

Mendocino County

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Planning & Building Services

From: Cynthia Raiser Jeavons <cynthia2@sonic.net>
To: Mark Cliser <cliserm@mendocinocounty.org>
Date: 4/14/2020 2:26 PM
Subject: A Petition update regarding Pine Mountain cell tower
Attachments: Cell Tower Petition13 2-20-20 final PDF.pdf

Hi Mark,

It has come to my attention that the first page of the petitions I sent you represented information that we originally had understood from conversation with Planning and Building, that we were told that the cell tower was in proximity to La Vida Charter School and Ridgewood Ranch. So our earliest public petition reflected that understanding.

We later learned that the information was not accurate, and the location on Pine Mountain was further away from Ridgewood Ranch, so we changed the petition going forward. So the first 30+ signatures were for that original petition (which is the only version currently posted with the public response letters), and the subsequent great majority of signatures reflected updated understandings, and the updated and most signed petition should be publicly noted with the signatures, for truth and accuracy. Below, for your convenience, please find the final version of the public petition, which should be posted with the signatures online.

Thank you for your assistance with this!

Cynthia Raiser Jeavons
5798 Ridgewood Road, Willits

On Apr 10, 2020, at 1:44 PM, Cynthia Raiser Jeavons <cynthia2@sonic.net> wrote:

Thank you for this notification, Mark. I appreciate you letting me know this current status.

Cynthia

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 9, 2020, at 11:31 AM, Mark Cliser <cliserm@mendocinocounty.org> wrote:

Good Morning Cynthia

Just wanted to let you know I received the signatures and have given them to Admin to post online. They should be up by end of day tomorrow.

Thank You,

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>>> Cynthia Raiser Jeavons <cynthia2@sonic.net> 3/17/2020 4:41 PM >>>

Thank you so much, Mark!! I will get them to you later, as there is not time to make the trek into Ukiah today.

Best wishes,
Cynthia

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 17, 2020, at 4:03 PM, Mark Cliser <cliserm@mendocinocounty.org> wrote:

Hello Cynthia

At this time our offices are still open. I would suggest getting those in ASAP as office hours may change. Alternatively, you can mail or email them in. We have a tentative hearing date for this project of April 16th. However, given the evolving circumstances we might need to postpone to a later date. If you check [here](#) closer to the 16th you can see if the hearing has been rescheduled.

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>>> Cynthia Raiser Jeavons <cynthia2@sonic.net> 3/17/2020 3:41 PM >>>

Dear Mark Cliser,

I understand that the Planning Commission Hearing scheduled for this Thursday, March 19th has been cancelled. I have petitions to deliver to you regarding this issue. I am wondering your department can still receive those from me, given the current Covid19 situation, or if I should deliver these to you at a later time. Are your offices still open to the public, or are you closing down or reducing these public services?

In addition, I would appreciate being notified as to when this Planning Commission Cell Tower/Bette Nixon Hearing will be re-scheduled.

Thank you so much!

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Pine Mountain

Petition to the Mendocino County Planning Commission

*Please sign the petition to stop AT&T/Epic Wireless LLC
from building a wireless communication facility
consisting of a 143 ft. lattice tower 5.1± miles southeast of the City of Willits.*

We, the residents and visitors of Mendocino County, petition the Mendocino County Planning Commission to **deny the Negative Declaration (ND) and to deny the Major Use Permit** to AT&T/Epic Wireless LLC for building a 143 ft. lattice tower 5.1± miles southeast of the City of Willits, on [Pine Mountain](#), on the east side of Manzanita Drive (CR 304C), 0.5± miles east of its intersection with Ridgewood Road (CR 304A) located at 20201 Manzanita Dr., Willits (APN: 105-090-01). <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showdocument?id=32450>

Due to the cumulative impacts that cannot be properly addressed in a Negative Declaration, the many environmental issues, weak conditions of approval and meaningless mitigations, this project needs an Environmental Impact Report.

