

FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2011

8. SPECIAL USE PERMIT

c. Revision and Five-Year Cell Tower Review – S03-0039-R/Communications Tower-Missouri Flat Road submitted by METRO PCS CALIFORNIA, LLC for the following: 1. Revise a Special Use Permit to allow the replacement of three antennas and the addition of one equipment cabinet for Metro PCS. This revision would merge all previous permits granted for the cellular tower under one permit; and 2. Request a five-year review of an existing cellular telecommunications facility. The property, identified by Assessor's Parcel Number 327-140-53, consisting of 12.58 acres, is located on the northwest side of Mother Lode Drive, approximately 500 feet southwest of the intersection with Missouri Flat Road, in the Placerville unincorporated area, Supervisorial District 2. [*Project Planner: Tom Dougherty*] (Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines)**

Tom Dougherty presented the item to the Commission with a recommendation of approval for the Special Use Permit Revision and to also find that the existing telecommunications facility is not in substantial conformity with the Conditions of Approval.

Commissioner Pratt commented that on-going maintenance appears to be an issue that is only caught at the 5-year review marks and inquired if there were any types of site reviews done in the interim. County Counsel Paula Frantz responded that the County has a complaint-driven system and that the 5-year reviews for cell towers was only instituted due to the ever-changing nature of the industry.

Ken Crouse/applicant's agent explained that Sprint and Nextel are co-located on the same cell tower as his client, Metro PCS, and therefore, since this Special Use Permit encompasses the entire cell tower instead of just their portion, then he would like to request a continuance in order to have the other companies' representatives present at the meeting to address revised Condition #4 regarding the requirement of "antenna socks".

No further discussion was presented.

Motion: Commissioner Rain moved, seconded by Commissioner Pratt, and carried (4-0), to continue Special Use Permit Revision and Five-Year Cell Tower Review S03-0039-R to the July 14, 2011, meeting.

AYES: Mathews, Pratt, Rain, Heflin
NOES: None
ABSENT: Tolhurst