



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: September 2, 2015

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(c): Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a lease agreement with Sprint PCS for APN 2069-078-906 for the installation of a ground-level wireless facility, City of Calabasas.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into a lease agreement with Sprint PCS for APN 2069-078-906 for the installation of a ground-level wireless facility in the City of Calabasas.

Background: Staff was contacted by a representative for Sprint PCS regarding the placement of a ground-level wireless facility on a manufactured slope in Calabasas owned by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA). The proposed lease area would be between 400-600 square feet. Figures showing the layout and location of the proposed facility are attached.

The site is 125 vertical feet above the closest houses. The closest house is 350 horizontal feet away and the second closest house is 400 feet away.

The site would be visible from a short switch-back section of the MRCA's New Millennium trail over 6,000 feet away. The site is nestled in the inside of a hairpin turn leading up to a large Las Virgenes Water District water tank. There are also v-ditches on the poorly vegetated manufactured (cut) slope. The vegetation where the disturbance would occur is over 95 percent non-native annuals and no woody perennial species. Access would be via the water district access road.

The site appears ideal for such a facility with de minimis public and private visual impacts and de minimis ecological impacts.

With an approval of entering into a lease agreement, staff would negotiate the lease payment and terms.