



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Planning & Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: 05/10/2016
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: 30 min.
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director Glenn Russell, Ph.D., Director, 568-2085
Contact Info: Dianne Black, Assistant Director, 568-2086
SUBJECT: Verizon Telecommunication Facility at Rancho Alegre; Ordinance 661 Consistency Rezone (16RZN-00000-00002) and (14CUP-00000-00016), Lake Cachuma area, Third Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

Staff recommends that your Board take the following actions:

- a) Make the required findings for approval of the project, Case Nos. 16RZN-00000-00002 and 14CUP-00000-00016, including CEQA findings, specified in Attachment 1 of this Board Letter;
- b) Determine that the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Sections 15061(b)(3), 15303, and 15304, as specified in Attachment 2 of the Board Letter;
- c) Approve the rezone (16RZN-00000-00002) and adopt an ordinance changing the zone district of the subject parcel from 100-AG (Ordinance 661) to AG-II-100 (County Land Use and Development Code) as specified in Attachment 3 of this Board Letter; and
- d) Approve the Conditional Use Permit (14CUP-00000-00016) subject to the conditions of approval in Attachment B of the Planning Commission action letter dated April 6, 2016 included as Attachment 4 to the Board Letter.

Refer back to staff if the Board of Supervisors takes other than the recommended actions for appropriate findings and conditions.

Background:

The consistency rezone is necessary to provide for the processing and approval of a telecommunication facility on the lot. On April 6, 2016, the County Planning Commission held a hearing on the proposed telecommunication facility and consistency rezone. The Commission recommended approval of the project by a 4-1 vote.

Summary Text:

The project is a request by Jay Higgins, SAC Wireless, agent for Verizon Wireless, to rezone a 138.69-acre parcel from 100-AG under Ordinance 661 to AG-II-100 in compliance with Section 35.104 of the County Land Use and Development Code and for a Conditional Use Permit to allow construction and operation of an unstaffed telecommunications facility, in compliance with Sections 35.82.060 and 35.44 of the County Land Use and Development Code. The facility would be located within a 900 sq. ft., fenced lease area at 2680 Highway 154, on the existing Boy Scout Camp (Rancho Alegre). The property owner has submitted authorization consenting to the consistency rezone.

Because the project includes a consistency rezone, the Planning Commission's role on April 6, 2016 was to make a recommendation regarding the project to the Board of Supervisors, which is the Review Authority for all Zoning Map Amendments. As noted above, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the project to your Board. With respect to the Zoning Map Amendment, the AG-II-100 zone designation is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan Land Use designation of Agriculture, A-II-100 applied to the subject lot. Full analysis of the Zoning Map Amendment is provided in the Planning Commission staff report, dated March 17, 2016 and included as Attachment 5 to this Board Letter.

The proposed new telecommunications facility would include nine (9) panel antennas (3 per sector) and a microwave dish mounted at 35 feet. The antennas would be mounted on a new 50 ft. tall antenna support structure designed to resemble a Eucalyptus tree, with the antennas mounted at a height of 46 ft. The antennas would be operating in Cellular, Personal Communications System (PCS), and Long Term Evolution (LTE) bandwidths. The proposed facility would provide improved 4G service for the Lake Cachuma area. The telecommunication project is consistent with all Comprehensive Plan policies and meets all applicable development standards. Each of the project components is described in greater detail in the Planning Commission Staff Report dated March 17, 2016 (Attachment 5). The plans for the facility are provided in Attachment 6 to this Board Letter.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

The costs to process the consistency rezone are borne by the County. The cost of the Conditional Use Permit is borne by the applicant through the payment of processing fees. Funding for the review and preparation of the staff reports and analysis for the Rezone component of the project is estimated at approximately \$2,900.00 and is budgeted in the Permitting Budget Program of the Department, as shown on page D-289 of the 2015/17 FY budget.

Special Instructions:

The Clerk of the Board shall publish a legal notice at least 10 days prior to the hearing on May 10, 2016. The notice shall appear in the Santa Barbara Newspress. The Clerk of the Board shall fulfill noticing requirements. A minute order of the hearing and copy of the notice and proof of publication shall be returned to Planning and Development, attention David Villalobos.

Attachments:

1. Board of Supervisors Findings for Approval
2. Board of Supervisors Notice of Exemption
3. Zoning Map Amendment: Draft Ordinance
4. Planning Commission Action Letter, dated April 6, 2016
5. Planning Commission Staff Report, dated March 17, 2016
6. Reduced Plan Sheets

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ATTACHMENT 1
Board of Supervisors Findings

ATTACHMENT 2
Board of Supervisors Notice of Exemption

ATTACHMENT 3
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ATTACHMENT 4
Planning Commission Action Letter, dated April 6, 2016

ATTACHMENT 5
Planning Commission Staff Report, dated March 17, 2016

ATTACHMENT 6
Reduced Plans