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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The County of Ventura Planning Division, as the Lead Agency, has reviewed the following proposed project:

1. **Entitlement:** LU10-0011
2. **Applicant:** AT&T
3. **Location:** Western shore of Lake Piru (no assigned address)
4. **Assessor Parcel No:** 016-0-200-165
5. **Parcel Size:** 588.68 acres
6. **General Plan Designation:** Open Space
7. **Existing Zoning:** Open Space, OS-160ac/SRP (Open Space, 160 acres minimum lot size, Scenic Resources Protection Overlay Zone)
8. **Responsible and/or Trustee Agencies:** None
9. **Project Description:** Conditional Use Permit LU10-0011 is for a wireless communication facility located above Lake Piru at a water treatment facility on the western shore of the lake. The applicant, AT&T, is proposing to remove a 30 foot tall wooden power pole and install a 60 foot tall wireless communication antenna tower designed and painted to look like a wooden power pole. AT&T would locate three, 6-foot tall antennas with a RAD center located at 57 feet up the tower and one 24-inch microwave dish antenna with a RAD center at 49 feet up the tower. The antennas would be enclosed within a radome screen atop the tower. The County of Ventura would co-locate two 10-foot tall whip (omni) antennas on top of the tower that would extend up to 70 feet. The associated equipment cabinets will be located adjacent to the tower. Emergency back up batteries will be installed within the equipment cabinets. Access to the site will be provided by an existing 12-foot wide dirt road via Piru Canyon Road. The site will be unmanned except for periodic maintenance and will not utilize water to operate. The purpose of the project is to provide cellular telephone coverage in the Lake Piru recreation area.

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In accordance with Section 15070 of the California Code of Regulations, the Ventura County Planning Department has determined that this proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and a Negative Declaration has been prepared.

The public review period is from December 20, 2010 to January 10, 2011. The Initial Study/Negative Declaration is available for public review on-line at www.ventura.org/planning (select "CEQA Environmental Review") or at the County of Ventura, Resource Management Agency, Planning Department, 800 South Victoria Avenue, L# 1740, Ventura, CA 93009 (805) 654-2481 Fax (805) 654-2509



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NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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B. STATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS:

State law requires that an Initial Study (environmental analysis) be conducted to determine if this project could significantly affect the environment. Based on the findings contained in the attached Initial Study, it has been determined that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and a Negative Declaration has been prepared.



C. PUBLIC REVIEW:

Legal Notice Method: Direct mailing to property owners within 300 feet of proposed project boundary, and a legal notice in a newspaper of general circulation.

Document Posting Period: December 20, 2010 to January 10, 2011

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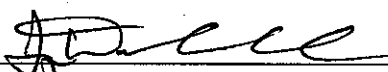
Comments: The public is encouraged to submit written comments regarding this Negative Declaration no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the above posting period to the case planner, Jay Dobrowalski, at the County of Ventura Resource Management Agency, Planning Department, 800 South Victoria Avenue L#1740, Ventura, CA 93009. The Planning Division's FAX number is (805) 654-2509. You may also e-mail the case planner at jay.dobrowalski@ventura.org.

D. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION:

Prior to approving the project, the decision-making body of the Lead Agency must consider this Negative Declaration and all comments received during public review. That body shall approve the Negative Declaration if it finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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**Recommended for Approval by
Lead Agency by:**

KIMBERLY L. PRILLHART, Director
Planning Division

PROJECT # LU10-0011 (AT&T)

