

RESOLUTION NO. 24-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MORONGO VALLEY
COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT OPPOSING THE PROPOSED MULTI-TENANT
196' WIRELESS BROADBAND COMMUNICATIONS TOWER PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Morongo Valley Community Services District (the "District") is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of its Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Directors (the "Board") have been elected to represent and serve the local citizens of Morongo Valley by attending, participating, and advocating on behalf of the residents and local business on matters that may impose negative community impacts; and

WHEREAS, the "District" provides fire and emergency services to the community and surrounding areas of Morongo Valley with exclusive revenue sourcing from property taxes and a special fire assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office is considering a need for a proposed Land Use Plan Amendment, a change from Visual Resource Management Class II Area to Class III Area to accommodate the 2.2-acre developer proposed project site and Right of Way (ROW) access road; and

WHEREAS, as stated in the scoping survey provided by the Bureau of Land Management the proposed Communication Tower has the potential to cause a significant reduction to property values within our community reducing necessary limited revenue streams for the "District" to perform current operations of public safety; and

WHEREAS, significant economic losses would devastate the ability to provide emergency response services to our unincorporated & economically disadvantaged community; as well as those that travel on Highway 62; and

WHEREAS, decreased revenue would cause inability to properly staff the Morongo Valley Fire Department, therefore, increasing response time due to locations of surrounding agencies

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MORONGO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. The Board recommends the BLM does not amend the 2.2 acres of BLM lands from Visual Resource Management Class II to Class III within the CDCA plan

Section 3. The Board recommends the BLM denies the Grant of Right of Way (ROW) as requested by applicant.

Section 4. The Board calls upon the BLM, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office to recognize that the Multi-Tenant 196' Wireless Broadband Communications lattice tower with a 28' X 28' concrete base at the proposed 2.2-acre site location will have a detrimental effect on the "Districts" property tax revenue, devastating the "Districts" ability to provide emergency response services.

Section 5. The Board hereby strongly opposes the development of the Multi-Tenant 196' Wireless Broadband Communications lattice tower at the proposed Morongo Valley location.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Morongo Valley Community Services District this 15th day of September 2024, by the following vote:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTAIN:

By: _____
President, Board of Directors
Morongo Valley CSD

ATTEST:

By: _____
Secretary
Morongo Valley Community Services District