# Special Use Permit Washoe County Communication Site

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### **Washoe County Development Application**

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Project Information	S	taff Assigned Case No.:		
Project Name: Cold Sp	rings WC (	Communication <sup>-</sup>	Tower	
Project Construction of an unmanned telecommunications facility as part of the Nevada Shared Radio Description: System upgrade. The project will include a 110 foot tall lattice tower and accessory equipment.				
Project Address: 1805 Mud Spri	ngs Drive			
Project Area (acres or square fee	et): 2,400 square feet			
Project Location (with point of re	ference to major cross	streets AND area locator):		
Cold Spring Wa	stewater T	reatment Facility	site	
Assessor's Parcel No.(s):	Parcel Acreage:	Assessor's Parcel No.(s):	Parcel Acreage:	
556-290-04	73.47			
Indicate any previous Washo Case No.(s).	e County approval	s associated with this applicat	ion:	
Applicant Inf	<b>ormation</b> (attach	additional sheets if necess	ary)	
Property Owner:		Professional Consultant:		
Name: Washoe County; Commu	unity Services Dept	Name: Wood Rodgers, Inc		
Address: 1001 E 9th Street, Bldg	g A	Address: 1361 Corporate Blvd		
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Applicant/Developer:		Other Persons to be Contacted:		
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	For Office	Use Only		
Date Received:	Initial:	Planning Area:		
County Commission District:		Master Plan Designation(s):		
CAB(s):		Regulatory Zoning(s):		

## **Property Owner Affidavit**

Applicant Name:Washoe County Technology Services Department
The receipt of this application at the time of submittal does not guarantee the application complies with all requirements of the Washoe County Development Code, the Washoe County Master Plan or the applicable area plan, the applicable regulatory zoning, or that the application is deemed complete and will be processed.
STATE OF NEVADA )
COUNTY OF WASHOE )
1. DWAYNE SWITH
(please print name) being duly sworn, depose and say that I am the owner* of the property or properties involved in this application as listed below and that the foregoing statements and answers herein contained and the information herewith submitted are in all respects complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that no assurance or guarantee can be given by members of Planning and Building.  (A separate Affidavit must be provided by each property owner named in the title report.)
Assessor Parcel Number(s): 556-290-04
Signed Si
Subscribed and sworn to before me this  5 day of November , 2021.  Notary Public in and for said county and state  My commission expires: 0i   27   2025  (Notary Stamp)  LACEY KERFOOT  Notary Public - State of Nevada  Appointment Recorded in Washoe County  No: 21-5470-02 - Expires January 27, 2025
*Owner refers to the following: (Please mark appropriate box.)
☑ Owner
☐ Corporate Officer/Partner (Provide copy of record document indicating authority to sign.)
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<ul> <li>□ Property Agent (Provide copy of record document indicating authority to sign.)</li> <li>□ Letter from Government Agency with Stewardship</li> </ul>
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### Special Use Permit Application Supplemental Information

(All required information may be separately attached)

1. What is the project being requested?

As part of the Nevada Shared Radio System upgrade to improve the state-wide emergency radio system and address significant gap coverage in northern Washoe County, Washoe County seeks to construct a new communication tower with ancillary generator building near the northwestern property boundary of the site.

Provide a site plan with all existing and proposed structures (e.g. new structures, roadway improvements, utilities, sanitation, water supply, drainage, parking, signs, etc.)

See attached plans from L3Harris

3. What is the intended phasing schedule for the construction and completion of the project?

The proposed project will begin construction in mid to late 2022 and is anticipated to be completely installed and electrical equipment turned on within six months.

4. What physical characteristics of your location and/or premises are especially suited to deal with the impacts and the intensity of your proposed use?

The southern portion of the site is currently used for a public utility (water reclamation facility), a more intense use than the proposed communications tower. The location of the tower is approximately 2,300 feet from the nearest residential development and will not have impacts that will affect surrounding uses.

5. What are the anticipated beneficial aspects or affects your project will have on adjacent properties and the community?

This new tower will address a significant gap in coverage in this area providing better emergency response opportunities for government agencies using the Nevada Shared Radio System. The tower will provide improved emergency communications throughout the northern Nevada/California area which do not currently have adequate emergency cellular service, particularly as it relates to the Nevada Shared Radio System.

6. What are the anticipated negative impacts or affect your project will have on adjacent properties? How will you mitigate these impacts?

None. The proposed tower has been sited to avoid negative impacts on adjacent properties.

7. Provide specific information on landscaping, parking, type of signs and lighting, and all other code requirements pertinent to the type of use being purposed. Show and indicate these requirements on submitted drawings with the application.

Due to the type of project proposed, no landscaping, parking or signs are proposed. See Project Desciption in Section 2 for additional information.

