

**CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT  
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR  
1231 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814**

**ACTION OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

On Tuesday, June 13, 1995, the Zoning Administrator ratified the Negative Declaration and approved with conditions a special permit to add cellular antenna panels to a City water tower for the project known as Z95-036. Findings of Fact and conditions of approval for the project are listed on pages 3 and 4.

**Project Information**

Request: 1. Negative Declaration

2. Zoning Administrator Special Permit to add four cellular communications panel antennas and relocate the existing antennas on the existing Freeport Water tower located on 10.71± acres in the Agricultural (A) zone (non-city antennas on city property).

Location: Intersection of I-5 and Freeport Boulevard {the Freeport Water Tower}

Assessor's Parcel Number: 031-0200-017

Applicant: Sacramento Cellular Telephone Company (Michael Shoaff)  
10030 Goethe Road  
Sacramento, CA 95827

Property Owner: City of Sacramento  
5730 24th Street, Building 4  
Sacramento, CA 95822

General Plan Designation: Transportation, Utilities  
Pocket

Community Plan Designation: Public/Quasi-Public Use

Existing Land Use of Site: City Water Tower

Existing Zoning of Site: Agricultural; A

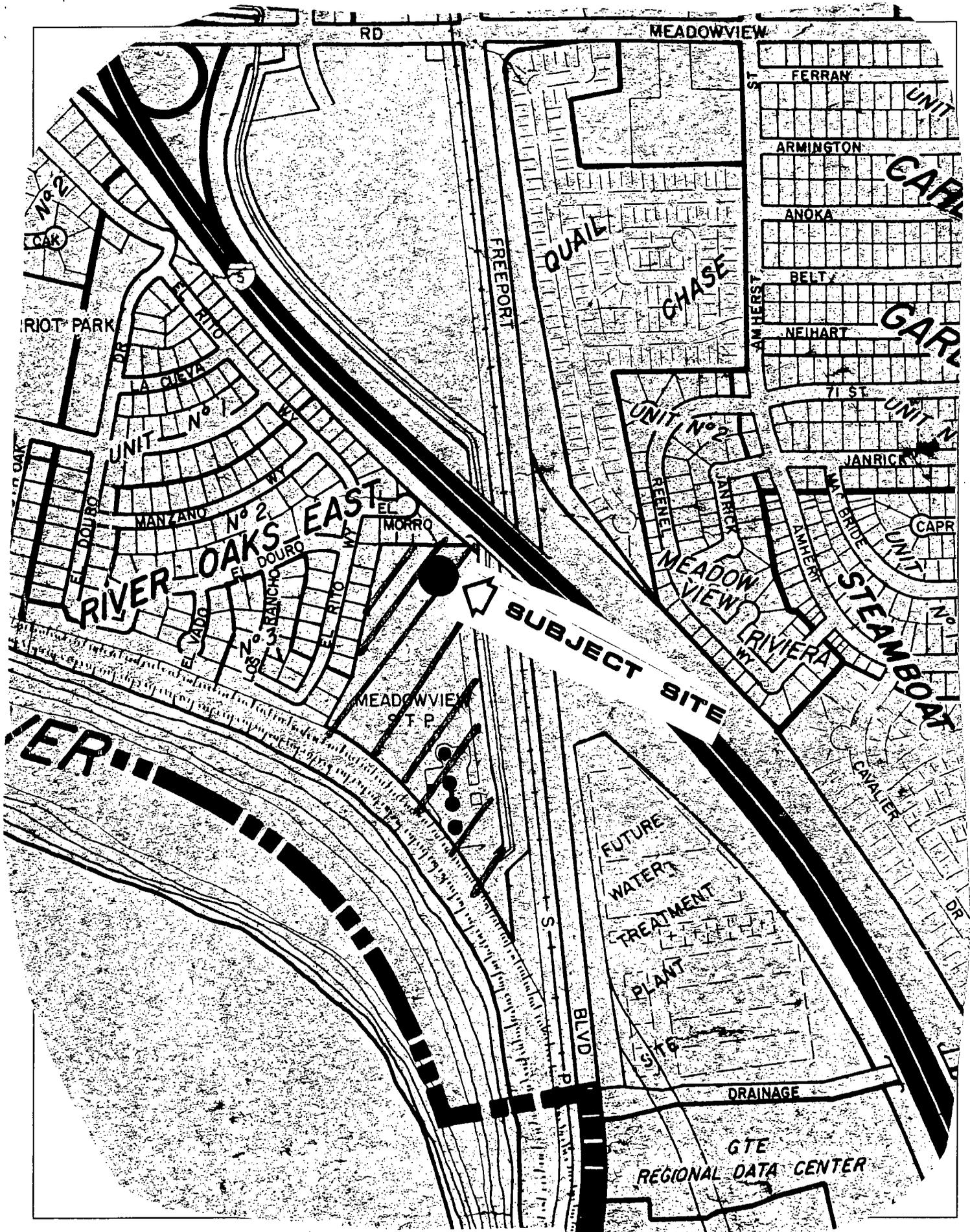
**Surrounding Land Use and Zoning:**

North: R-1; Single Family

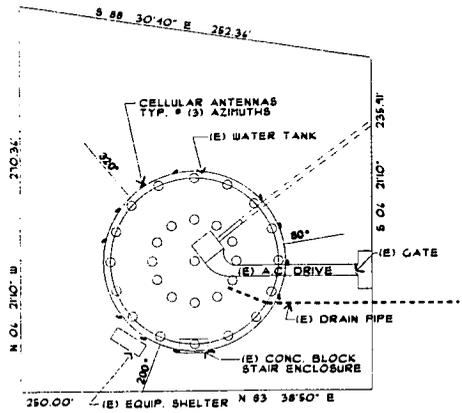
South: A; Vacant

East: R-1; Freeport Boulevard and Vacant

West: R-1; Single Family

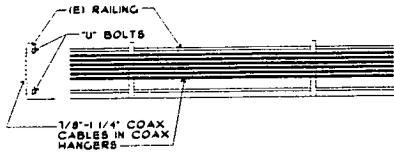


VICINITY MAP



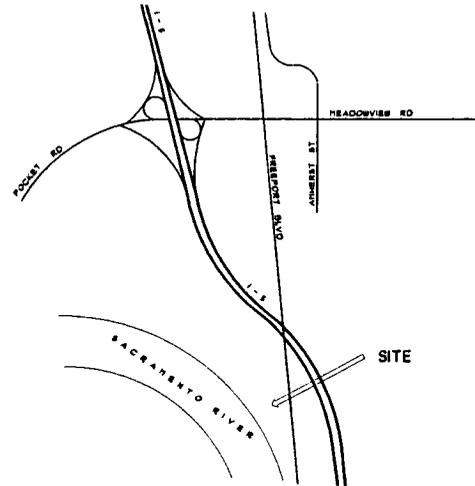
**SITE PLAN**

1" = 40'



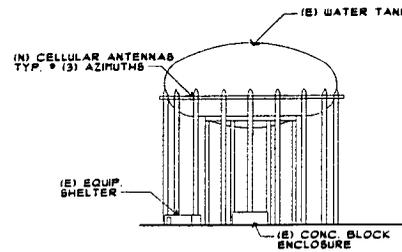
**CABLE SUPPORT DET.**

N. T. S.



**VICINITY MAP**

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**EXT. ELEVATION**

1" = 40'

**GERALD A. BECK ARCHITECT**  
 CA LIC. #4402  
 12105 DRY CREEK RD.  
 AUBURN, CA 95602  
 (916) 823-3000  
 (916) 266-8000

PROJECT NAME:  
 FERRISITE

CLIENT:  
 SACRAMENTO CELLULAR  
 10030 GOETH RD.  
 SACRAMENTO, CA 95827

PROJECT NO.:

ISSUANCES AND REVISIONS

NO.	DESCRIPTION	DATE	APPRO.

DATE: 6/13/95

DRAWN BY: R. W. C.

