

**MINUTES**  
**HUNTINGTON BEACH OFFICE OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**  
**Room B-8 - Civic Center**  
**2000 Main Street**  
**Huntington Beach California**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2010 - 1:30 P.M.**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:** Jennifer Villasenor, Acting Zoning Administrator

**STAFF MEMBER:** Jill Arabe, Andrew Gonzales, Judy Demers (recording secretary)

**MINUTES:** **NONE**

**ORAL COMMUNICATION:** **NONE**

**ITEM 1: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 2010-004 (HAMILTON CLEARWIRE WIRELESS FACILITY):**

**APPLICANT:** John Moreland, Core Communications  
**PROPERTY OWNER:** Scott Haney, Southern California Edison, 4900 Rivergrade, Building 2B1, Irwindale, CA 91706  
**REQUEST:** To permit the installation of new wireless communication antennas mounted to an existing Southern California Edison (SCE) transmission tower at an overall height of 50 ft. The facility consists of six (6) panel antennas, three (3) parabolic microwave dishes, one (1) GPS antenna, and associated above ground equipment.  
**LOCATION:** 9271 Hamilton Avenue, 92646 (north side of Hamilton Avenue, east of Magnolia Street)  
**PROJECT PLANNER:** Jill Arabe

Jill Arabe, Assistant Planner, displayed project plans and photographs and stated the purpose, location, zoning, and existing use of the subject site. Ms. Arabe stated that she had recently received new information that the area of the project is located within an archeological site which may contain cultural significance. In light of the recent information staff recommends continuing this item to a date uncertain, pending further environmental review and analysis.

Jennifer Villasenor, Zoning Administrator asked Ms. Arabe if the applicant has been notified of staff's recommendation to continue this item to a date uncertain.

Ms. Arabe stated the applicant is aware of staff's recommendation and the requirement to process an environmental assessment.

**AS THERE WAS A REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE, THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS NOT OPENED.**

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 2010-004 WAS CONTINUED TO A DATE UNCERTAIN.**

**ITEM 2: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 2010-002 (GARFIELD CLEARWIRE WIRELESS FACILITY):**

APPLICANT: Celly Adamo, Reliant Land Services  
PROPERTY OWNER: Southern California Edison, c/o Scott Haney, 4900 Rivergrade Road, Building 2B1, Irwindale, CA 91706  
REQUEST: To permit the installation of new wireless communication antennas mounted to an existing Southern California Edison (SCE) transmission tower at an overall height of 60 ft. The facility consists of six (6) panel antennas, three (3) parabolic antennas, and one (1) GPS antenna, and associated equipment within a 6 ft. high fence enclosure.  
LOCATION: 10500 Garfield Avenue, 92646 (south Tana Drive, east of Ward Street)  
PROJECT PLANNER: Andrew Gonzales

Andrew Gonzales, Associate Planner, displayed project plans and photographs and stated the purpose, location, zoning, and existing use of the subject site. Staff presented an overview of the proposed project and the suggested findings and conditions for approval as presented in the executive summary.

Mr. Gonzales stated that staff has not received any public comments.

Jennifer Villasenor, Acting Zoning Administrator, stated she had no questions.

**THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS OPENED.**

Lorna Randolph, 19350 Ward Street, stated that she had concerns regarding the effect the antennas may have on her electrical appliances, noise, and traffic.

Mr. Gonzales explained that the zoning code requires that the applicant submit a non-interference letter and report to the Police Department confirming that the radio signals will not interfere with public and emergency facilities by the ongoing wireless operations.

Cely Adamo, the applicant, stated she understands the concerns related to signal interference and provided a brief explanation of the wireless broadband technology.

**THERE WERE NO OTHER PERSONS PRESENT TO SPEAK FOR OR AGAINST THE REQUEST AND THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

Ms. Villasenor asked the applicant if these facilities have been known to create interference issues.

Ms. Villasenor asked Mr. Gonzales if he anticipated any increase to traffic in the surrounding area as a result of the project.

