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## **NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND** **INITIAL STUDY**

**PROJECT TITLE: Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 2014-02/Branson Olancha**

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project site is located at 689 Shop Street in the community of Olancha, California on property owned by Inyo County and leased by the Olancha Volunteer Fire Department with Tax Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 033-090-02.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant has applied for a CUP to install a 60' tower to house wireless internet service antenna to serve the rural community of Olancha.

### **FINDINGS:**

An Initial Study and Evaluation of Potential Impacts has been prepared by the Planning Department (attached). Staff finds that the proposed project will **NOT** have a significant adverse impact on the environment for the following reasons:

- A. The proposed project is consistent with goals and objectives of the Inyo County General Plan.  
*The proposed project is consistent with the County General Plan designation of 'Public Facilities' (PF) as PF allows for areas owned by public agencies such as County or State and local districts (it is owned by the Keeler Volunteer Fire Department), or by quasi-public organization, that serve as significant public facilities . . . . The wireless internet antenna will provide improved internet access to Olancha that currently has poor service.*
- B. The proposed project is consistent with the provisions of the Inyo County Zoning Ordinance.  
*The proposed project is consistent with the County Zoning Ordinance designation of 'Public' (P) as the P designation applies to land owned by governmental agencies and conditionally approves public quasi-public uses, which by definition allow buildings and uses of a recreation, religious, cultural or public service nature. Wireless internet service antennas are considered a use of a public service nature*
- C. Potential adverse environmental impacts will not exceed thresholds of significance, either individually or cumulatively.  
*Based on the information provided by the applicant and staff's review, the tower could have an impact on **Aesthetics** – views, from the surrounding community. This potential impact will not exceed thresholds of significance, however, due to the rural character of the community and the current existence of utility poles and trees of similar height. The current use, on the property where the tower is proposed to be sited, is a fire station with utility poles and radio antennas.*

D. Based upon the environmental evaluation of the proposed project, the Planning Department finds that the project does not have the potential to create a significant adverse impact on flora or fauna; natural, scenic and historic resources; the local economy; public health, safety, and welfare. This constitutes a Negative Finding for the Mandatory Findings required by Section 15065 of the CEQA Guidelines.

The 20-day review period for this Negative Declaration expires on April 14, 2014. Inyo County is not required to respond to any comments received after this date.

Additional information is available from the Inyo County Planning Department. Please contact Project Planner Cathreen Richards (760-878-0263) if you have any questions regarding this project.

  
Josh Hart, AICP  
Director, Inyo County Planning Department

3-24-14  
Date

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## CEQA APPENDIX G: INITIAL STUDY & ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

### EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

- 1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except “No Impact” answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A “No Impact” answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A “No Impact” answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3) Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. “Potentially Significant Impact” is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more “Potentially Significant Impact” entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 4) “Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated” applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from “Potentially Significant Impact” to a “Less Than Significant Impact.” The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from Section XVII, “Earlier Analyses,” may be cross-referenced).
- 5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
  - a) Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
  - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
  - c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are “Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated,” describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside

document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.

7) Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.

8) This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.

9) The explanation of each issue should identify:

- a) the significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
- b) the mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance issues.



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1. **Project title:** Conditional Use Permit 2014-02/Branson Olancho
2. **Lead agency name and address:** Inyo County Planning Department.
3. **Contact person and phone number:** Cathreen Richards, Senior Planner, (760) 878-0263
4. **Project location:** 689 Shop Street, Olancho, CA  
(APN) #031-081-15
5. **Project sponsor's name and address:** Lone Pine TV, Bruce Branson 223 Jackson Street, Lone Pine, CA
6. **General Plan designation:** Public Facility (PF)
7. **Zoning:** Public (P)
8. **Description of project:** The applicant has applied for a CUP to install a 60' tower to house wireless internet service antennas to serve the rural community of Olancho.
9. **Surrounding land uses and setting:** Briefly describe the project's surroundings:  
The site of the proposed tower and antenna is surrounded on the north by a single family home on a large lot; on the south by a single family home on a large lot; on the east by Shop Street and west by a vacant lot.

