

MEMORANDUM

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

DATE: February 5, 2015
TO: Zoning Hearing Officer
FROM: Summer Burlison, Project Planner
SUBJECT: Continuation of the Zoning Hearing Officer's consideration of a Use Permit Renewal and Amendment to (1) allow the continued operation of an existing telecommunication facility, (2) legalize the addition of supporting ground equipment cabinets, and (3) install a 6-ft. to 8-ft. redwood fence around the ground equipment lease area (383.62 sq. ft.) located within a landscaped median in the public right-of-way on Alpine Road at Wildwood Lane in the unincorporated Weekend Acres area of San Mateo County. The Use Permit includes a fence height exception as 4 ft. is the maximum allowed fence height within the public right-of-way.

Project File Number: PLN 1999-00726 (AT&T)

The applicant requests continuance of the Zoning Hearing Officer's consideration of the subject Use Permit Renewal and Amendment (PLN 1999-00726), for the Zoning Hearing Officer's meeting from February 5, 2015 to April 2, 2015, to allow AT&T time to submit plans for equipment modifications due to current technology upgrades. The revised proposal will address the items that were continued by the Zoning Hearing Officer from December 4, 2014.

The project was originally continued, from the Zoning Hearing Officer meeting of December 4, 2014 to January 15, 2015, to allow the applicant time to (1) explore the possibility of reducing the square footage of the proposed fenced area for existing equipment; (2) provide an on-site "mock-up" of the fenced area so that residents can comment on the potential impacts of the proposed fencing; (3) provide additional information regarding the need for this specific site in the overall AT&T network and the ramifications of either removing the site altogether or reducing the size of the equipment; and (4) allow Planning staff time to gather additional information from the County Department of Public Works regarding its analysis of potential sight-distance impacts or other potential safety impacts of the proposed fencing.

Prior to the above mentioned January 15, 2015 Zoning Hearing Officer meeting, the applicant had requested further continuance to February 5, 2015 to allow the applicant additional time to secure funding approval from AT&T for a contractor to construct, as requested by the Zoning Hearing Officer, an on-site "mock-up" of the proposed ground lease area fencing, and to ensure that residents have adequate time to review the "mock-up."