



DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE STAFF MEMO

Date: 2 October 2019
To: Design Review Committee
From: Gary Helfrich, Project Planner

Subject: Preliminary Design Review for construction of 76 foot tall telecommunication tower with a faux tree visual treatment located on a 364 acre parcel (APN 057-080-026) south of River Road. The project site is within a Scenic Landscape Unit. Under Section 26-64-050, review and recommendation by DRC is required prior to action by the planning director.

Analysis:

The proposed project is approximately 0.25 mile south of River Road, which is the nearest public road. Dense vegetation lines River Road near the project and the project is not visible to westbound traffic. The project is visible to eastbound traffic through a 50 foot long gap in the trees located approximately 0.5 mile from the site. The posted speed limit on River Road is 55mph, which results in a viewing time of just over ½ second.

The project is also visible from Oakwild Drive (incorrectly referred to as Oakwild Lane on the project photosimulations). Viewing distance is over 0.5 mile, and the project is substantially shielded by mature trees at the project site, and low rolling hills in the background. The proposed project is visually inevent from all public viewpoints.

Recommendation:

Find the project consistent with Sonoma County Design Guidelines and delegate final design review to staff.

Attachments:
Project photosimulations
Site plan and project elevations