Section A. Project Description

1. **Project Number:** LU10-0011
2. **Name of Applicant:** AT&T
3. **Project Location (including map):** Western shore of Lake Piru (no assigned address)
4. **Specific Description of the Nature and Purpose of the Project:** Conditional Use Permit LU10-0011 is for a wireless communication facility located above Lake Piru at a water treatment facility on the western shore of the lake. The applicant, AT&T, is proposing to remove a 30 foot tall wooden power pole and install a 60 foot tall wireless communication antenna tower designed and painted to look like a wooden power pole. AT&T would locate three, 6-foot tall antennas with a RAD center located at 57 feet up the tower and one 24-inch microwave dish antenna with a RAD center at 49 feet up the tower. The antennas would be enclosed within a radome screen atop the tower. The County of Ventura would co-locate two 10-foot tall whip (omni) antennas on top of the tower that would extend up to 70 feet. The associated equipment cabinets will be located adjacent to the tower. Emergency back up batteries will be installed within the equipment cabinets. Access to the site will be provided by an existing 12-foot wide dirt road via Piru Canyon Road. The site will be unmanned except for periodic maintenance and will not utilize water to operate. The purpose of the project is to provide cellular telephone coverage in the Lake Piru recreation area.
5. **Existing and Proposed General Plan Designation and Zoning of the Project Site:** Open Space, OS-160ac/SRP (Open Space, 160 acres minimum lot size, Scenic Resources Protection Overlay Zone).
6. **Description of the Physical Alterations/Improvements Caused by the Project (including site plan, elevations, off-site improvements, etc.):** See item 4 above.
7. **Description of the Public Facilities (e.g., roads, water supply, sewers, utilities) that must be Extended or Expanded to Serve the Project:** None.
8. **List of Responsible Agencies:** None.

Section B Initial Study Checklist and Discussion of Responses

PROJECT NO. LU10-0011

Issue (Responsible Department)	Project Impact Degree Of Effect*				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect*			
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RESOURCES:

1. Air Quality (APCD)		X				X		
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Based on information provided by the applicant, air quality impacts will be below the 25 pounds per day threshold for reactive organic compounds and oxides of nitrogen as described in the Ventura County Air Quality Assessment Guidelines. Therefore, the project will not have a significant impact on regional air quality.

Based on information in the project application, the subject project will generate local air quality impacts but those impacts are not likely to be significant. Although the project is not expected to result in any significant local air quality impacts, and pursuant to the APCD's recommendations, the proposed project will be subject to a condition of approval to help minimize fugitive dust and particulate matter that may result from construction activities on the site (Stratton, 2010).

2. Water Resources (PWA):								
a. Groundwater Quantity		X				X		

The proposed project will have a less-than-significant impact on the quantity of groundwater because the project will not require the use of groundwater (Viergutz, 2010).

b. Groundwater Quality		X				X		
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The proposed project will have a less-than-significant impact on groundwater quality because there are no groundwater quality impacts due to this project. The emergency back-up batteries will have a hazardous material permit issued from the County Environmental Health Division (Viergutz, 2010).

c. Surface Water Quantity		X				X		
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The proposed project will have a less-than-significant impact on the quantity of surface water because no surface water usage is proposed (Veigutz, 2010).

d. Surface Water Quality		X				X		
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The proposed project will not involve the use of water. Therefore, the project will have a less than significant impact on surface water quality (Mulkowska, 2010).

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3. Mineral Resources (PIng.):								
a. Aggregate	X				X			

The subject property is not located on or adjacent to land classified as MRZ-2 or containing an aggregate extraction CUP. Therefore, the project would have no impact on the extraction of aggregate resources.

The subject property is not located adjacent to a road used as a principal means of access to an existing site for aggregate extraction, and the proposed use is not sensitive to the effects of truck traffic to and from mining sites. Therefore, the proposed project will have no project specific or cumulative impacts on access to aggregate resources (Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, 2010).

b. Petroleum		X				X		
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The subject property is located on land located in an oil field and subject to an oil extraction CUP (CUP 488). However, the proposed telecommunications facility would not hamper or preclude extraction of, or access to, petroleum resources. The project site is:

- (1) not located within proximity to any oil and gas facilities;
- (2) is an unmanned facility and, consequently, is not a sensitive use that could be subject to adverse effects from oil and gas operations; and,
- (3) will not involve construction or maintenance activities that could interfere with oil and gas operations.

Therefore, the proposed project will have a less than significant impact on petroleum resources.

The subject property is located adjacent to a road used as a principal means of access to an existing CUP for oil extraction (CUP 488). However, the proposed use is not sensitive to the effects of truck traffic to and from the oil CUP. Therefore, the proposed project will have a less than significant project specific and cumulative impact on access to oil resources (Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, 2010).

4. Biological Resources	X				X			
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Ms. Christina Danko, the Planning Division Staff Biologist, reviewed the proposed project and conducted a site inspection to determine if the proposed project will result in any potential impacts to biological resources. The proposed footprint will not be located within an area that has habitat that supports sensitive and/or protected biological resources. Therefore, the proposed project will have no project specific or cumulative impact on biological resources (Danko, 2010).

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5. Agricultural Resources:								
a. Soils (PIng.)		X				X		

The proposed project will result in the loss of approximately 233 square feet of land classified as grazing. Therefore, the proposed project specific and cumulative impacts to agricultural soils will be less than significant (Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, 2010).

b. Land Use Incompatibility (Ag. Dept.)		X				X		
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The evaluation pertains to the introduction of incompatible effects from new non-agricultural projects that may affect off-site agricultural properties in the vicinity, particularly within 300 feet of any Important Farmlands. No portion of the proposed facility will be within 300 feet of off-site agricultural properties. In addition, these facilities are unmanned and therefore will not introduce any uses that will be subject to adverse effects from agricultural operations. Therefore, the proposed project will have a less than significant impact on agricultural resources, in regards to land use incompatibility (Graham, 2010).

6. Scenic Resources (PIng)		X				X		
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The project site is located within the Scenic Resource Protection Overlay Zone, and will be visible from Lake Piru. The site is located on the western shore of the lake adjacent to an equipment building and five telephone poles that are approximately 35 feet tall. One of the poles will be replaced with the proposed 70-foot tall tower. Due to the topography of the project site and the higher ridgeline surrounding the lake, the proposed tower will not be silhouetted on a ridge top. The tower will be designed as a telephone pole and will be painted a dark brown color to blend in with the existing telephone poles located adjacent to the project site. There are no recently approved, current, or reasonably foreseeable future projects that are located within the same Lake Piru Area. Therefore, the proposed project will have less than significant project specific and cumulative impacts to scenic resources (Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, 2010).

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	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
7. Paleontological Resources	X				X			

The proposed project site is located within an area of "Moderate" Importance. The proposed project will involve trenching to install an electric line. However, the proposed project site has been previously disturbed due to the construction of a dirt road and its use as a construction staging area. No paleontological resources are known to exist on-site. Moreover, the proposed project will be subject to a condition of approval such that if in the unlikely event paleontological resources are discovered during ground-disturbance activities, all activities shall cease until a paleontologist evaluates the resources and contingency measures are implemented to avoid any adverse impacts to the resources. Therefore, the proposed project will have no project specific or cumulative impacts to paleontological resources (Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, 2010).

8. Cultural Resources:								
a. Archaeological	X				X			

As stated above, the proposed project proposed project will involve trenching to install an electric line. However, the site has been previously disturbed and no known archaeological resources are known to exist on-site. Moreover, the proposed project will be subject to a condition of approval such that if in the unlikely event archaeological resources are discovered during ground-disturbance activities, all activities shall cease until an archaeologist evaluates the resources and contingency measures are implemented to avoid any adverse impacts to the resources. Therefore, the proposed project will have no project specific or cumulative impacts to archaeological resources (Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, 2010).

b. Historical (PIng.)	X				X			
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The project site has been previously developed with a dirt road and a building used to house pumping equipment. The building is approximately 30 years old, has no historical integrity, and could not qualify as a historical resource. The building and its associated pumping equipment will remain on the project site and the proposed project will not impact the pumping equipment. Therefore, the proposed project will have no project specific or cumulative impacts to historical resources (Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, 2010).

