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Dear Commissioners,

You will be voting on the Coastal Development Use Permit application by T-Mobile USA, Inc. to authorize continued operation of a wireless communication facility and other changes on the Lords Land Ministries on Navarro Ridge Rd. in Albion. You will be basing your vote on a Subsequent MND. See https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/files/assets/public/v/1/pbs/documents/boards-and-commissions/planning-commission/2026/14-november-5-2026/2um_2025-0003-initial-study.pdf

I understand that based on the 2012 Spectrum Act the County has to deal with the shot clock (60 days) and might not have much of a choice than to approve this Subsequent MND based on the Eligible Facilities Request. Approved would also be "Future changes to the facility that fall within the definition of Eligible Facilities Requests under FCC Guidance as in effect at the time the change is proposed shall also be authorized by this modified permit."

In my mind to approve something that is unknown ahead of time seems not ok. Also what they call improvements can be interpreted differently depending on who you ask. This tower will be 20 ft. taller and all the new equipment called for in the application make it more potent (more radiofrequency radiation).

I will not argue any heath/environmental reasons as I understand that the County has approved the wireless guidelines in 2015 that are not yet part of the Certified LCP for the County, and the FCC is still relaying on studies from 1980, but uses the 1996 regulations. Also the Precautionary Principle Policy (# 43) adopted by the County on 6-27-2006 would cause you to think if this application is in the best interest of the community. As we have now 2 wireless facilities on Navarro Ridge Rd. and 1 on Hwy 1 next to it, many satellites, and Further Reach we do not need constantly more powerful facilities. Many people submitted comments to the FCC and HHS about the negative health effects caused by electromagnetic fields/radio frequency radiation this October. I personally know several people who lived on Navarro Ridge Rd. and moved/sold their properties close by, or are suffering serious health issues. All this improving is lowering the value of the properties surrounding these towers.

Why I am also very much opposed to having this application approved is because several community members appealed the application that AT&T was able to get approved for that site in 2019. It got appealed to the Coastal Commission and they heard the appeal on 8-7-2019 and found no substantial issues. What was not discovered until after the Coastal Commission ruled on this appeal that AT&T Mobility received the go ahead by the Mendocino County Transportation Department based on false information and when this was discovered AT&T Mobility was told that they needed to submit an after the fact CDP.

As early as 8-13-2019 an Albion community member contacted Brent Schultz, then Director of Mendocino County Planning & Building Department. This person informed Brent Schultz that work in connection to the wireless facility started without a permit about two months prior. No locals were notified before private contractors started working on their properties. The permit did not clarify that any work would happen outside of the Lord's Land Ministries. Unfortunately we never heard back from Brent Schultz as the permit could have been revoked.

On 8-20-2019 contractors in connection with AT&T Mobility/EPIC WIRELESS GROUP, LLC started to place 43 poles along Navarro Ridge Rd. (south and north side) and connect them with fiberoptic cables without anyone knowing anything

about this which resulted in locals calling/e-mailing the Mendocino County Planning & Building Services Department in Ukiah and Fort Bragg (Brent Schultz & Julia Krog-Acker), as well as Code Enforcement to complain until County staff came and put up stop work posters. Community members also contacted Ted Williams, the Board of Supervisors representative for the 5th District, and Bob Merrill, then Director of the Coastal Commission. The community was informed that the planning commission had the ability to now pull this permit as it had been violated numerous times. Nothing happened.

The appeal of the AT&T poles and dangling fiberoptic cables along the rural Navarro Ridge Road in the Coastal Zone was filed on 8-8-2023 by Victor Simon, Rifaat Dayyem, and myself. It was heard on 10-13-2023, and the substantial issue notification letter was sent on 11-1-2023.

Apparently AT&T had to wait until the appropriate time of year to conduct floristic surveys. The updated biological assessment, alternatives analysis, and updated visual assessment had to be completed. Then AT&T needed to prepare a report with their findings and then submit those documents to CCC. CCC will then schedule the de novo review of the project to determine what, if any, development can be approved consistent with the certified LCP.

It is not ok that AT&T took close to three years to come up with the studies that were needed and now T-Mobile is forcing a decision based on a project that in my mind is connected. The Substantial Issue Notification was sent by CCC on 11-1-2023. AT&T's studies that were missing had finally arrived on 10-7-2026.

I am mentioning to you in this e-mail the numerous decisions that were made based on false/misleading information, and pressure of AT&T's lawyers on the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors.

In the Initial Study for the Subsequent MND Wildfire XX a, b & c were thought of as less than significant or having no impact and therefore no mitigations were proposed. This area has a high fire danger and is on a neighborhood dead end road. Mandatory Findings of Significance XXI b & c were thought of as less than significant and therefore no mitigations were proposed.

Please study this application carefully and do not approve this application before AT&T deals with their past history, without carefully looking into it, and especially before approving "Future changes to the facility that fall within the definition of Eligible Facilities Requests under FCC Guidance as in effect at the time the change is proposed that apparently will also be authorized by this modified permit."

Thanks, Annemarie Weibel

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