to the original North Mountain Communication Site location and shares identical

characteristics to the original location in that is located in a disturbed area within an existing communication site complex and contains similar visual features. The site will be leased by the County from a private party and is located on Section 14, Township 4 South, Range 1 West on the USGS San Jacinto, California, 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle. The site is located in an area of scrub-covered hills. A number of other communication facilities are immediately adjacent to the site. A dirt access road travels to the site from the east, and commercial electric power is available at the site. The site has been subject to disturbance resulting from the construction and operation of the existing communication facilities. Exhibits are included within Appendix A.4 of this addendum that show the site's location and photographs of the site and surrounding area.

Since this relocated site was not assessed in the PEIR, the County has implemented the mitigation measures that were prescribed in the PEIR for new or relocated sites. Table 34, below, summarizes the PEIR mitigation measures that are relevant to the relocated North Mountain Communication Site. The table also provides justification as to whether or not the mitigation measures listed above in Section 2 apply to this site.

Table 4: PEIR Mitigation Applicable to the North Mountain Communication Site

Mitigation Measure	Applicable to North Mountain Communication Site?
Biological Resources	
BR-1c: Requirement for additional biological resources surveys if new sites are proposed or if a site changes location.	Yes. The North Mountain site is at a new location that was not previously assessed for biological resources in the PEIR. A biological resources survey was completed and the findings are summarized below in Section 3.3.1.
BR-5a: Preparation of WRMSHCP Consistency Analysis for sites within the MSHCP plan area.	Yes. The site is located within the WRMSHCP plan area. A WRMSHCP Consistency Analysis was prepared and the findings are summarized below in Section 3.3.1.
BR-5b: Requirement for additional review for sites located within WRMSHCP Criteria Cells.	Yes. The site is located within a Criteria Cell. A Joint Project Review (JPR) process was completed for the site as per the WRMSHCP and the findings are summarized below in Section 3.1.1.
BR-5h: Requirement for additional mitigation for sites located within the SKR Reserve Area.	No. The North Mountain site is not located within the SKR Reserve area.
Cultural Resources	
CR-1a: Requirement for additional cultural resources surveys if new sites are proposed or if a site changes location.	Yes. The North Mountain site is at a new location that was not previously assessed for cultural resources in the PEIR. A cultural resources survey was completed and the findings are summarized below in Section 3.3.2.

3.4.1 – Biological Resources (North Mountain Communication Site Relocation)

As per the relevant mitigation measures related to biological resources for this site, and noted above (MM BR-1c, MM BR-5a, and MM BR-5b), a habitat assessment and WRMSHCP Consistency Analysis was prepared and submitted to the RCA for review and approval. The

Consistency Analysis and the RCA's Consistency Determination are attached to this addendum within Appendix B.4.

The RCA found that the proposed action at the proposed North Mountain Communication Site was consistent with WRMSHCP requirements and that development of the proposed project would not prevent the County of Riverside from achieving the conservation goals of the WRMSHCP. No adverse environmental effects from project implementation were identified. WRMSHCP fees would be paid during the standard construction permitting process. Based on these findings, it can be determined that the proposed North Mountain Communication Site is consistent with the findings contained in the PEIR, which determined that the project would not have a significant impact in regards to biological resources. As such, further action related to biological resources is not required.

3.4.2– Cultural Resources (North Mountain Communication Site Relocation)

As per the mitigation measure (MM CR-1a), a records search and a pedestrian cultural resources survey was conducted for the proposed site. A report that outlines the results of these efforts is included within Appendix C.4 of this addendum. The results of the records search indicated that no previously recorded cultural resources are located within the project area, and that three resources have been recorded within one mile. However, those resources are not located directly within the project area and would not be affected by construction. During the pedestrian survey, no prehistoric archaeological resources were observed, and no historic-age sites were detected.

The results of the records search, the negative results for significant cultural resources during the pedestrian survey, and the disturbed nature of the soils within the project area render it unlikely that significant and intact subsurface resources would be encountered during project implementation. Therefore, the project area appears to exhibit low sensitivity for significant cultural resources. As such, further action related to cultural resources is not required.

3.4.3– Determination of Findings (North Mountain Communication Site Relocation)

Based on the analysis contained in the above assessment, the County finds that the impacts of the proposed North Mountain Communication Site are consistent with the analysis and findings contained in the PEIR. The proposed project meets the criteria established in Public Resources Code Sections 15162 and 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines for an addendum to an EIR. Based on substantial evidence in the light of the whole record, it is determined that:

- 4) No substantial changes are proposed which will require major revisions of the PEIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.
- 5) No substantial changes occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the PEIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.
- 6) There is no new information of substantial importance, which was not shown or could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the PEIR was certified as complete that shows that:
 - a. The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the PEIR.

- b. Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible in the PEIR would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project; and
- c. Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the PEIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment.

Based on the discussion provided above, no subsequent changes are proposed or would occur that necessitate the preparation of a subsequent EIR or other applicable CEQA document.

Appendix A – Communication Site Exhibits

- A.1 – Beacon Hill Communication Site
- A.2 – Estelle Mountain Communication Site
- A.3 – Margarita Communication Site
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Appendix A.1 – Beacon Hill Communication Site

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Appendix B – Biological Resources Assessments

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Appendix B.1 – Beacon Hill Communication Site

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Appendix C – Cultural Resources Assessments

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Appendix C.1 – Beacon Hill Communication Site

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Appendix C.3 – Margarita Communication Site

Appendix C.4 – North Mountain Communication Site