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Re: Item: 7 Crown Castle Appeal

Despite a number of concessions from Crown Castle, what is still detrimental to the Montecito's Community Plan's goal to preserve its semi-rural ambience is the installation of large cabinets and vaults in the right of way for battery back-up in case of a Southern California Edison power outage. Verizon currently provides wireless service in Montecito but wishes to augment capacity to meet projected wireless service demands. Verizon has contracted with Crown Castle to provide the augmented capacity by installing a DAS along the character defining roadways of Montecito.

Following Hurricane Katrina, the FCC in 2007 proposed a backup power regulation requiring eight hours of power in the event power failure to transmitter sites. This rule would also apply to “non-traditional” wireless telecommunications sites such as distributed antenna system installations. This FCC ruling was challenged by the industry and as far as I can determine has been on hold ever since.

Could you kindly explain why battery backup is necessary? Elimination of backup cabinets, pole battery units and vaults would make the proposed Crown Castle DAS more compatible with the Montecito General Plan.

There currently is no FCC requirement for DAS back up.

I asked Meagan Lowery this question, but she did not get back to me. Since she is no longer with P & D and you appear to be the planner, could you answer my question?

Respectfully,

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