



CITY OF REDONDO BEACH

EXEMPTION DECLARATION PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

- DATE:** July 18, 2024
- PROJECT ADDRESS:** 2504 Manhattan Beach Boulevard, within the Southern California Edison Right-of-Way between Manhattan Beach Boulevard and Beland Boulevard (APN No. 4151-012-800), Redondo Beach.
- PROPOSED PROJECT:** Consideration of an Exemption Declaration and Conditional Use Permit to allow the installation and operation of a wireless telecommunication facility on an existing Southern California Edison Transmission Tower on property located in the Public Right-of-Way (P-ROW) zone.

In accordance with Chapter 3, Title 10, Section 10-3.301(a) of the Redondo Beach Municipal Code, the above-referenced project is Categorically Exempt from the preparation of environmental review documents pursuant to:

Sections 15301 and 15303 of the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which state, in part, that: Leasing and minor alteration of existing private structures involving negligible or no expansion of the existing use; and Installation of small new equipment in small structures where only minor exterior modifications are made, respectively, are considered projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall, therefore, be exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Examples include interior and exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions and electrical conveyances. The key

consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use.

Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. Examples of this exemption include but are not limited to electrical and other utility extensions and accessory (appurtenant) structures.

The proposed project consists of the installation, operation and maintenance of an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility inclusive of nine antennas arranged into three sectors, with six radio receiving units (RRU's) two per sector, to be mounted at a maximum height of 65 feet on an existing Southern California Edison Transmission Tower (painted to match the Tower), with associate equipment located within an 11'-6" tall, 215 square-foot CMU wall equipment enclosure (tan) with terracotta tile roof (matching existing adjacent structure) located within the footprint base of the Tower.

The subject site is located within the Public Right-of-Way (P-ROW) zone and is not located within an area designated as an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern, nor within an officially designated, State scenic highway, nor within a hazardous waste site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code, nor within a designated historic district. The project is not a successive project in the same place that may have a cumulative impact over time nor will the project have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

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