8.	Are there any restrictive covenants, recorded conditions, or deed restrictions (CC&Rs) that apply to
•	the area subject to the special use permit request? (If so, please attach a copy.)

☐ Yes	■ No	

#### 9. Utilities:

a. Sewer Service	N/A
b. Electrical Service	NV Energy
c. Telephone Service	N/A
d. LPG or Natural Gas Service	N/A
e. Solid Waste Disposal Service	N/A
f. Cable Television Service	N/A
g. Water Service	Truckee Meadows Water Authority

For most uses, Washoe County Code, Chapter 110, Article 422, Water and Sewer Resource Requirements, requires the dedication of water rights to Washoe County. Please indicate the type and quantity of water rights you have available should dedication be required.

h. Permit #	acre-feet per year	
i. Certificate #	acre-feet per year	
j. Surface Claim #	acre-feet per year	
k. Other#	acre-feet per year	

Title of those rights (as filed with the State Engineer in the Division of Water Resources of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources).

N/A	
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10. Community Services (provided and nearest facility):

a. Fire Station	1.34 miles away
b. Health Care Facility	0.56 miles away
c. Elementary School	1.2 miles away
d. Middle School	0.59 miles away
e. High School	9.6 miles away
f. Parks	0.37 miles away
g. Library	9.53 miles away
h. Citifare Bus Stop	5.83 miles away

## Special Use Permit Application for Grading

## Supplemental Information (All required information may be separately attached)

what is the purpose of the grading?
To support development of a new public safety communications tower.
How many cubic yards of material are you proposing to excavate on site?
The tower foundation will require approximately 57 cy of excavation and the shelter will require approximately 20 cubic yards.
How many square feet of surface of the property are you disturbing?
The fenced area will be approximately 2,400 square feet with an additional 10 feet cleared for a construction buffer around the final site dimensions.
How many cubic yards of material are you exporting or importing? If none, how are you managing to balance the work on-site?
Some clean fill materials for compacted bedding will be required under the shelter foundation. The shelter will require approx. 4 cubic yards of crushed rock. Spoils will be spread across the site to level low spots.
Is it possible to develop your property without surpassing the grading thresholds requiring a Special Use Permit? (Explain fully your answer.)
Yes; this information is provided for background information only.
Has any portion of the grading shown on the plan been done previously? (If yes, explain the circumstances, the year the work was done, and who completed the work.)
No
Have you shown all areas on your site plan that are proposed to be disturbed by grading? (If no explain your answer.)
Yes

8. Can the disturbed area be seen from off-site? If yes, from which directions and which properties or roadways?

The subject site may be visible to properties directly east and south; however, due to the nature of the project, the impact is considered to be minimal.

9. Could neighboring properties also be served by the proposed access/grading requested (i.e. if you are creating a driveway, would it be used for access to additional neighboring properties)?

No, improvements are limited to use by the Washoe County Communications project.

10. What is the slope (horizontal/vertical) of the cut and fill areas proposed to be? What methods will be used to prevent erosion until the revegetation is established?

The site slopes less than 1% across the 60' width of the proposed improvements. Currently there is no vegetation on the site to clear or re-establish.

11. Are you planning any berms?

Yes	No X	If yes, how tall is the berm at its highest?

12. If your property slopes and you are leveling a pad for a building, are retaining walls going to be required? If so, how high will the walls be and what is their construction (i.e. rockery, concrete, timber, manufactured block)?

No retaining walls are necessary for the project.

13. What are you proposing for visual mitigation of the work?

Due to the nature of the proposed project, no screening/buffering is proposed with the project.

14. Will the grading proposed require removal of any trees? If so, what species, how many and of what size?

No trees are present on the proposed site.

15. What type of revegetation seed mix are you planning to use and how many pounds per acre do you intend to broadcast? Will you use mulch and, if so, what type?

No vegetative ground cover is currently present at the project site and there is no plan to provide any after construction. Ground cover will consist of crushed rock within the fenced compound.

16.	How are y	ou providing t	emporary irrigation to the disturbed area?
	N/A		
17.		reviewed the porated their s	revegetation plan with the Washoe Storey Conservation District? If yes, have uggestions?
	N/A		Till the state of
18.	Are there any restrictive covenants, recorded conditions, or deed restrictions (CC&Rs) that may prohibit the requested grading?		
	Yes	No X	If yes, please attach a copy.



## Washoe County Communication Site Cold Springs Special Use Permit

Project Description

### **Project Description**

**Executive Summary** 

District #: 5 – Commissioner Herman

Applicant: Washoe County Technology Services Department

APN Number: 556-290-04

Request: A request has been made for a Special Use Permit to allow a commercial use

(communication facility) in the PSP zoning district per Washoe County

Development Code Section 110.304.25

Location: The project is located at 1805 Mud Springs Drive approximately 530 feet west of

New Forest Drive in Cold Springs.