The site is in a very high fire hazard zone near the Maacama earthquake fault. A potentially volatile situation is created by seasonal high afternoon winds, a generator with lithium-ion batteries (that can ignite and explode), diesel storage, electrical equipment and antenna towers that attract lightning. Future 5G (Fifth Generation) antennas and their associated EMFs, can develop high level terpenoids during calm wind and hot conditions initiating spontaneous combustion. Are the county's fire danger laws updated? Has the Pine Mountain Fire Safe Council been notified? If not, that needs to happen. Can the volunteer Little Lake Fire District respond adequately to a fire on this site? The plan does not have a response from them. Pine Mountain roads aren't adequate to ensure public safety transport in an emergency. The arterial roads leading to the site are narrower than standard egress (Manzanita Drive is 22 feet wide without shoulders) and would prohibit two-way traffic in a fire or natural disaster emergency.

The flawed Negative Declaration does not contain a biological and botanical field survey, which is needed prior to commencement of any activities that may modify vegetation (clearing, mowing or ground-breaking), especially when natural (or naturalized) vegetation occurs. This area is affected by two (not one) riparian habitats next to the project site. Unknown special status plants or sensitive natural communities occur in the project area. Ecological and socioeconomic resources are not mentioned or analyzed in the ND or Environmental Checklist. This tower would have a negative effect on people, animals and plants living in close proximity to this electromagnetic and microwave structure. Notifications from the Planning and Building Department about this wireless communication facility have only been mailed to property owners within 1,100 feet of the project. This structure enables future 5G microwave radiation capability, which travels 6.2 miles. It is vital that setbacks for notification encompass a wider area, especially in the Rural Residential (RR5) which comprises 128 parcels and numerous Upland Residential (U20) areas most proximal to the site.

Please preserve the valuable scenic corridor connecting San Francisco with the Avenue of the Giants. Willits takes pride in being the "Gateway to the Redwoods" and the "Heart of Mendocino County". The use permit documents show that the development will be visible from public vantage points (US Highway 101). This tower will compromise rural aesthetics. This communication facility will have a significant negative effect on property values.

The County's environmental checklist does not consider Health and Safety as environmental factors. The outdated (1996) Guidelines from the captured Federal Communication Commission (FCC) do not consider current health, safety and environmental concerns. As a mitigation, AT&T will place a "Caution 2B" sign next to the lattice tower. RF radiation is classified as Group 2B, a possible human carcinogen. 4G/LTE technology used with this tower forms an integral part of the 5G deployment. The FCC safety limit only protects against thermal effects of microwave radiation and is insufficient for preventing biological harm. The harmful effects of electromagnetic fields, regardless of their frequencies, are now scientifically settled. Pregnant women (the fetus), children, adolescents, and older people who are frail and whose immune systems are compromised are particularly vulnerable. Children's brains absorb more radiation than adults. The tower site will be 4.6 miles from the Willits Charter School. There have been no safety studies done by the industry that prove this technology is safe, and thousands of studies which show it is indeed unsafe. Radiofrequency affects the health of the population, environment, and quality of life. This is reflected in high rates of cancer, neurological disease, heart disease, diabetes (even in children); plummeting populations of birds, bees and butterflies; and unhealthy forests. What entity will bear legal responsibility for damage to life, limb and property arising from exposure to electromagnetic radiation? No insurance company is willing to cover damage/illness caused by electromagnetic radiation. Mendocino County signed its Precautionary Principle Policy in 2006, which states: "There is a duty to take anticipatory action to prevent harm." <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showdocument?id=32450>

Hardwiring our communication devices protects us from 2, 3, and 4G RF. Communication plans for Mendocino County must include fiber-optic cables. These electromagnetic, radio frequency and microwave technologies must first be proven safe before we will allow them near our homes.

Petition to the Mendocino County Planning Commission

Community Concern Regarding the AT&T/Epic Wireless LLC Lattice Cell
Tower 5.1± Miles Southeast of the City of Willits

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<u>PRINT NAME</u>	<u>STREET ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
<u>SIGNATURE</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>E-MAIL</u>

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Return by March 16, 2020 to: Cell Tower Petition - 5798 Ridgewood Road, Willits, CA 95490

Planning Commission Public Hearing 9am March 19, 2020

Board of Supervisors Chambers - 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah – please attend this meeting!

***Written comments should be submitted before 5pm March 18, 2020: Dept. of Planning &
Building Services Commission Staff, 860 North Bush Street, Ukiah, CA 95482.***

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