

# Notice of Exemption

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** (Public Agency): Department of Fish and Wildlife  
3883 Ruffin Road  
San Diego, CA 92123

**Project Title:** Verizon Wireless MTX 55/BSC Area Project (LSA No. 1600-2018-0236-R5)

**Project Applicant:** Steven Lamb  
Verizon Wireless  
15505 Sand Canyon  
Irvine, CA 92618

**Project Location - Specific:** The Project is located adjacent to San Diego Creek, a tributary to Upper Newport Bay, and the Pacific Ocean, in the County of Orange, State of California; Latitude 33.7892, Longitude -118.2861.

**Project Location (City):** Irvine **Project Location (County):** California

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2018-0236-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Verizon Wireless.

The Project is limited to stream impacts associated with Verizon Wireless MTX 55/ BSC Area 18/ TIC-PA39 project. The project will collocate antennas on an existing Southern California Edison transmission tower and construct an associated support equipment facility on the property. The existing transmission tower is 87 feet, 7-inches tall. Support equipment will be placed in a proposed 25-foot, 4-inch by 11-foot, 4-inch concrete equipment enclosure located approximately 54 feet southeast of the transmission tower, construction of this structure will result in impacts to wetland habitat.

**Name of Public Agency Approving the Project:** California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Name of the Person/Agency Carrying Out the Project:** Verizon Wireless

**Exempt Status: (check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1; Section 15303 (d)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

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.

Lead Agency

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Signed by Lead Agency

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