



STAFF REPORT
4/19/2023

TO: Planning Commission Chair and Commissioners
FROM: Anahi Fernandez, Management Analyst
SUBJECT: Citywide Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Communication Compliance Update

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission receive and file the Coachella wireless telecommunications facilities communication update.

Background:

On March 15, 2023, Staff presented an update and status report for Coachella's wireless telecommunications facilities to the Planning Commission as a non-hearing item. There are a total of (11) existing wireless telecommunication facilities in the City. Eight (8) of the wireless facilities were out of compliance with their Conditional Use Permit (CUP) conditions of approval due to the following reasons:

- General maintenance issues
- Unmaintained landscaping
- Deterioration of wireless telecommunication facilities
- Inability to mitigate visual effects of wireless telecommunication facilities

The Planning Commission requested that staff notify the operators within 30 days as well as provide a communication update at the April 19, 2023 Planning Commission meeting to ensure facilities are brought back into compliance with their CUP conditions of approval.

Discussion/Analysis:

Work has commenced to bring all wireless telecommunication facilities into compliance. Staff has contacted all eight (8) wireless facility providers that were found out of compliance with their CUP conditions of approval, and six (6) providers have directly responded to City staff. Staff has not received a response from AT&T, who is responsible for CUP 301 and CUP 302. Staff met in-person on the subject site with one of the providers and are working with other applicants who have submitted building permit applications for wireless tower modifications and/or additions.

Providers were informed about the Planning Commission's concerns, and their direction to ensure the eight (8) wireless facilities are in compliance within 90 days.

Attachments:

1. Map of Coachella Wireless Telecommunication Facilities
2. Detailed Communication Update on Wireless Telecommunication Facilities