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	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
9. Coastal Beaches & Sand Dunes	X				X			

The project is not located near, and does not have the potential to impact any, coastal beaches or sand dunes. Therefore, the proposed project will have no project specific or cumulative impacts on coastal beaches and sand dunes (Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, 2010).

HAZARDS:

10. Fault Rupture (PWA)	X				X			
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There are no known active or potentially active faults extending through the proposed project site based on State of California Earthquake Fault Zones in accordance with the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act, and Ventura County General Plan Hazards Appendix (Figure 2.2.3b). Therefore, the proposed project will not result in impacts related to potential fault rupture hazards.

Seismic and geologic hazards are project and location specific and, in this regard, there are no cumulative impacts associated with seismic and geologic hazards (O'Tousa, 2010).

11. Ground Shaking (PWA)		X			X			
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The property will be subject to moderate to strong ground shaking from seismic events on local and regional fault systems. The County of Ventura Building code adopted from the California Building Code, dated 2007, Chapter 16, Division IV requires the applicant to design the structures to withstand this ground shaking. The requirements of the building code will reduce the effects of ground shaking to a less than significant level.

Seismic and geologic hazards are project and location specific and, in this regard, there are no cumulative impacts associated with seismic and geologic hazards (O'Tousa, 2010).

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12. Liquefaction (PWA)	X				X			

The site is not located within a potential liquefaction zone based on the Ventura County General Plan Hazards Appendix (Figure 2.4b). This map is a compilation of the State of California Seismic Hazards Maps for the County of Ventura and is used as the basis for delineating the potential liquefaction hazards within the county. Therefore, the proposed project will not result in impacts related to potential liquefaction hazards.

Seismic and geologic hazards are project and location specific and, in this regard, there are no cumulative impacts associated with seismic and geologic hazards (O'Tousa, 2010).

13. Seiche & Tsunami (PWA)	X				X			
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The proposed project site is located adjacent to a closed or restricted body of water based on aerial photograph review (photos dated July 2007) and over 20 feet above the existing water level. There is no potential for a seiche that could surge over 20 feet above the existing water level. The project is also not located within a tsunami inundation zone based on the Ventura County General Plan, Hazards Appendix Figure 2.6 and Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines. Therefore, the proposed project will not result in impacts related to potential hazards from seiche and tsunami.

Seismic and geologic hazards are project and location specific and, in this regard, there are no cumulative impacts associated with seismic and geologic hazards (O'Tousa, 2010).

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	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
14. Landslides/Mudslides (PWA)		X			X			

Landslides and mudslides are not presently mapped within the property, however, due to the slopes within the property, a landslide and mudslide potential is present. The site is not located within a State of California potential earthquake induced landslide area. Site specific geologic and geotechnical work conducted by AESCO, report dated February 22, 2010, provides slope setback recommendations for foundations to mitigate any anticipated slope instability. Since the proposed facility will be constructed in compliance with the recommendations of the report, the adverse effects of landslides and mudslides are considered to be less than significant.

Seismic and geologic hazards are project and location specific and, in this regard, there are no cumulative impacts associated with seismic and geologic hazards (O'Tousa, 2010).

15. Expansive Soils (PWA)		X			X			
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The near surface soils are considered to have an expansive index between 20 and 130. Future development of the site will be subject to the requirements of the County of Ventura Building code adopted from the California Building Code, dated 2007, Section 1802.2.2 that require mitigation of potential adverse effects of expansive soils. The project geotechnical report prepared by AESCO, dated February 22, 2010, indicates an expansion index for the near surface soils of medium (Expansion Index 33) and in this regard, the hazard associated with adverse effects of expansive soils is considered to be less than significant.

Seismic and geologic hazards are project and location specific and, in this regard, there are no cumulative impacts associated with seismic and geologic hazards (O'Tousa, 2010).