Mr. Gonzales explained that traffic should not be impacted because the facility is unmanned and would experience nominal traffic associated with the construction of the project and periodic site maintenance.

Ms. Villasenor asked Mr. Gonzales to explain how the applicant demonstrated that a gap in service exists.

Mr. Gonzales explained that Radio Frequency (RF) maps are provided with a wireless permit application to demonstrate that a gap in service exists in the surrounding area. Mr. Gonzales stated that RF maps are required for all new wireless facilities located within the City.

Ms. Villasenor requested staff to confirm that the project complies with the development requirements of the base zoning district.

Mr. Gonzales confirmed that the project complies with all development standards.

Ms. Villasenor stated that, given the information provided, she would approve the request as recommended by staff.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 2010-002 WAS APPROVED BY THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL. STAFF STATED THAT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MAY BE APPEALED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITHIN TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS.**

**FINDINGS FOR PROJECTS EXEMPT FROM CEQA:**

The Zoning Administrator finds that the project will not have any significant effect on the environment and is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines, because the project consists of the minor alteration of an existing structure, involving no expansion of the existing transmission tower.

**FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 2010-002 :**

1. Conditional Use Permit No. 2010-002 for the installation of new wireless communication antennas mounted to an existing Southern California Edison (SCE) transmission tower at an overall height of 60 ft will not be detrimental to the general welfare of persons working or residing in the vicinity or detrimental to the value of the property and improvements in the neighborhood. The project consists of affixing six (6) panel antennas, three (3) parabolic antennas, and one (1) GPS antenna on an existing 136 ft. high transmission tower located within an existing landscape nursery. All associated equipment will be sited at-grade within a 100 sq. ft., 6 ft. high fenced enclosure located at the base of the tower. The wireless facility shall be located at a distance of more than 100 ft. from adjacent residential uses. The installation of the antennas will assist in filling a gap in coverage not already served by other similar facilities in the area. The project will not generate noise, traffic, or a demand upon parking above levels which exist on the subject site. As conditioned, the wireless communication equipment will be screened by a 6 ft. high decorative block wall with the antennas painted to match the tower's structural members. The requested height assists in enhancing wireless communications in the community by improving signal transmission and reception in the project vicinity.
2. The conditional use permit will be compatible with surrounding uses because the wireless communication facility will be located on and adjacent to an existing SCE transmission tower, on an existing SCE right-of-way. As conditioned, the antennas are required to be painted to match the transmission tower's structural members with the ground equipment located within a 6 ft. high decorative block wall enclosure so as to be entirely screened from the public right-of-way. The wireless antennas and equipment shall match an existing wireless facility located at an adjacent transmission tower.

3. The proposed conditional use permit will comply with the provisions of the base district and other applicable provisions in Titles 20-25 of the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance, including the provisions of HBZSO Section 230.96 – Wireless Communications Facilities. Wireless antennas are permitted to exceed the maximum 35 ft. height of the RL (Residential Low Density) zoning district with the approval of a conditional use permit.
4. The granting of the conditional use permit will not adversely affect the General Plan. It is consistent with the Land Use Element designation of P (Public) on the subject property. In addition, it is consistent with the following goals and policies of the General Plan:

A. Land Use Element

Goal – LU 2: Ensure that development is adequately served by transportation infrastructure, utility infrastructure, and public services.

Policy LU 2.1.1: Plan and construct public infrastructure and service improvements as demand necessitates to support the land uses specified in the Land Use Plan (as defined in the Circulation and Public Utilities and Services Elements of the General Plan).

B. Utility Element

Policy U 5.1: Ensure that adequate natural gas, telecommunication and electrical systems are provided.

Policy U 5.1.1: Continue to work with service providers to maintain current levels of service and facilitate improved levels of service.

The proposed facility will enhance wireless communications in the community by improving signal transmission and reception in the project vicinity. In addition, the proposed installation of antennas on an existing transmission tower and screening of equipment with a decorative block wall will minimize the project's visual impacts. The proposed facility is necessary to provide new radio frequency coverage in the vicinity.

**CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 2010-004 :**

1. The site plan and elevations received and dated January 22, 2010, shall be the conceptually approved design with the following modifications:
  - a. On the site plan, depict the setbacks of all proposed structures to their corresponding property lines.
  - b. The grade level wireless communication equipment enclosure shall be screened from view on all sides by a 6 ft. high decorative block wall (either slumpstone or split face) instead of chain link. (DRB)
  - c. All antennas and associated wireless equipment affixed to the SCE transmission tower shall be painted to match the color of the tower's support members. (DRB)
  - d. Any access gate for the equipment enclosure shall be of a solid material and painted to match the decorative block wall. (DRB)
  - e. Depict the location of all gas meters, water meters, electrical panels, air conditioning units, mailboxes (as approved by the United States Postal Service), and similar items on the site plan and elevations. If located on a building, they shall be architecturally

integrated with the design of the building, non-obtrusive, not interfere with sidewalk areas and comply with required setbacks.

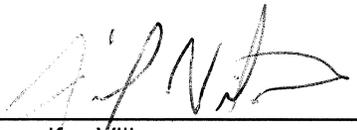
2. Prior to submittal for building permits, the following shall be completed:
  - a. One set of project plans, revised pursuant to Condition of Approval No. 1, shall be submitted for review, approval and inclusion in the entitlement file, to the Planning Department.
  - b. Zoning entitlement conditions of approval, code requirements identified herein and code requirements identified in separately transmitted memorandum from the Departments of Fire and Public Works shall be printed verbatim on one of the first three pages of all the working drawing sets used for issuance of building permits (architectural, structural, electrical, mechanical and plumbing) and shall be referenced in the sheet index. The minimum font size utilized for printed text shall be 12 point.
1. During demolition, grading, site development, and/or construction, the following shall be adhered to:
  - a. Construction equipment shall be maintained in peak operating condition to reduce emissions.
  - b. Use low sulfur (0.5%) fuel by weight for construction equipment.
  - c. Truck idling shall be prohibited for periods longer than 10 minutes.
  - d. Attempt to phase and schedule activities to avoid high ozone days first stage smog alerts.
  - e. Discontinue operation during second stage smog alerts.
  - f. Ensure clearly visible signs are posted on the perimeter of the site identifying the name and phone number of a field supervisor to contact for information regarding the development and any construction/ grading activity.
2. Prior to issuance of building permits, the following shall be completed:
  - a. Contractor shall call Dig-Alert prior to any trenching (**PW**).
  - b. The proposed wireless facility shall obtain its electrical feed from SCE independently (**PW**).
  - c. An encroachment permit is necessary for any work performed within the public right-of-way (**PW**).
3. The structure(s) cannot be occupied and the final building permit(s) cannot be approved until the following has been completed:
  - a. All improvements must be completed in accordance with approved plans, except as provided for by conditions of approval.
  - b. Compliance with all conditions of approval specified herein shall be verified by the Planning Department.
  - a. All building spoils, such as unusable lumber, wire, pipe, and other surplus or unusable material, shall be disposed of at an off-site facility equipped to handle them

4. Incorporating sustainable or "green" building practices into the design of the proposed structures and associated site improvements is highly encouraged. Sustainable building practices may include (but are not limited to) those recommended by the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Program certification (<http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CategoryID=19>) or Build It Green's Green Building Guidelines and Rating Systems (<http://www.builditgreen.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=guidelines>).

**INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS CONDITION:**

The owner of the property which is the subject of this project and the project applicant if different from the property owner, and each of their heirs, successors and assigns, shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Huntington Beach and its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action or proceedings, liability cost, including attorney's fees and costs against the City or its agents, officers or employees, to attack, set aside, void or annul any approval of the City, including but not limited to any approval granted by the City Council, Planning Commission, or Design Review Board concerning this project. The City shall promptly notify the applicant of any claim, action or proceeding and should cooperate fully in the defense thereof.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:00 PM TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2010, AT 1:30 PM.**



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Jennifer Villasenor  
Acting Zoning Administrator

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