

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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To: State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Property Owners & Interested Parties
From: Jensen Uchida, Environmental Project Manager
Subject: **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (IS/MND):**
Crown Castle NG West Inc. San Mateo County DAS Project (A.13-02-007)
Date: March 20, 2014

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND) for consideration of the application (A.13-02-007) filed by Crown Castle on February 5, 2013 and subsequently amended on September 6, 2013, for Authority to Construct and Deviation from Public Utilities Code Section 320 for the San Mateo County Project (proposed project). The Draft IS/MND describes the proposed project, Applicant Proposed Measures, and evaluates potential environmental impacts associated with construction, operation and maintenance activities; identifies impacts that could be significant, and presents mitigation measures which, if adopted by the CPUC or other responsible agencies, could avoid or reduce impacts to a less than significant level.

Description of Proposed Project

The proposed project would be located within an approximately 14.2-mile route along Hwy 1, within a public ROW or existing utility easement, within unincorporated San Mateo County. The proposed project alignment would also traverse an existing 0.5-mile utility easement in Año Nuevo State Park.

The proposed project would consist of a total of 10 antennae, pole extenders, and associated equipment, two on each of five node poles (all existing utility poles); 14.2 miles of fiber-optic cable (12.8 miles across approximately 308 existing utility poles and 1.4 miles underground); guy wires and anchors on up to 70 existing utility poles, pending further engineering analysis and structural testing; and potentially replacing up to 14 existing utility poles to accommodate the new stress loads, pending further engineering analysis.

The objective of the proposed project is to expand wireless broadband services in rural, coastal areas of San Mateo County.

Public Comment on the Draft IS/MND The Draft IS/MND is available for a 30-day public comment period March 20, 2014 to April 18, 2014. The public may present comments and concerns regarding the proposed project and the adequacy of the Draft IS/MND. Written comments on the Draft IS/MND must be postmarked or received by fax or e-mail no later than April 18, 2014. Please include your name, address, and telephone number in your correspondence.

Written comments on the Draft IS/MND should be sent to:

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The CPUC will also hold a public meeting to receive oral and written comments from interested parties. Following the end of the public comment period, responses to all comments received on the Draft IS/MND and submitted within the specified 30-day review period will be prepared by the CPUC and included in a response to comments document, which together with the Draft IS/MND, will constitute the Final IS/MND for the proposed project. The public meeting will be held:

Thursday, April 10, 2014
6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Native Sons Community Hall
112 Stage Road
Pescadero, California

Availability of Draft IS/MND

The Draft IS/MND is available for public review at the Pescadero Post Office, Half Moon Bay Library and on the CPUC's project website located here:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info//dudek/crowncastle/CrownCastleMain.htm>

This website is used to post all public documents during the environmental review process and to announce any upcoming public meetings. Hard copies or electronic copies of the Draft IS/MND may be requested by telephone at (415) 321-5319 or by e-mail at CrownCastleSanMateoCountyProject@dudek.com.

Copies of the Draft IS/MND also will be available for public review at the following public locations:

<p>Pescadero Post Office 2020 Pescadero Creek Rd. Pescadero, CA 94060 (650) 879-0214</p>	<p>Half Moon Bay Library 620 Correas St. Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 (650) 726-2316</p>
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REMINDER: Comments on the Draft IS/MND will be accepted by fax, e-mail, or postmark through April 18, 2014. Please include your name, address, and telephone number in your correspondence.