SCALE: AS NOTED

SHEET TITLE: SITE PLAN ELEVATION

SHEET:

**A1**

**EXHIBIT B**



South Pocket Homeowners Association

CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
PERMIT ASSISTANCE

JUN 13 1995

**RECEIVED**

6/12/95

Ms. Sandra Yopes  
City Planning Division  
12311 Street  
Suite 200  
Sacramento, CA 95814-2998

Re: Project Z95-036 and the Freeport Watertower

Dear Sandra:

As we discussed today, this is to inform you that the South Pocket Homeowner's Association Board of Directors voted unanimously June 8, 1995, to oppose the proposed Cellular One project. The current Cellular One antennas on the water tower do not irradiate our homes because SPHA opposed the complete array several years ago. At that time Cellular One cooperated and agreed to put up their antennas to cover Interstate 5 but not to irradiate our homes. Although time has passed, we are still concerned that not enough research has been done in the area of the health hazards of non-ionizing radiation. We believe that if the Cellular One antennas are added and re-directed they may have an adverse health impact on our neighborhood, especially our children.

We continue to oppose the use of the Freeport water tower which is adjacent to our homes for any transmission antennas by any radio frequencies. The California PUC has not yet settled the issue of the safety of cellular broadcast towers. The attached Report on the Informational Workshop on Electric Magnetic Fields and Cellular Transceiver Facilities states "[u]ntil clearer answers emerge, the Commission should consider the possibilities that a health hazard could exist and that careful monitoring as well as some interim measures would be appropriate."<sup>1</sup>

We are especially concerned about antennas in the cellular band of 800-900 MHz. because of the potential health hazards for children. These cellular frequencies are more readily absorbed by the smaller bodies of children and infants. (FM frequencies are more readily absorbed by adults.)<sup>2</sup> The danger to children is compounded by the fact that absorption of non-ionizing radiation is increased if you are prone and children and infants sleep a good deal of the time.

<sup>1</sup> Report page 11.

<sup>2</sup> Report, page 6, IV.a.

In short, we oppose any radio wave transmission from the water tower which irradiates our homes. We have both childcare facilities and a senior citizen's facility on our street. The Freeport Water tower is less than 120 feet from our property lines. If Cellular One insists on expansion of their facilities, we strongly urge that they put everything on the AirTouch Cellular site over on the Klotz property.

Also we noticed that the Freeport Water tower is described as being located on 10.71 acres in the Agricultural (A) zone. The comprehensive zoning plan describes the Agricultural Zone as "an agricultural zone restricting the use of land primarily to agriculture and farming. It is also considered an open space zone. Property in this zone will be considered for reclassification when proposed for urban development which is consistent with the General Plan."

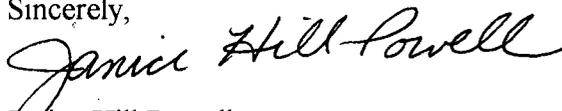
The SPHA respectfully requests the City of Sacramento to reevaluate the classification of the Freeport Water Tower. Our homes are adjacent to the Water tower property. We believe that the reclassification of the Water Tower site significant because the first sentence of the discussion of the affects on Human Health on page 5 of Attachment A states, "The proposed project consists of attaching four new cellular antenna panels and relocating the existing antennas on a water tank tower in the center of an agricultural zoned site." SPHA feels statements like this are misleading. As is clear from the diagram on the Locator Map, Attachment B of Cellular One's Initial Study, the tower is not in the center of the site and the site is in reality closer to residences than to anything agricultural; it is not in an "open space zone".

In summary, the SPHA respectfully requests that the Zoning Administrator deny the Special Permit request of Cellular One and we seek advice on the procedure for reclassification of the water tower zone.

Thank you for the notice and an opportunity to be heard. We commend the City Planning Division Zoning Office for their conscientious concern for our safety and health.

Again, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Janice Hill Powell

Member of the SPHA Board of Directors

(Formerly a member of the Interagency Task Force on The Biohazards of Non-ionizing Radiation, 1983-4, representing NTIA, Department of Commerce)