Location:	Use:	Gen. Plan Designation	Zoning
Site	Fire station and community center	Public Service Facility (PF)	Public (P)
North	Residential	Residential Rural Medium Density (RMH)	Rural Residential - 2.5 acre minimum - mobile home (RR-2.5)
East	Road	Residential Estate (RE)	Rural Residential - 5.0 acre minimum - mobile home (RR-5.0)
South	Residential	Residential Medium High Density (RMH)	Single Residence Mobile Home Combined - 5,800 sq-ft minimum (RMH-5,800)
West	Vacant lot	Residential Estate (RE)	Rural Residential - 5.0 acre minimum - mobile home (RR-5.0)

**10. Other public agencies whose approval is required** (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement): Inyo County Department of Public Works.

**ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:**

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

<input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture & Forestry	<input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Geology /Soils
<input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology / Water Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use / Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Noise	<input type="checkbox"/> Population / Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic
<input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions	<input type="checkbox"/> Utilities/Service Systems	<input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance

**DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)**

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

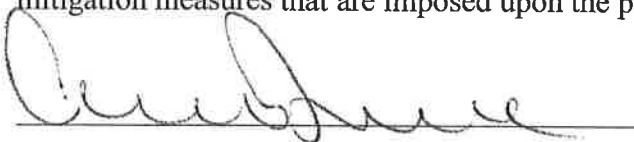
☒ I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

☐ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

☐ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.



3/24/14  
Date

Cathreen Richards, Senior Planner  
Inyo County Planning Department

# **INYO COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT** **ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM**

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b><u>I. AESTHETICS</u></b> -- Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>No, although the tower and antenna may be visible, the location and surrounding area of the proposed tower and antenna are currently developed with residential uses and has existing utility poles and trees of a similar height; therefore, it will not have an substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista.</i>				
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>No, the location and surrounding area of the proposed tower and antenna are currently developed with residential uses and is not within a State Scenic Highway.</i>				
c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>No, although the tower and antenna may be visible, the location and surrounding area of the proposed tower and antenna are currently developed with residential uses and has existing utility poles and trees of a similar height; therefore, it will not substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site or its surroundings.</i>				
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>No, the tower and antenna will not create a new source of substantial light or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views.</i>				

**II. AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES:** In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including The Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment Project; and forest carbon measurement methodology Provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board.

Would the project:

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| a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>No, the area of the proposed tower and antenna is not on farmland and will not convert an agriculture use to a non-agricultural use.</i>  |                          |                          |                          |                                     |
| b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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a Williamson Act contract?

*No, the area of the proposed tower and antenna is not on land that is zoned for agricultural use; there are no Williamson Act Contracts in Inyo County.*

c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code Section 51104(g))?

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*No, the area of the proposed tower and antenna does not include forest land or timber land.*

d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

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*No, the area of the proposed tower and antenna does not include forest land.*

e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

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*No, the area of the proposed tower and antenna does not include farm land or forest land.*

**III. AIR QUALITY:** Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?

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*No, the project consists of a tower and wireless internet antenna that will not conflict with an air quality plan.*

b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?

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*No, the project consists of a tower and wireless internet antenna that will not cause a violation of an air quality standard.*

c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?

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*No, the project consists of a tower and wireless internet antenna that will not cause a net increase in air pollutants.*

d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?

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*No, the project consists of a tower and wireless internet antenna that will not expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations.*

e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?

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*No, the project consists of a tower and wireless internet antenna that will not cause objectionable odors.*

**IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES:** Would the project:

a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or

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through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? <i>No, the project consists of a tower and wireless internet antenna. The site and surrounding area is already developed.</i>				
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service? <i>No, the project consists of a tower and wireless internet antenna. The site and surrounding area is already developed. Additionally, there is no riparian habitat on the site.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means? <i>No, the project consists of a tower and wireless internet antenna. The site and surrounding area is already developed. Additionally, there are no wetlands on the site.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites? <i>No, the project consists of a tower and wireless internet antenna. The site and surrounding area is already developed. There will be no interference with fish or wildlife species.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance? <i>No, the project will not conflict with any local policies or ordinances including a tree preservation policy or ordinance.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan? <i>No, the project area is not subject to a Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>V. CULTURAL RESOURCES:</b> Would the project:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Section 15064.5? <i>No, the project area is within an area that is already developed and/or disturbed; and therefore, will not cause an adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Section 15064.5.</i>				
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5? <i>No, the project area is within an area that is already developed and/or disturbed; and therefore, will not cause an adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? <i>No, the project area is within an area that is already developed and/or disturbed; and therefore, will not directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries? <i>No, the project area is on already developed land; and therefore, will not disturb human remains.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS:** Would the project:

