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VIA EMAIL

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Re: Proposed Revision to Guidelines for
Wireless Communication Facilities Design and Location
Stakeholder Meeting, December 5, 2012

Dear Dusty:

We write to you on behalf of our client Verizon Wireless to briefly augment our prior comments to the Mendocino County wireless guidelines provided to the Planning Commission on April 18, 2012. I specifically wish to advise you of emerging technologies soon to be deployed by Verizon Wireless generically referred to as small cells. Small cells are fully integrated lower power facilities, no larger than a small suitcase, used to provide needed capacity in discreet areas of an existing wireless network and can be mounted on building facades, rooftops, utility poles and light standards amongst other applications. While small cells do not eliminate the need for a traditional macrocell-based wireless network, they provide infill wireless services capacity to areas of the network experiencing high call volume and data use.

An objective of Verizon Wireless in addressing the proposed update and revisions to the Mendocino County wireless guidelines will be to address its need to expeditiously provide improved wireless service capacity in areas of the County through small cells. In this regard, Verizon Wireless prefers that small cells be treated as a permitted use in agricultural, commercial and industrial zones and as an accessory or minor use in all other zones. The diminutive size of small cells and their benefit to the community warrant such treatment under the Mendocino County wireless guidelines. We look forward to discussing specific revisions to address small cells with you, the stakeholders and the County.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Jeanine B. Nadel, Esq., County Counsel
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