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PLANNING COMMISSION DATE: February 5, 2013

AGENDA ITEM: #2

Countywide	Initiate Streamline or Flat Fees
CEQA	Applicant: Madera County Department of Engineering and General Services
	EXEMPT

REQUEST:

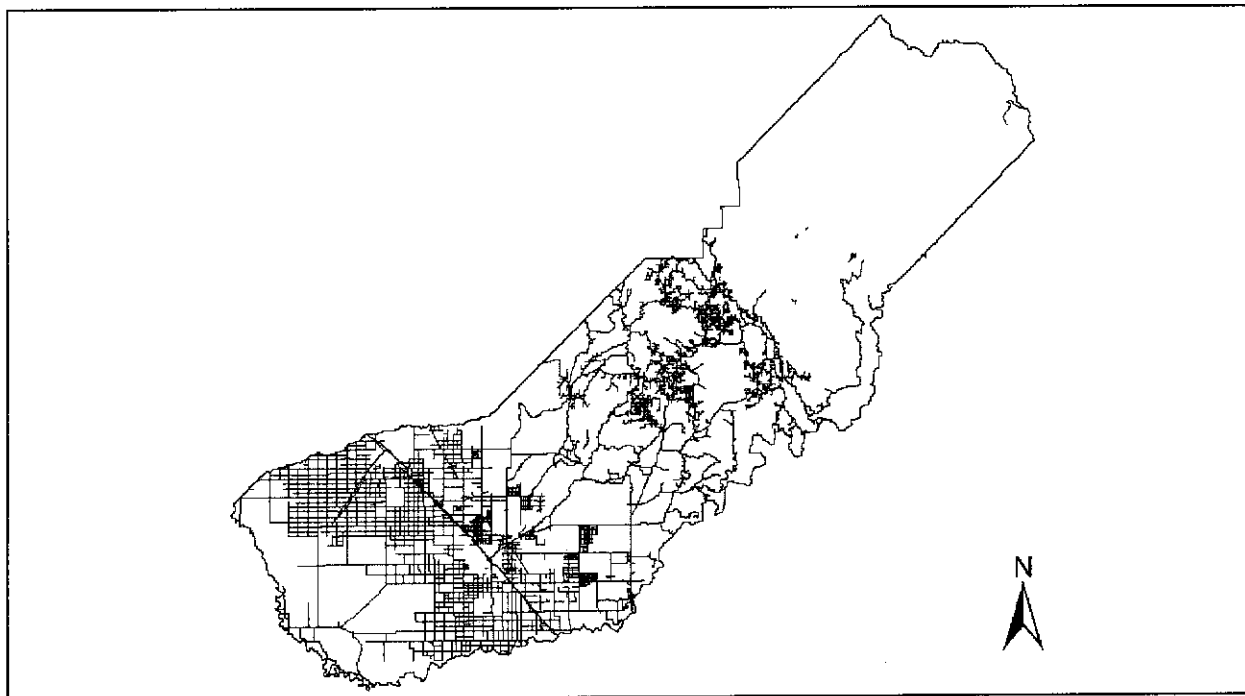
This is a proposal by the County of Madera to gather public comments in regard to initiating new streamline or flat fees for cell tower additions.

LOCATION:

The proposed fees will affect all of Madera County.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

Under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Section 15061(b)(3), and the Madera County Environmental Guidelines, the County has determined that this amendment will not have a significant effect on the environment and is exempt from CEQA.



RECOMMENDATION: Gather information and public comments.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Staff proposes to initiate Streamline or Flat Fees for Cell Tower Additions. The fee change would simplify the procedure, thereby reducing staff time and expediting processing time which the industry has also requested.

ORDINANCES/POLICIES:

California Government Code, Sections 66016 through 66018.5.

ANALYSIS:

Over the last couple of years, the Board has approved Flat Fees for various permits to simplify the permitting procedure, thereby reducing staff time and expediting processing time for the industry and contractors. Currently, permit and plan check fees for cell tower additions have been based on the valuation and type of work being completed making fees differ from job to job. In addition, cell towers typically have contractors from out of state and contractors from out of town making it difficult to coordinate the payment of fees.

The current permits that have Flat Fees implemented (solar, water heaters, re-roof, et.al.) have been very successful and well received by the contractors and public. With the addition of Flat Fees for cell tower additions, permit fees would be consistent and predictable which would aid the customers in financing, planning, and knowing how much permit fees are in advance.

GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY:

The proposed text amendments are consistent with the goals and policies of the General Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

Gather information and public comments.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Exhibit A, Permit and Plan Check Fee Justification
2. Exhibit B, Cell Tower Addition Flat Fee Breakdown

EXHIBIT A

Cell Tower Change Permit and Plan Check Fees Justification

	Permit Fee	Plan Check Fee	Total Fee	Permit	Plan Check	Total Flat Fee Proposed
Average Fee:	\$ 647.38	\$ -	\$ 647.38	\$	\$	\$
Median Fee:	\$ 631.23	\$ -	\$ 631.23			

Permit #	Permit Fees	Plan Check Fees
11-0003 Com	\$921.91	
11-0025 Com	\$945.51	
11-0043 Com	\$931.91	
11-0047 Com	\$628.82	
11-0048 Com	\$656.82	
11-0050 Com	\$830.23	
11-0063 Com	\$731.75	
11-0075 Com	\$474.41	
11-0076 Com	\$474.41	
11-0086 Com	\$667.14	
11-0087 Com	\$631.23	
11-0099 Com	\$437.97	
11-0110 Com	\$587.57	
12-0005 Com	\$675.03	
12-0036 Com	\$534.69	
12-0046 Com	\$624.39	
12-0057 Com	\$664.32	
12-0058 Com	\$706.06	
12-0074 Com	\$742.77	
12-0075 Com	\$708.73	
12-0076 Com	\$749.01	
12-0077 Com	\$706.54	
12-0078 Com	\$624.56	
12-0081 Com	\$712.25	
12-0090 Com	\$717.37	
12-0091 Com	\$716.37	
12-0092 Com	\$762.65	
12-0111 Com	\$620.05	
12-0119 Com	\$604.36	
12-0125 Com	\$598.75	
12-0128 Com	\$784.74	
12-0130 Com	\$543.63	
12-0135 Com	\$492.22	
12-0139 Com	\$697.08	
12-0142 Com	\$621.61	
12-0150 Com	\$583.34	
12-0168 Com	\$692.76	
12-0169 Com	\$453.29	
12-0177 Com	\$435.96	
12-0179 Com	\$577.68	
12-0184 Com	\$502.87	
12-0186 Com	\$509.15	
12-0187 Com	\$555.56	

EXHIBIT B

Cell Tower Addition Flat Fee Breakdown

Fee Code	Description	Fee
	County BSARF Fees	\$0.10
	State BSARF Fees	\$0.90
	Electrical Permit Issuance	\$30.00
	Automation Fee	\$7.50
	Plan Check Fee	\$60.00
	Misc. Apparatus/Cicuits/Conductors	\$145.50
	Planning Review	\$52.00
	Fire Review	\$104.00
	Total Fee	\$400.00