

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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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 (CUP) #25-0018 (Superseding CUP #02-0023)

Project Applicant: American Towers, Inc. (ATC)

Project Location – Specific:

The project is located at 402 East Beal Road, Niland, California.

Project Location – City: Unincorporated Area Project Location – County: Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The applicant has submitted a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application and supporting documents to renew entitlements for previously approved CUP #02-0023 for a new (15) fifteen-year term for an existing telecommunications tower located at 402 East Beal Road, Niland, California. The applicant intends to continue the operation of the existing 185-foot above ground level (AGL) tower, height approved through Variance #129-94 to exceed the 80-foot height limitation in the M-1-U (Light Industrial with Urban Area Overlay) zone by 105 feet.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Imperial County Planning Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Imperial County Planning & Developing Services Dept.

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: Sec. 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facility)
 Statutory Exemptions, State Code
 Number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Per Article 19, Section 15301, of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the project is categorized as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption as it consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Lead Agency Alan C. Molina, Planner II Area Code/
Contact Person: Alan C. Molina, Planner II 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: Alan C. Molina Date: 01-22-2026 Title: ICPDS Assistant
Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for Filing at OPR: _____