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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**TO:** County Clerk, County of Mariposa  
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Mariposa, CA 95338

**FROM:** Mariposa County  
Planning Department  
P.O. Box 2039  
Mariposa, CA 95338

Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 2044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**Project Title:** California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Wireless Broadband  
Grant Project – Tuolumne Mariposa

**Project Location:** Multiple parcel locations in Mariposa County. See Attachment A, Project  
Locations

**Description  
of Project:** Wireless facility co-locations and one new site. See Attachment A, Project  
Description

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Mariposa County Planning

**Name of Person Carrying Out Project:** Cal.net, Inc.

**Exempt Status:** Ministerial Exemption (PRC §21080 (b)(1); CEQA Guidelines §15268  
Ministerial Projects (a) (b).

**Reason Why Project Is Exempt:** Per Mariposa County Zoning Ordinance Title 17, the  
proposed wireless facilities (co-locations and one new) are permitted uses at the locations  
proposed requiring only building permits, and therefore are ministerial actions exempt per  
CEQA Guidelines §15268, Ministerial Projects.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Steve Engfer, Senior Planner

**Phone Number:** (209) 966-5151

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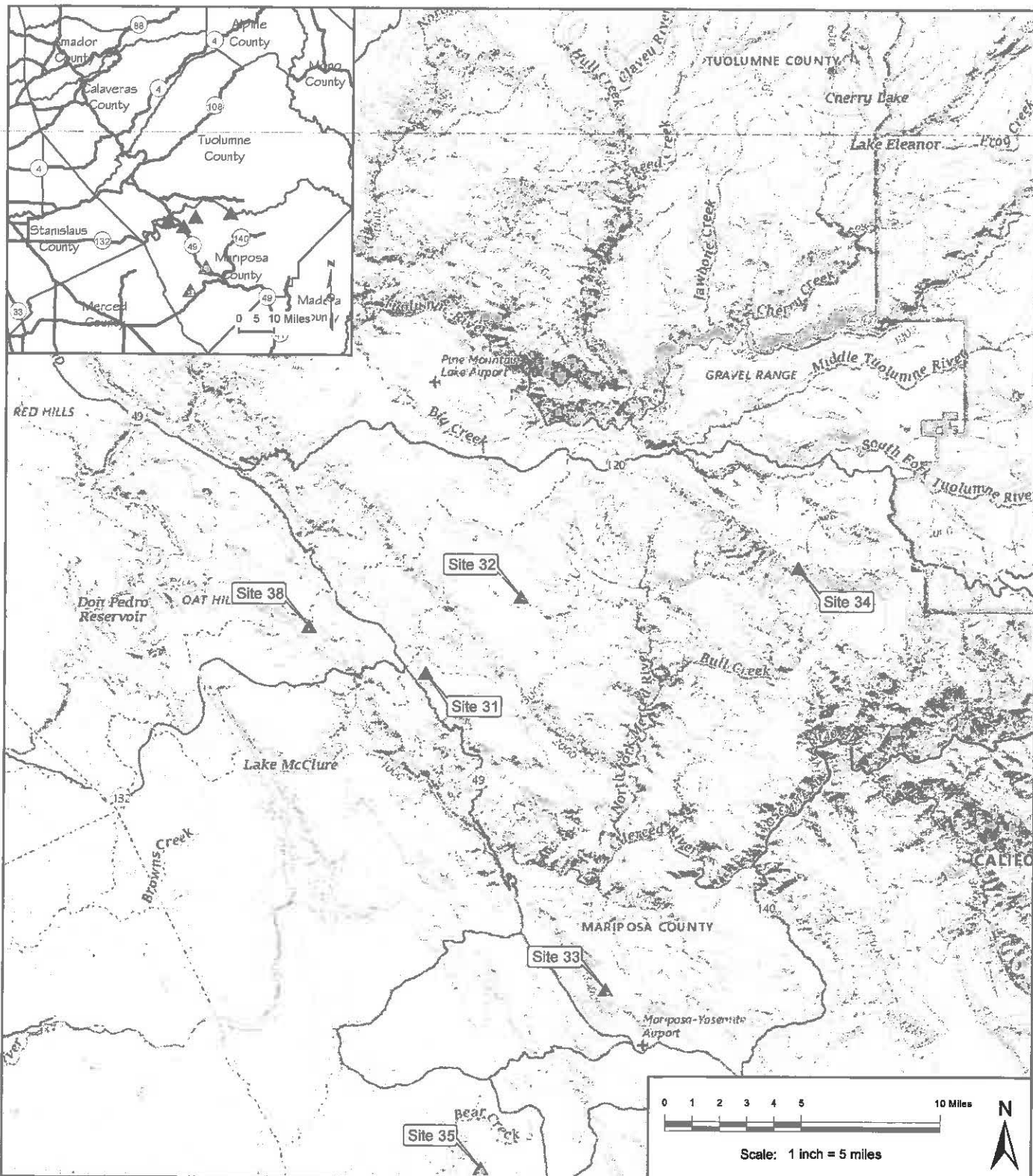
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Sarah Williams  
Planning Director