a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:

i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42. <i>No, the project area is not located within, or in the vicinity of a known fault zone.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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ii) Strong seismic ground shaking? <i>Ground shaking may occur anywhere in the region, due to numerous earthquake faults, regardless of whether the project site is within an identified Alquist-Priolo zone. The Uniform Building Code ensures that future structures shall be constructed to required seismic standards (Level IV) in order to withstand such shaking, and so this potential impact is considered less than significant.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? <i>No the project area is not within an area of soils know to be subject to liquefaction.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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iv) Landslides? <i>No, the project area is not subject to landslides.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil? <i>No, the project is a proposed tower and wireless internet antenna on an already developed site and will not result in soil erosion or the loss of topsoil.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse? <i>No, the project is a proposed tower and wireless internet antenna that is not located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable. The project will require minimal grading during construction that could not cause the site to become unstable.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property? <i>No, the project area is not located in an area with a known expansive soil type.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water? <i>No, the project will not require septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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## **VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS:**

Would the project:

a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?

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*No, the project is a tower and wireless internet antenna that will not generate additional greenhouse gases.*

b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

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*No, the project is a tower and wireless internet antenna that will not cause conflicts with a plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gasses.*

## **VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS:**

Would the project:

a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?

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*No, the project is a tower and wireless internet antenna that does not include the transport, use or disposal of hazardous materials.*

b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?

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*No, the project is a tower and wireless internet antenna that does not involve hazardous materials.*

c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?

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*No, the project is a tower and wireless internet antenna that will not emit hazardous emissions, or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste and it is not within one-quarter mile of a school.*

d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?

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*No, the project location is not included on a site included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.*

e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

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*No, the project site is not located within two miles of an airport or within an airport land use plan.*

f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

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*No, the project site is not within the vicinity of a private airstrip.*

g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency

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evacuation plan?

*No, the project is a tower and wireless internet antenna that will not physically interfere with an adopted emergency plan or emergency evacuation plan.*

h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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*No, the project is a tower and wireless internet antenna and will not expose people or structures to wildland fires.*

**IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY:** Would the project:

a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?

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*No, the project is a tower and wireless internet antenna that will not affect water quality standards or waste discharge requirements.*

b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?

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*No, the proposed project is a tower and wireless internet antenna that will have no effect on groundwater supplies or interfere with ground-water recharge.*

c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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*No, the proposed project is a tower and wireless internet antenna that will not alter existing drainage patterns.*

d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on or off-site?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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*No, the proposed project is a tower and wireless internet antenna that will not alter existing drainage patterns.*

e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?

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*No, the proposed project is the project is a tower and wireless internet antenna that will not change or contribute to the current amount of runoff water.*

f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?

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*No, the proposed project is a the project is a tower and wireless internet antenna that has no potential to degrade water quality.*

g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?

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*No, the proposed project does not include building housing, nor is it in a 100-year flood hazard area.*

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h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows? <i>No, the proposed project does not include building structures, nor is it in a 100-year flood hazard area.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam? <i>No, the proposed project is not in an area subject to flooding due to the failure of a levee or dam.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow? <i>No, the proposed project is not in an area subject to seiches, tsunamis, or mudflows.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**X. LAND USE AND PLANNING:** Would the project:

a) Physically divide an established community? <i>No, the proposed tower and wireless internet antenna is for a site that is already developed. It will not create new areas or block access that could cause barriers nor will it change the current use pattern; and therefore, will not physically divide the community.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect? <i>The proposed tower and wireless internet are consistent with the County's General Plan and Zoning code designations of Public Service Facility and Public that both allow for public, quasi-public uses that include wireless internet service antennas.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan? <i>No, the proposed tower and wireless internet antenna is not in an area subject to a natural community or conservation plan.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**XI. MINERAL RESOURCES:** Would the project:

a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state? <i>No, there are no known minerals at the project location.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan? <i>No, there are no known minerals at the project location.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**XII. NOISE:** Would the project result in the:

a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies? <i>No, the tower and wireless internet antenna will not create additional noise generation at the proposed project location.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels? <i>No, the tower and wireless internet antenna will not create additional noise generation at the proposed project location.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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*No, the tower and wireless internet antenna will not create additional noise generation at the proposed project location.*

d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

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*No, the tower and wireless internet antenna will not create additional noise generation at the proposed project location.*

e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

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*No, the tower and wireless internet antenna is not located within an airport land use plan or within two-miles of public/public use airport.*

f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

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*No, the tower and wireless internet antenna will not create additional noise generation at the proposed project location nor is it in the vicinity of an airstrip.*

### **XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING** -- Would the project:

a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?