16. Subsidence (PWA)	X				X			
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The subject property is not within the probable subsidence hazard zone as delineated on the Ventura County General Plan Hazards Appendix (Figure 2.8, January 27, 2004) and the proposed project does not involve oil, gas, or groundwater withdrawal. Therefore, the proposed project will not result in impacts related to subsidence hazards.

Seismic and geologic hazards are project and location specific and, in this regard, there are no cumulative impacts associated with seismic and geologic hazards (O'Tousa, 2010).

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	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
17. Hydraulic Hazards:								
a. Non-FEMA (PWA)		X				X		

The proposed project will add approximately 264 square feet of impervious surface to the drainage area, which is about 10,000 square feet, and drains from the site through rock energy dissipaters to an existing dirt road and to an existing catch basin and then to Lake Piru. The addition of 264 square feet of impervious surface area to the drainage area is unlikely to create erosion and siltation hazards. Therefore, the proposed project's adverse impacts relating to erosion/siltation will be less than significant (Myers, 2010).

b. FEMA (WPD)		X				X		
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The subject property is located outside of the 1% annual chance (100-year) floodplain as evidenced on the latest "Effective" Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) issued by FEMA (January 20, 2010) (Map # 06111C0660E; Panel 660 of 1275). The proposed development site is mapped as an 'X Unshaded Zone' meaning that it is in the 500-year floodplain. Consequently, a Floodplain Development Permit is not required for the proposed development. However, a Floodplain Clearance will be required from the County Public Works Agency prior to the issuance of a building permit and/or a grading permit.

Based on the proposed location of the development in the 'X Unshaded Zone', the proposed project's impacts related to flooding hazards are considered to be less than significant (Trushinski, 2010).

18. Fire Hazards (Fire)	X				X			
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The proposed project does not include building construction. Therefore, the project will have no impacts related to fire hazards (Vanden Bossche, 2010).

19. Aviation Hazards (Airports)	X				X			
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The project site is not located in any airport sphere of influence and does not have the potential to impact any airport operations. Therefore, the proposed project will have no project specific or cumulative impacts to airport operations (Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, 2010).

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	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
20. Hazardous Materials/Waste:								
a. Hazardous Materials (EH/Fire)		X				X		

The proposed project includes the use of hazardous materials. Improper storage, handling, and disposal of these material(s) could result in the creation of adverse impacts to public health. Compliance with existing State regulations will reduce potential impacts to a level considered less than significant.

The proposed project will have no impacts related to the use or generation of hazardous materials. Hazardous material storage will be required to comply with the 2006 International Fire Code, Article 27 as adopted and amended by the VCFPD Ordinance #26. Therefore, the project specific and cumulative impacts to hazardous materials be less than significant (Talent, 2010 and Vanden Bossche, 2010).

b. Hazardous Waste (EH)	X				X			
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The proposed project is not considered an activity that generates hazardous waste. Therefore, the project will not have any impacts relative to hazardous wastes (Talent, 2010).

21. Noise and Vibration		X				X		
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The proposed project is a potential noise generator, due to the outdoor equipment cabinets. However, the proposed noise-generating equipment is not located within 500 feet of a noise sensitive use and is not audible outside of the enclosed equipment area. There are no vibration sensitive uses located near the project site and the project does not have the potential to result in any significant impacts to vibration sensitive uses. Therefore, the proposed project will have a less than significant project specific and cumulative impact to noise and vibration (Ambrose, 2010 and Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, 2010).

22. Daytime Glare	X				X			
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The project will not use any materials that would be a potential source of glare (reflective surfaces including metal or glass) and will not have the potential to generate any daytime glare. Therefore, the proposed project will have no project specific or cumulative impacts to glare (Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, 2010).

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	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
23. Public Health (EH)		X				X		

The proposed project may have impacts to public health from hazardous materials. Compliance with applicable state regulations enforced by the Environmental Health Division will reduce potential impacts to a level considered less than significant. Therefore, the project specific and cumulative impacts to public health will be less than significant (Talent, 2010).

