



Inter Office Memo

DATE: April 11, 2024
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Planning Commission
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. 13033 – INITIAL STUDY NO. 8527 AND UNCLASSIFIED
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 3780

APPLICANT: Rachael Reynolds, Met3 Wireless LLC

OWNERS: John Bennett

REQUEST: Allow the installation of a 130-foot-tall monopole style co-locatable wireless telecommunications tower and related facilities on a 20-acre parcel located within the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District.

LOCATION: The subject parcel is located on the northwest corner of West Althea Avenue and North Cambria Avenue, approximately 12-miles west from the City of Firebaugh (APN: 004-150-11S) (50080 W. Althea Avenue) (Sup. Dist.1).

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:

At its hearing of April 11, 2024, the Commission considered the Staff Report and testimony (summarized in Exhibit A). A motion was made by Commissioner Arabian and seconded by Commissioner Zante to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared based on Initial Study No. 8527 and determine that the required Findings could be made in concurrence with Staff's recommendation and approve Unclassified Conditional Use Permit No. 3780, subject to the Conditions listed in Exhibit B.

This motion was passed on the following vote:

VOTING: Yes: Commissioners Arabian, Zante, Abrahamian, Borchardt, Carver, Chatha, Hill, and Quist
No: None
Absent: Commissioner Woolf
Abstain: None

STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR
Department of Public Works and Planning
Secretary-Fresno County Planning Commission

By: 
Chris W. Motta, Manager
Development Services and Capital Projects Division

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NOTES: The approval of this project will expire two years from the date of approval unless a determination is made that substantial development has occurred. When circumstances beyond the control of the Applicant do not permit compliance with this time limit, the Commission may grant an extension not to exceed one additional year. Application for such extension must be filed with the Department of Public Works and Planning before the expiration of the Conditional Use Permit.

Attachments

EXHIBIT A

Initial Study No. 8527,
Unclassified Conditional Use Permit No. 3780

Staff: The Fresno County Planning Commission considered the Staff Report dated April 11, 2024, and heard a summary presentation by staff.

Presenters: The applicant's representative agreed with the Staff's recommendation.

- The operation and communications tower will improve the effectiveness and reliability of wireless services in the area between the City of Firebaugh and the I-5 Freeway.
- Applicants voluntarily held a community meeting for the surrounding property owners in which no one attended.
- The cell tower will support co-location for future telecommunication companies.

Others: No other testimony in support of or in opposition to the project were presented.

Correspondence: No letters were presented to the Planning Commission in support of or in opposition to the application.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

July 24, 2024

Rachael Reynolds
Met3 Wireless LLC
1414 K Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Rachael:

Subject: Resolution No. 13033 – Initial Study No. 8527 and Unclassified Conditional Use
Permit No. 3780

On April 11, 2024 the Fresno County Planning Commission approved your above-referenced project. A copy of the Planning Commission Resolution is enclosed.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this letter please contact Alyce Alvarez at alyalvarez@fresnocountyca.gov or 559-600-9669.

Sincerely,

David Randall, Senior Planner
Development Services and Capital Projects Division

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Enclosure