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*No, the tower and wireless internet antenna does not include proposals for the creation of new homes or businesses, nor will it create new roads or new access to roads, or other infrastructure opportunities.*

b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

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*No, the tower and wireless internet antenna will not displace existing housing or create a situation where replacement housing will be necessary.*

c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

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*No, the tower and wireless internet antenna will not displace people, or create a situation where replacement housing will be necessary.*

### **XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES:** Would the project:

a) Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

Fire protection?

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*No, the tower and wireless internet antenna will not create additional pressure on the current fire protection services or facilities nor will it create a need for new or physically altered facilities.*

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Police protection? <i>No, the tower and wireless internet antenna will not create additional pressure on the current police protection services or facilities nor will it create a need for new or physically altered facilities.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Schools? <i>No, the tower and wireless internet antenna will not impact the Olancho School District, as it does not include development or a change of current uses at the site.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Parks? <i>No, the tower and wireless internet antenna will not impact County parks.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other public facilities? <i>No, the tower and wireless internet antenna will not create a need for additional public services.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**XV. RECREATION:** Would the project:

a) Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated? <i>No, the tower and wireless internet antenna will not create additional housing or commercial uses that would bring population to the area that would cause a need for an increase in parks or other recreational facilities.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment? <i>No, the tower and wireless internet antenna will not create additional housing or commercial uses that would bring population to the area that would cause a need for an increase in parks or other recreational facilities.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**XVI. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC** -- Would the project:

a) Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance, or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including, but not limited to, intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit? <i>No. tower and wireless internet antenna will not conflict plans, ordinances or policies regarding transportation and transit.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to, level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways? <i>No, the tower and wireless internet antenna will not result in increased traffic and therefore will not conflict with applicable plans.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks? <i>No, the tower and wireless internet antenna will not result in changes to air traffic patterns or increased traffic that could result in substantial safety risks.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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(e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?

*No, the tower and wireless internet antenna will not require new roads or changes to the current road system.*

e) Result in inadequate emergency access?

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*The tower and wireless internet antenna will not affect emergency responders' access to the site or surrounding area.*

f) Result in inadequate parking capacity?

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*No, the tower and wireless internet antenna will not result in a loss of parking spaces.*

g) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?

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*No, the tower and wireless internet antenna will not increase traffic and therefore will not affect public transit, bicycle or pedestrian facilities.*

#### **XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS --**

Would the project:

a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?

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*No, the tower and wireless internet antenna will not cause changes to wastewater treatment requirements.*

b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

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*No, tower and wireless internet antenna will not require additional water or wastewater treatment facilities.*

c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

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*No, the tower and wireless internet antenna will not require new or the expansion of current storm water drainage facilities.*

d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?

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*The tower and wireless internet antenna will not cause an increase in the need for water.*

e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?

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*No, the tower and wireless internet antenna will not cause changes to wastewater treatment requirements and will not require an increase in demand for wastewater treatment.*

f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?

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*The tower and wireless internet antenna will not require changes to the current solid waste capacity to accommodate it.*

g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

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*The tower and wireless internet antenna will comply with the related solid waste requirements.*



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**XVIII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?

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*No, there are not threatened, protected, species of concern or examples of California history or prehistory on the site of the proposed tower and wireless internet service antenna. In addition, there are no critical, protected, or sensitive habitats on the surrounding developed properties. The site is already developed and disturbed; and therefore, the addition of the tower and antenna will not degrade the quality of the environment at the site or the surrounding area.*

b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?

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*No, the tower and antenna project is small in scope and the area is one of slow to no growth.*

c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

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*No, tower and antenna project is small in scope and will not cause direct or indirect adverse effects on human beings.*