24. Greenhouse Gases (APCD)		X				X		
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The Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) has not yet adopted any approach to setting a threshold of significance for land use development projects in the area of project greenhouse gas emissions. However, the amount of greenhouse gasses anticipated from the project will be a small fraction of the levels being considered by the APCD for greenhouse gas significance thresholds and far below those adopted to date by any air district in the state. Furthermore, the project will generate less than significant impacts to regional and local air quality (Section 1, above) and the project will be subject to a condition of approval to ensure that all project construction and operations shall be conducted in compliance with all APCD Rules and Regulations. Therefore, the project specific and cumulative impact related to greenhouse gases is less than significant (Stratton, 2010).

LAND USE:

25. Community Character (PInG.)		X				X		
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The proposed project site is located in an area that is designated as Open Space and has been developed with a water pumping equipment building and utility poles. The proposed development will occur within a lease area of 264 square feet and will include the construction of a monopole tower and equipment enclosure. The proposed equipment area will be partially screened by existing vegetation on the hillside and the tower will be designed to blend in with the adjacent existing utility poles. The proposed communication facility will require periodic maintenance in the form of approximately one vehicle trip every four to six weeks. The proposed project is designed to look like a utility pole that will be compatible with the surrounding Lake Piru Recreation Area. The proposed project will not require vegetation removal, is located within a previously disturbed area, and as such, will continue to allow for the preservation of natural resources found within Open Space designated land. Therefore, the proposed project will have less than significant project specific and cumulative impacts to community character (Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, 2010).

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	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
26 Housing (PIng.)	X				X			

The proposed project would not eliminate any existing dwelling units and would not have the potential to have any impact on housing. Therefore, the proposed project will have no project specific or cumulative impacts to housing (Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, 2010).

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES:								
27. Transportation/Circulation:								
a. Roads and Highways:								
(1) Level of Service (PWA)		X				X		

The proposed project will be unmanned and will require 1 vehicle trip every 4 to 6 weeks for periodic maintenance. The Transportation Department determined that the periodic vehicle trips will not result in a significant amount of additional traffic on the local public roads. Therefore, adverse traffic impacts relating to level of service and safety/design will be less than significant (Emami, 2010).

(2) Safety/Design of Public Roads(PWA)		X				X		
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The Transportation Department determined that the proposed project will not generate additional traffic on the local public roads.

Therefore, adverse traffic impacts relating to level of service and safety/design will be less than significant (Emami, 2010).

(3) Safety/Design of Private Access (Fire)	X				X			
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Public roads and driveways that meet current Fire Department Access Standards provide access to the project site. Therefore, the proposed project will have no impact on transportation/circulation (Vanden Bossche, 2010).

(4) Tactical Access (Fire)	X				X			
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Public roads and driveways that meet current Fire Department Access Standards provide access to the project site. Therefore, the project will have no impact on transportation/circulation (Vanden Bossche, 2010).

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b. Pedestrian/Bicycle (PWA/Plng.)		X				X		

The Transportation Department determined that the existing roads in the proximity of the proposed project site do not have adequate facilities pursuant to the County's Road Standards and the State Department of Transportation. However, the proposed project is unlikely to generate any pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Therefore, the proposed project's adverse impacts relating to the supplementary addition of pedestrians and bicycles into the area will be less than significant (Emami, 2010 and Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, 2010).

c. Bus Transit	X				X			
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The proposed project site is located on Lake Piru, approximately 9 miles from the nearest bus route which is in Fillmore. The project will not substantially interfere with existing bus transit facilities or routes, and will not create an increase in demand for additional or new bus transit facilities/services. Therefore, the proposed project will have no project specific or cumulative impact on bus transit (Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, 2010).

d. Railroads	X				X			
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The project site is not located near any rail line or crossing and will not have the potential to impact any railroads. Therefore, the proposed project will have no project specific or cumulative impact on railroads (Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, 2010).

e. Airports (Airports)	X				X			
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The proposed project site is not located within the sphere of influence of any airport within the County. Therefore, the proposed project will have no project specific or cumulative impact on airports (Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, 2010).

f. Harbors (Harbors)	X				X			
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The project site is not adjacent to any harbor and will not increase the demands on harbor facilities. Therefore, the proposed project will have no project specific or cumulative impact on harbors (Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, 2010).

