

Notice of Exemption

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CHUCK STOREY, County Clerk

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By: [Signature]  
Deputy Clerk

From: (Public Agency):  
County of Imperial  
Planning & Development Services  
801 Main Street  
El Centro, CA 92243

County Clerk  
County of Imperial  
940 Main Street  
El Centro, CA 92243

Project Title: Conditional Use Permit #25-0017

Project Applicant: SBA Towers II, LLC

Project Location – Specific: 493 Third Avenue

Project Location – City: Winterhaven, CA 92283 Project Location – County: Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The applicant proposes a re-entitlement of a previously approved Conditional Use Permit #01-0004, to continue the operation of an existing 180-foot AGL wireless telecommunication tower; this previously approved CUP was recorded on August 10, 2001. The CUP was approved for a total of 15 years, expiring on August 10, 2016. After approval, the new Conditional Use Permit #25-0017 will be valid from August 9, 2021 to August 9, 2026. No changes or additions are being proposed to the facilities at this time.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Imperial County Planning Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Luis Bejarano, Planner II

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: Section 15301**
- Statutory Exemptions, State Code Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15301 "Existing Facilities" of Article 19 "Categorical Exemptions" consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The existing 180-foot telecommunication tower meets this classification, as the project involves an existing facility with no substantial expansion of use, and is therefore exempt.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Luis Bejarano, Planner II Area Code/ Telephone Extension: (442) 265-1736

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 03/26/2026 Title: Michael Abraham ICPDS Assistant Director

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant