Goolsby Appeal of the Verizon Wireless Facility at the Montecito Switch Station

Board of Supervisors March 19, 2013

12APL-00000-00011 12CUP-00000-00007

512 Santa Angela Lane

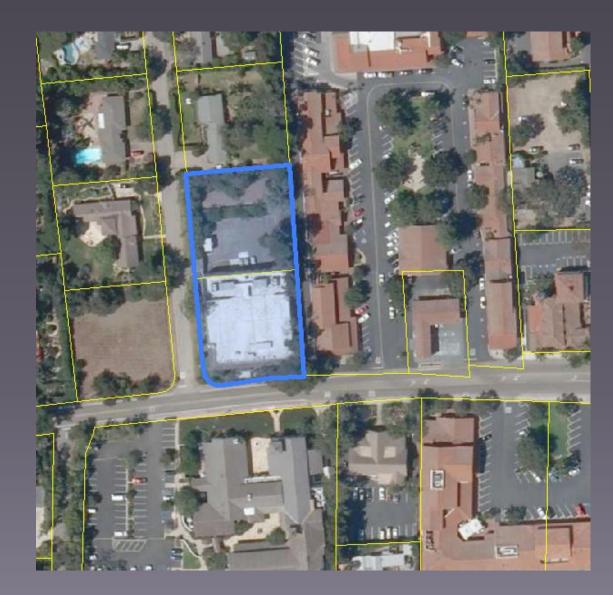
Zoned 20-R-1

Site: 0.87 acres

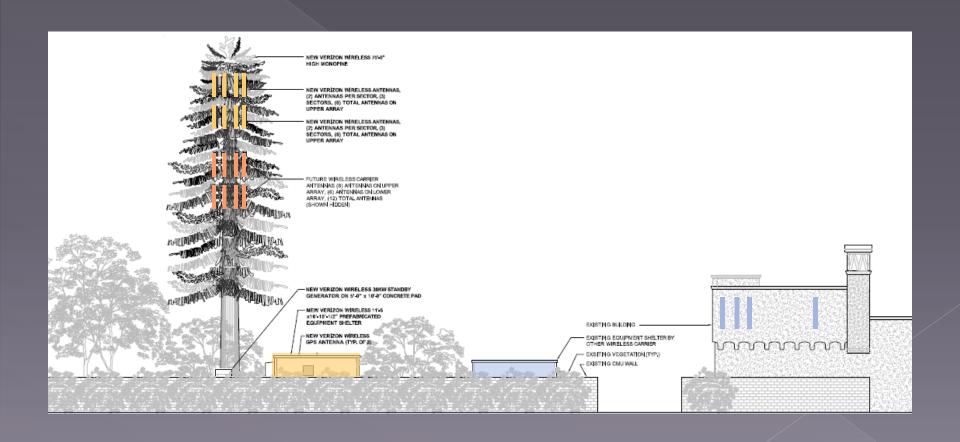
Montecito Community Plan area: Urban, Inland

Current use: Switch station operation building for Verizon California Inc. (landline) 65-CP-041 (1965)

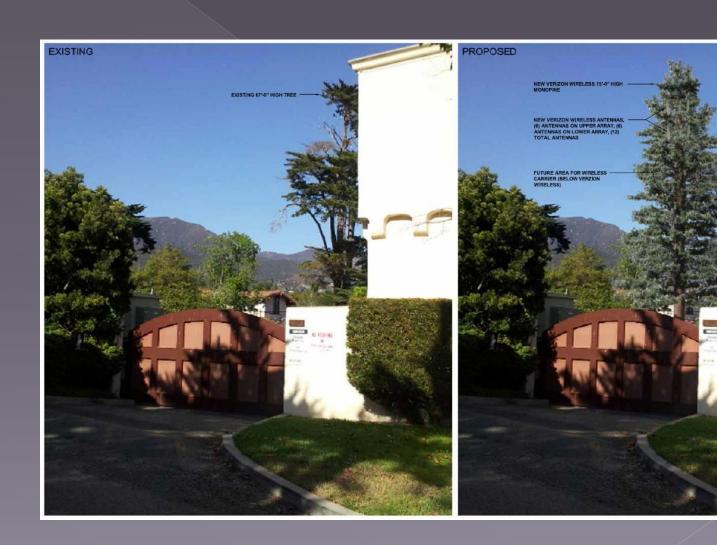
Cingular (now AT&T) cellular facility 02CUP-00000-00050 (2002)



Proposed Revised Project

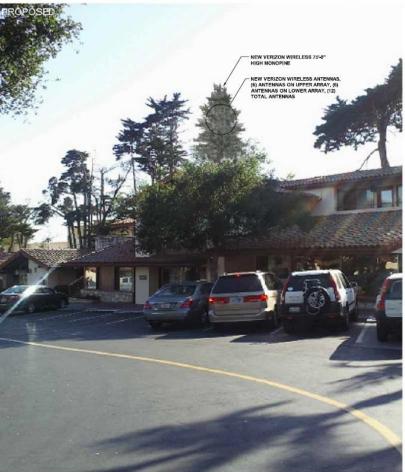


View from Santa Angela Lane



View from Upper Village Center





View from El Montecito Presbyterian Church



Project Analysis

Telecommunications standards	 Allowed in all zones (Tier 4) Compliance with FCC emissions standards Collocated telecommunications site Design blends with existing trees MBAR conceptual review
Zone district requirements	Setback modificationHeight (up to 75 feet allowed)
Comprehensive Plan	Existing power and telephone servicesFaux tree design blends facility
Montecito Community Plan	 No lighting Automated (unstaffed) facility Faux tree design blends facility No additional setbacks required

Staff Recommendation:

- Deny the appeal, Case No. 12APL-00000-00011, thereby upholding the Montecito Planning Commission's approval of the project;
- Make the required findings for the project, including CEQA findings;
- Determine the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15303 of the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act;
- Waive the 6-day posting requirement contained the County's CEQA Guidelines, for good cause; and
- Approve de novo the Conditional Use Permit for the proposed telecommunications facility with the faux tree alternative, 12CUP-00000-00007, subject to the conditions.