

COUNTY OF VENTURA BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES INITIAL STUDY

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Project: CUP - 5013

Field Study: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Justification: Photos and site plans submitted by applicant indicate that antenna will be located fully within a previously developed location.

A. CHECKLIST

Biological Resources Issues	Project Impact Degree of Effect				Cumulative Impact Degree of Effect			
	N	LS	S	U	N	LS	S	U
a. endangered, threatened, or rare species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. wetland habitat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. coastal habitat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. migration corridors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. locally important species/communities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Degree of Effect Explanation

N = None

LS = Less than significant effect

S = Significant effect; MND or EIR required

U = Unknown; EIR required

B. DISCUSSION

No endangered, threatened, or rare plants or animals are present in this predominantly agricultural location adjacent to Highway 101. The proposed antenna structure would be located within a portion of the landscaping element of an industrial warehouse facility adjacent to agricultural lands. No wetland or coastal habitat is present at the site, nor are any native plant communities or wildlife habitat. The antenna would potentially effect only migratory species that may temporarily use the landscaping. In particular, migratory hawks such as red-tailed hawk and ferruginous hawk (a state-listed species of concern, CDFG, 1994) may use the tall trees adjacent to the antenna or the antenna itself as a perch location while they use the agricultural fields for foraging. Antennas typically do not pose an electrocution hazard and the hawks would be expected to preferentially use the taller adjacent eucalyptus trees for perch locations. No significant impacts are anticipated.

C. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

- | | <u>Yes/Maybe</u> | <u>No</u> |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Does the project have the potential to significantly 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term, to the disadvantage of long-term, environmental goals? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Does the project have impacts which are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

D. MITIGATION MEASURES

Recommended ☐

Required for Negative Declaration ☐

No mitigation measures necessary.

E. DETERMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FROM A BIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

EIR Required ☐

Negative Declaration ☒

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F. REFERENCES

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