Issue (Responsible Department)	Project Impact Degree Of Effect*				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect*			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
g. Pipelines	X				X			

The project site is not located over a pipeline or route and will not have the potential to impact any pipelines. Therefore, the proposed project will have no project specific or cumulative impact on pipelines (Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, 2010).

28. Water Supply:								
a. Quality (EH)	X				X			

The proposed project will not require a supply of domestic water. Therefore, the project will not have any impacts to water quality (Talent, 2010).

b. Quantity (PWA)		X			X			
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The proposed project will not require a permanent domestic water supply. Therefore, the project will have a less than significant impact on the quantity of water supplies (Veigutz, 2010).

c. Fire Flow (Fire)	X				X			
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The proposed project does not include construction requiring water supply for fire protection. Therefore, the project will have no impact on water supply (Veigutz, 2010).

29. Waste Treatment/Disposal:								
a. Individual Sewage Disposal System (EH)	X				X			

The proposed project will not require the use of an on-site sewage disposal system. Therefore, the project will not create any adverse environmental impacts relative to on-site sewage disposal (Talent, 2010).

b. Sewage Collection/Treatment Facilities (EH)	X				X			
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The proposed project will not require sewage disposal. Therefore, the proposed project will not have any impacts to a sewage collection facility (Talent, 2010).

Issue (Responsible Department)	Project Impact Degree Of Effect				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
c. Solid Waste Management (PWA)		X				X		

Pursuant to the Integrated Waste Management Division's (IWMD's) factors for determining the significance of project impacts to solid waste facilities within Ventura County, any discretionary development project generating solid waste will impact the County's remaining solid waste disposal capacity. Additionally, as required by California Public Resources Code (PRC) 41701, Ventura County's Countywide Siting Element (CSE), adopted in June of 2001 and updated annually, confirms Ventura County has at least 15 years of disposal capacity available for waste generated by in-County projects. Therefore, because the County currently exceeds the minimum disposal capacity required by the PRC, no individual proposed project will have a significant impact upon remaining Ventura County solid waste disposal capacity. Therefore, the project will have a less than significant impact on solid waste disposal facilities (Wilson, 2010).

d. Solid Waste Facilities (EH)	X				X			
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The proposed project does not include a solid waste facility. Therefore, the proposed project will not have any impacts relating to solid waste facilities (Talent, 2010).

30 Utilities		X				X		
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The proposed project is not currently served with electricity, but is located in an area which is currently served by existing electrical facilities. The project will not use natural gas. The proposed project has been reviewed by the County's Information Technology Services, Radio and Wireless Services Division to prevent potential interference with existing communications facilities. Since there are no existing communications facilities in the Lake Piru area, the proposed project does not have the potential to create any adverse impacts to radio and wireless utilities. Therefore, the proposed project will have no project specific or cumulative impacts to utilities (Richards, 2010 and Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, 2010).

31. Flood Control/Drainage:								
a. WPD Facilities/Watercourses (WPD)		X				X		

The nearest jurisdictional red line channels are Lime Canyon, approximately one mile southwesterly, and Piru Creek, approximately one and one-half miles southerly, of the site. Therefore, the project will have a less than significant impact on the jurisdictional red line channels (Wolfington, 2010).

