



**NOTICE OF PREPARATION
NORTH SIDE COMMUNICATIONS TOWER PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

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Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

The Oakdale Irrigation District will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an environmental impact report for the project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. The project description, location, and potential environmental effects are contained below and in the attached materials.

Project Title: North Side Communications Tower

Comment Period: January 16, 2018 – February 15, 2018

Respond By: February 15, 2018

Lead agency name and address: Oakdale Irrigation District
1205 East F Street
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Respond to: Steve Knell, P.E., General Manager
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Description of Project/Background:

The OID has over 80 automated canal gates and flow meters currently incorporated into its Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, and continues to expand canal automation as part of modernization and increased efficiency efforts identified in the district's Water Resources Plan and associated Programmatic EIR for the program. As the SCADA system


continues to grow, the need has arisen for a new tower to intercept and relay radio communications to and from the OID office and the remote automated gate and meter sites.

The North Side Communications Tower Project (Project) will involve the installation of one 190' tall tower at the OID North Side Regulating Reservoir located approximately three miles northeast of the City of Oakdale in Stanislaus County. The proposed communications tower will be located at an area of the OID North Side Regulating Reservoir that is currently being used as a laydown area and inventory yard for OID materials. The tower will be a self-supporting lattice design and will be located approximately 2,100 feet from the nearest residence. It is anticipated that the tower will have either daytime lighting or aviation orange and white marking, as well as nighttime red obstruction lighting for the safety of low altitude aircraft. The tower's concrete pad foundation is anticipated to be approximately 26' x 26' x 4' deep, and the tower components will be manufactured at an existing facility and assembled onsite.

Due to the relatively short construction time frame, minimal area of ground disturbance during construction, and existing use of the site for OID operations, the only potentially significant impact OID has identified upon completion of an Initial Study pertains to aesthetic issues. OID intends to prepare a project Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to address the potentially significant aesthetic impacts, which may be unavoidable.

The supporting Initial Study is available to the general public at the address noted above, and online at www.oakdaleirrigation.com.

Date: 1/12/18

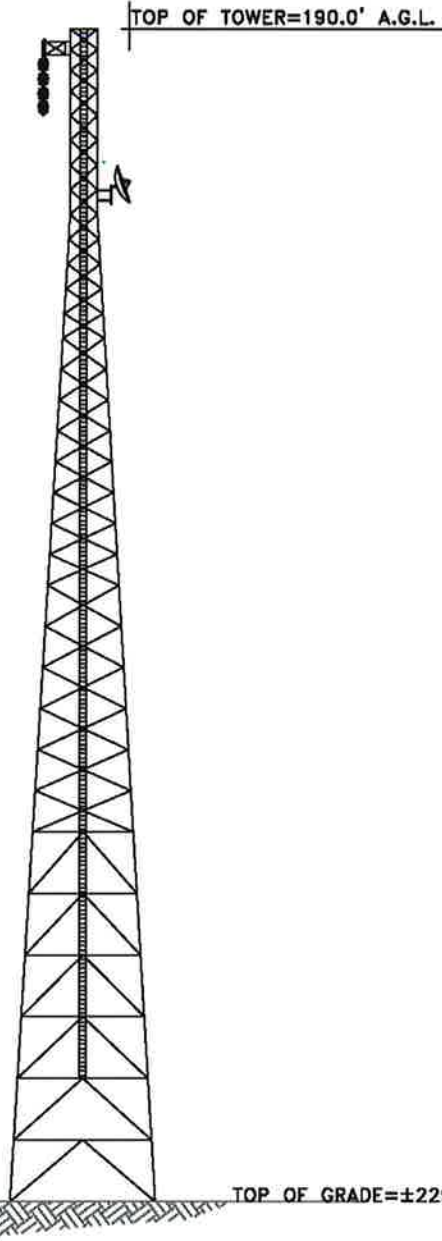
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North Side Communications Tower

Project Location Map

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A.M.S.L. = above mean sea level
 A.G.L. = above ground level



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PROJECT SITE MAP
 PROPOSED NORTH SIDE
 COMMUNICATIONS TOWER



DATE: Nov. 30, 2017
 DRAWN BY: ECS
 CHECKED BY: ECT

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