1/15/21  
Date

**Project Location:**

A map of Project Locations is in Figure 1. Locations are listed below.

Site ID	Site Address	Site Location	Assessor's Parcel No.
31	10161 Jeffery Lane	Coulterville	002-110-010
32	10257 Red Cloud Mine Rd	Coulterville	004-170-021
33	6945 Mt. Bullion Rd	Mariposa	012-040-003
34	USFS Road 2S04	Buck Meadows	006-010-023
35	Indian Gulch Rd	Cathey's Valley	016-090-057
38	10512 Penon Blanco Lookout	Coulterville	001-030-009



Cal.net Tuolumne Mariposa  
 CASF Wireless Broadband Grant Project  
 24 August 2020  
 Tuolumne County, CA

Mariposa County  
 Project Site Map

- ▲ New Tower Sites
- ▲ Colocation Sites



**SYCAMORE**  
 Environmental  
 Consultants, Inc.

USGS Topographic National Map  
 ESRI Arcmap Basemap Service Layer

**Project Description:** Cal.net, Inc., a wireless internet service provider with bases of operations in Sonora and Shingle Springs, California, proposes to construct and provision a last-mile fixed-wireless broadband Internet and VoIP telephony service project in rural underserved portions of Tuolumne and Mariposa Counties. The Tuolumne Mariposa Project (Project) will be partially funded by the California Public Utility Commission's California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Wireless Broadband Grant. The Project will collocate antennas on four existing towers and install two new communication tower facilities at two different locations in Mariposa County under individual Building Permits. The wireless installations are described in Table 1, below.

Reports documenting biological and cultural resources at the Project sites are on file at the Mariposa County Planning Department.

Table 1. Project Descriptions for Cal.net Tuolumne Mariposa CASF Wireless Broadband Grant Mariposa County Project Sites.

Site	Type	Tower and Cabling Configuration	Location description	Total Parcel Size	Project Size <sup>1</sup>	Mariposa County Zoning
Site 31	New tower	Up to two 2-ft sq dishes, four 5-Ghz 1 ft sq sectors, and three LTE 2.25-ft sq sectors, and three 6-ft sq TV white space antennas mounted on a 120-ft tower on 14.5 x 14.5-ft concrete pad poured into area excavated to 6 ft depth. Six ft chain link fence installed around facility. Cabling from antennas to 25 x 34 x 63-in equipment cabinet installed on tower base, underground cabling in 6 x 24-in trench in 2-in schedule 80 PVC from cabinet to existing shed 250 ft southwest of the tower. An existing road will be used for site access. The Project does not include removal or pruning of trees.	The site is annual grassland and blue oak woodland on a private residential property. The grasslands are disturbed from off-road driving and slash/burn piles. The tower is proposed in a disturbed area within the grassland.	35 ac	0.14 ac	MGZ – Mountain General Zone  Ministerial permit
Site 32	Colocation	Addition of a 3GHz LTE with registered backhaul at 70 ft on existing 120 ft tower within an existing fenced facility. Cabling from the antennas will be run 20 feet aerially to an ice bridge and then to an existing equipment cabinet onsite. An existing road will be used for site access. The Project does not include removal or pruning of trees.	The site contains developed areas and canyon live oak woodland on a private residential property.	5.1 ac	–	TPA – Town Planning Area Greeley Hill  Ministerial permit
Site 33	Colocation	Addition of 365 LTE at 160 ft with registered backhaul on existing 200 ft tower within an existing fenced facility. Cabling will run 20 ft aerially from tower to existing ice bridge to an existing equipment cabinet onsite. Staging will be on existing graveled road. An existing road will be used for site access. The Project does not include removal or pruning of trees.	The site is a developed area with ruderal vegetation.	158 ac	--	MGZ – Mountain General Zone  A – Airport Overlay Zone  Ministerial permit