Issue (Responsible Department)	Project Impact Degree Of Effect*				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect*			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
b. Other Facilities/Watercourses (PWA)		X				X		

The proposed project will add approximately 264 square feet of impervious surface to the drainage area which is about 10,000 square feet and drains from the site through rock energy dissipaters to an existing dirt road and to an existing catch basin and then to Lake Piru. The addition of 264 square feet of impervious surface area to the drainage area is unlikely to create erosion and siltation hazards. The addition of approximately 264 square feet of impervious surface area does not have the potential to significantly alter the drainage watercourse. Therefore, the project impacts to flood control/drainage facilities not under the jurisdiction of the Watershed Protection District are considered to be less than significant (Myers, 2010).

32. Law Enforcement/Emergency Svs. (Sheriff):		X				X		
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The project will include equipment that will be enclosed within an 8 foot high block wall and a locked chainlink fence. Since the proposed project will be enclosed, it will have adequate security measures. Therefore, the proposed project will have a less than significant project-specific and cumulative impact on law enforcement and emergency services (Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, 2010).

33. Fire Protection (Fire):								
a. Distance/Response Time	X				X			

The proposed project site's distance from a full-time, paid fire station is adequate and the proposed project will not require a new fire station or additional equipment. Therefore, the proposed project will have no impact on fire protection due to its location in relation to fire stations and equipment (Vanden Bossche, 2010).

b. Personnel/Equipment/Facilities	X				X			
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The proposed project site's distance from a full-time, paid fire station is adequate and the proposed project will not require a new fire station or additional equipment. Therefore, the proposed project will have no impact on fire protection relating to personnel, equipment, or facilities (Vanden Bossche, 2010).

34. Education:								
a. Schools	X				X			

The project is not located adjacent to any school facilities and will not have an impact on the demand for schools. Therefore, the proposed project will have no project specific or cumulative impact on schools (Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, 2010).

Issue (Responsible Department)	Project Impact Degree Of Effect				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
b. Libraries (Lib. Agency)	X				X			

The project is not located adjacent to any library facilities and will not have an impact on the demand for public libraries. Therefore, the proposed project will have no project specific or cumulative impact on library facilities (Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, 2010).

35. Recreation (GSA):	X				X			
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The proposed project site is located within the Lake Piru Recreation Area approximately 1,000 feet from the campground. The proposed project will be unmanned and will not have the potential to impact any recreational facilities. Therefore, the proposed project will have no project specific or cumulative impact on recreational facilities (Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, 2010).

Degree of Effect:

- N = No Impact.
- LS = Less Than Significant
- PS-M = Potentially Significant Impact Unless Mitigation Incorporated.
- PS = Potentially Significant Impact.

Agencies:

Airports - Department Of Airports
 EH - Environmental Health Division
 Harbors - Harbor Department
 PWA - Public Works Agency

Ag. Dept. - Agricultural Department
 Fire - Fire Protection District
 Lib. Agency - Library Services Agency
 Sheriff - Sheriff's Department

APCD - Air Pollution Control District
 GSA - General Services Agency
 Ping. - Planning Division
 WPD - Watershed Protection District

Section C. - Mandatory Findings of Significance

Based on the information contained within Sections B and C:	Yes/ Maybe	No
1. 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?		X
2. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term, to the disadvantage of long-term, environmental goals? (A short-term impact on the environment is one that occurs in a relatively brief, definitive period of time while long-term impacts will endure well into the future).		X
3. 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 effect of other current projects, and the effect of probable future projects. (Several projects may have relatively small individual impacts on two or more resources, but the total of those impacts on the environment is significant).		X
4. Does the project have environmental effects that will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?		X

Section D. - Determination of Environmental Document

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

[X]	I find the proposed project could not have a significant effect on the environment, and a Negative Declaration should 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 the mitigation measure(s) described in section C of the Initial Study will be applied to the project. A Mitigated Negative Declaration should be prepared.
[]	I find the proposed project, individually and/or cumulatively, 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.


 Signature of Person Responsible for Administering the Project

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 Date

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