

Notice of Exemption (NOE)

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From (Public Agency):		Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) Authority	
Project Title:	LA-RICS Land Mobile Radio (LMR) System – Site SPH		
Project Applicant:	LA-RICS Authority, 2525 Corporate Place, #200, Monterey Park, CA 91754		
Facility Name:	San Pedro Hill (SPH)	Facility Type:	Public
Project Description: (Technical Specifications)	Proposed installation of up to 40 whip and up to 9 microwave antennas on new lattice tower up to 50 feet tall, with additional up to 12-foot lightning rod. Tower obstruction lighting (if required) may include red or white LED lamps, steady and/or flashing. Proposed indoor equipment racks to be located in existing equipment shelter or construct new up to 720 square foot shelter (prefab or CMU) with exterior security lighting. Propose installation of an up to 125kW propane generator with propane fuel tanks with up to 3,000-gallon total capacity. Propose installation of up to 800 feet of chain-link fence up to 12 feet high.		
Jurisdiction Location:	US Government/FAA	County Location:	Los Angeles
Site Address:	3860 Crest Road E., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275		
Latitude:		Longitude:	
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:	The LA-RICS LMR system is a modern, integrated wireless voice and narrowband data communications system designed and built to serve law enforcement, fire service, health service, and public works professionals throughout Los Angeles County. The new system would provide day-to-day communications within and among agencies and allow seamless interagency communications when responding to routine, emergency, and catastrophic events. It would support more than 80 public safety agencies represented by approximately 34,000 first responders and 17,000 secondary responders serving more than 10 million residents, tourists, and commuters in the region.		
Name of Public Agency Approving Project:	LA-RICS Authority		
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:	LA-RICS Authority		
Exempt Status: Statutory Exemption. Public Resources Code Section 21080.25. Categorical Exemptions. CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303, 15304.			Exempt
Reasons Why the Project Is Exempt:	<p><u>Statutory Exemption Findings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The site is publicly owned and already contains antenna support structures and/or a police, sheriff, or fire station, or other public facility that transmits or receives public safety radio signals; ▪ Construction and implementation at the site would not have a substantial adverse impact on wetlands, riparian areas, or habitat of significant value, and would not harm any species protected by the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. Sec. 1531 et seq.), the Native Plant Protection Act (Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 1900) of the Fish and Game Code), or the California Endangered Species Act (Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 2050) of Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code), or the habitat of those species; ▪ Construction and implementation at the site would not have a substantial adverse impact on historical resources pursuant to Section 21084.1; ▪ Operation of LMR facilities at the site would not exceed the maximum permissible exposure standards established by the Federal Communications Commission, as set forth in Sections 1.1307 and 1.1310 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations; ▪ The LMR antenna support structures for the site would comply with applicable state and federal height restrictions, and any height restrictions mandated by an applicable comprehensive land use plan adopted by an airport land use commission. The proposed lattice tower shall not exceed 180 feet in height without appurtenances and attachments; 		

- Each new central system switch is located within an existing enclosed structure at a publicly owned project site, or is housed at an existing private communications facility; and
- The site is not located on a school or sacred cultural site.

Categorical Exemption Findings:

To the extent some leased circuit work may need to occur outside of the LMR site, such work would involve minor alteration of existing facilities, mechanical equipment, and location of new small facilities as well as minor alteration in the condition of land within the public right-of-way. There would be negligible to no expansion of use associated with this activity since the fiber for the leased circuit lines are dedicated to providing this type of connectivity. Leased circuit work would not include the removal of healthy, mature scenic trees and would not be located in a particularly sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the categorical exemptions inapplicable based on the project records.

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