

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Mail Stop: 0-368  
County of San Diego  
General Services  
Attn: Marcus Lubich  
5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 410  
San Diego, CA 92123

**SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152**

Project Name: Third License Amendment between County of San Diego and Pacific Bell Telephone Company – Black Mountain Sheriff RCS

Project Location: 14565 Black Mountain Road, San Diego, CA 92129 (APN: 312-010-28-00 and 312-010-39-00)

Project Applicant: County of San Diego General Services, 5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: The project consists of a license amendment from County of San Diego to Pacific Bell Telephone Company for real property to allow for replacement of an existing concrete foundation and construction of a new 100-foot-tall lattice communications tower at the existing Black Mountain Regional Communications System (RCS) facility. The project also consists of new cable bridge from an existing equipment shelter to the new tower, one vertical cable ladder, five traffic bollards and relocation of existing propane tanks to a new concrete pad that is approximately 500 square feet. Sheriff communication antennas to be mounted to new tower, and existing antennas, radios, and surge suppression devices to be relocated onto new tower. The licensee shall utilize an existing road on the subject property for access to the site. The license term will be ten years with two automatic 10-year options to further extend the term.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

Date Form Completed: July 18, 2025

County Contact Person: Marcus Lubich

Telephone: 858-414-4593

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Director of General Services has approved the above-described project on August 26, 2025 (#), and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)

- ☐ Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]  
☐ Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]  
☐ Statutory Exemption. C Section(s):  
☒ Categorical Exemption. G Sections: 15301 - Existing Facilities and 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures  
☐ G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan  
☐ Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.  
☐ G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.

## Statement of reasons why project is exempt:

The License amendment between the County of San Diego and the Pacific Bell Telephone Company is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301: Existing Facilities as it consists of licensing space to construct a communications tower and associated equipment, which is less than 2,500 square feet, and relocation of existing communication equipment within an existing regional communications systems facility that would have no permanent effects on the environment and involve negligible or no expansion of the existing use. The License amendment is also categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15303: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures Existing Facilities as it involves installation of a new small structure not involving significant use of hazardous substances and that does not exceed 2,500 square feet. Further, no exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to the project. Additionally, the project will not impact environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern that are designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted by government agencies; does not contribute to cumulative environmental impact; will not have a significant impact on the environment due to unusual circumstances; does not damage scenic resources within a designated state scenic highway; and is not on the list of Hazardous Waste and Substance Sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: 858-414-4593

Name (Print): Marcus Lubich Title: Project Manager

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.