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Item Number: 7.2

MEETING DATE: 08/19/2026

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Stephanie Reck

SUBJECT:

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY-A. PRADO,DIRECTOR- PLANNING AND BUILDING-
Discussion of Chapter 7.11 code standards for wireless telecommunications and some revision
options to consider.**
SBC FILE NUMBER: 790

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

Existing Wireless Communication Facilities & Co-Location Capabilities

Staff reviewed existing wireless communication facilities and their potential for co-location and identified 29 different wireless communication facility locations. Of the 29 identified locations:

- 27 have been constructed
- 2 have not been constructed

The identified facility types include:

- 13 Monopines
- 8 Monopoles
- 4 Lattice Towers
- 2 Water Towers
- 1 Flagpole
- 1 Windmill

Data Collection

Staff reviewed approximately 14 years of resolutions and roughly 900 building permits dating back to 2012 to compile the available information regarding wireless communication facilities.

Staff also reviewed available state data to help identify and verify facility locations. While it is possible that additional wireless facilities exist that have not been identified in this review, staff believes this represents the most comprehensive inventory that can be established using the currently available records.

Co-Location Capabilities

Staff were able to confirm through existing resolutions that 7 of the identified facilities have approved co-location capacity.

For the remaining facilities, staff were unable to locate the associated approval documents. The absence of these documents does not necessarily mean the facilities are unpermitted. Some facilities may have been approved under records that are no longer available, or they may have been constructed as far back as the 1970s through the 1990s.

In general, co-location is possible on most types of wireless communication structures, including:

- Monopoles
- Monopines
- Lattice towers
- Flagpoles

However, water towers and windmills present additional challenges. Due to their height and structural limitations, applicants have indicated that providing additional co-location opportunities on these types of facilities can be more difficult.

Key Takeaway

Staff has identified 29 existing or approved wireless communication facility locations and confirmed co-location capacity at 7 facilities through available resolutions. While additional co-location opportunities may exist, the availability and feasibility of co-location depends on the specific structure, height, and existing equipment at each site.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

Yes

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Planning Commission receive presentation and provide comments and participate in a discussion.

ATTACHMENTS:

[COSB Cell Tower Locations](#)