Site	Type	Tower and Cabling Configuration	Location description	Total Parcel Size	Project Size <sup>1</sup>	Mariposa County Zoning
Site 34	New tower	Up to two 2-ft sq dishes, four 5-GHz 1 ft sq sectors, and three LTE 2.25-ft sq sectors, and three 6-ft sq TV white space antennas mounted at on a new 40-ft ballast-weighted tower set on existing 8 x 8-ft concrete pad. A combination of dish and sector antennas will be installed on the tower below its highest point. A 25 x 34 x 63-in equipment cabinet and a south-facing 5 x 20-ft solar array will be placed on the concrete pad at the base of the tower. Utility cabling will run aerially 20 feet from tower to solar array. An existing road will be used for site access. The Project does not include removal or pruning of trees.	The site contains annual grassland, a dirt road, and developed areas on USFS land on Pilot Peak. The tower is proposed to be installed in a developed area on an existing concrete pad.	49 sq. miles	155 ft <sup>2</sup>	PDZ – Public Domain Zone  Federal land-not subject to CEQA or County approval
Site 35	Colocation	Addition of a 365 GHz LTE registered backhaul antenna on an existing 180-ft communications tower. The backhaul will be mounted at a height of 100 ft on the existing tower. Cabling from the antenna will be run 10 ft aerially to an existing equipment shelter. An ice bridge will be installed above existing cabling routes for access to the antenna. No subsurface alteration is planned. An existing road will be used for site access. The Project does not include removal or pruning of trees.	The site is annual grassland and developed areas on a private residential property.	149 ac	--	AEZ – Agriculture Exclusive Zone  Ministerial permit
Site 38	Colocation	Installation of a 360 GHz LTE antenna at a height of 60 ft on an existing 100-foot communications tower. Cabling from the antennas will be run 20 ft from the tower to an existing equipment shelter. An existing ice bridge will be used to run cabling.	The site is a developed area with ruderal vegetation on BLM land on Penon Blanco Peak.	280 ac	--	PDZ – Public Domain Zone  Federal land-not subject to CEQA or County approval

<sup>1</sup> Project does not increase footprint of existing facilities and structures.



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1/15/2021

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Mariposa

DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE

California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Wireless Broadband Grant Project - Tuolumne Mariposa

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

Cal.net, Inc.

PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL

wcollins@corp.cal.net

PHONE NUMBER

(209) 728-1691 x2470

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS

PO Box 1041

CITY

Shingle Springs

STATE

CA

ZIP CODE

95682

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☐ Local Public Agency

☐ School District

☐ Other Special District

☐ State Agency

☒ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

\$3,445.25

\$

0.00

☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)

\$2,480.25

\$

0.00

☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW

\$1,171.25

\$

0.00

☒ Exempt from fee

☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)

☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)

\$850.00

\$

0.00

☒ County documentary handling fee

\$

50.00

☐ Other

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PAYMENT METHOD:

☒ Cash

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Karen M. Herman, Deputy County Clerk, County of Mariposa





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### NOTICE

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

### COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per filing in addition to the environmental filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

### COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

#### Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):

- ☐ Collect environmental filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- ☐ Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- ☐ Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- ☐ Mail filing fees for CRP document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Please mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a **No Effect Determination** signed by CDFW, also:

- ☐ Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

#### Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) *(Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))*

- ☐ Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- ☐ Attach copy of cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental filing fees are collected, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

#### The county clerk shall mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:

- ✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- ✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
- ✓ A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
- ✓ A copy of all NODs filed with the county during the preceding month
- ✓ A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD has been filed. If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

### DOCUMENT RETENTION

The county shall retain two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of all documents described above for at least 12 months.

### RECEIPT NUMBER

- # The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
- # The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
- # The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

**DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.**

#### Mail to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Accounting Services Branch  
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Sacramento, California 94244-2090