### Background

The proposed project is located at 1805 Mud Springs Drive (APN 556-290-04), approximately one-half mile north of Village Parkway. The property is zoned Public/Semi-Public Facilities (PSP) and has a master plan designation of Suburban Residential (SR). The parcel is surrounded by vacant land, aside from a small section of the southern portion of the property which borders single-family residential development. The parcel is partially developed with a Washoe County reclaimed water reservoir and pump station.

#### **Project Request**

Washoe County proposes the construction of an unmanned telecommunications facility as part of the Nevada Shared Radio System upgrade. The tower will improve the state-wide emergency radio system and address substantial gap coverage in northern Washoe County.

The site plan includes a 2,400 square-foot fenced enclosure with a new 110-foot tall 4-legged self-support lattice tower and an ancillary generator located near the northwestern property boundary. The facility is accessed via an existing dirt road and does not propose any new grading or roadway paving. The restricted access site is enclosed by an 8-foot-tall chain link fence topped with one foot of barbed wire and two 8-foot swing gates. A 26' x 11'6" equipment shelter houses support equipment, including a new 50-kW 1PH 500-gallon diesel generator. A 9-foot-long ice bridge connects the tower to the equipment shelter. The proposed location of the tower on the site is approximately 2,300 feet from the nearest residential development.

There are two main components of the site that require excavation to install the supporting concrete foundations. The shelter will require approximately 20 cubic yards of excavation, with all the excavated materials being replaced with concrete. The tower foundation will require approximately 57 cubic yards of excavation for the concrete foundation. There will be approximately 19 cubic yards of concrete placed in the excavation and then approximately 38 cubic yards of soils from the original excavation will be compacted on top of the concrete foundation, bringing the excavation back to grade. The remaining spoils will be used to level any low spots on the 2400 square foot compound. Both excavations are performed on flat ground with no slope cut/fill required.

### Landscaping and Paving

As part of this request, the applicant is also requesting waivers from development standards regarding parking and landscaping requirements. Specifically, the request to waive the requirement to pave all parking areas, driveways and maneuvering areas will reduce new impervious surfaces and reduce future maintenance of paved surfaces.

The request to waive requirements for landscaping will minimize negative visual impacts on the area since the native vegetation in this area does not include plant types typically found in more formal landscaping, including the use of trees. Furthermore, the applicant is proposing the use of chain-link fencing as a means of keeping the area secure from the public and wildlife.

### **Findings**

#### **Special Use Permit Findings**

(a) Consistency. The proposed use is consistent with the action programs, policies, standards and maps of the Master Plan and the applicable area plan;

**Response:** The proposed project is in conformance with Washoe County Master Plan and the Cold Springs Area Plan, specifically the Suburban Character Management Area. The Cold Springs Area Plan Public Services and Facilities Plan classifies the subject parcel as public land and suburban community services area, which aligns with a Nevada Shared Radio System emergency communications tower use. There are no programs, policies, or standards of the Master Plan or Cold Springs Area Plan that prohibit approval of a communications facility. Therefore, the proposed project is consistent with the Suburban Residential designation on the property.

(b) Improvements. Adequate utilities, roadway improvements, sanitation, water supply, drainage, and other necessary facilities have been provided, the proposed improvements are properly related to existing and proposed roadways, and an adequate public facilities determination has been made in accordance with Division Seven;

**Response:** The communication facility will provide necessary emergency services communication capabilities for the Nevada Shared Radio System, filling a significant gap in coverage in Northern Washoe County. The project does not require improvements to existing public utilities for its operation. Access to the site will be from an existing access road that connects to Mud Springs Drive and County Highway 295, which borders the parcel on the eastern boundary.

(c) Site Suitability. The site is physically suitable for the type of development and for the intensity of development;

**Response:** The site is physically suitable for the construction of a communication tower. The proposed project is located on a large parcel presently used for a water treatment facility, in a portion of the site which has no other existing development. The communication tower and equipment shelter will be located in the furthest possible location from adjacent residential zoning and will not be visible to surrounding development. The site will be fenced on all four sides.

(d) Issuance Not Detrimental. Issuance of the permit will not be significantly detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare; injurious to the property or improvements of adjacent properties; or detrimental to the character of the surrounding area; and

**Response:** Issuance of the permit will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare of the surrounding area. Consideration has been given to the neighboring properties through the overall site design, notably in the placement of the tower and equipment shelter as far as possible from any surrounding residential development.

(e) Effect on a Military Installation. Issuance of the permit will not have a detrimental effect on the location, purpose or mission of the military installation.

Response: Not applicable as there are no military installations within the project area.

### **Emergency Service Communication Facilities Findings**

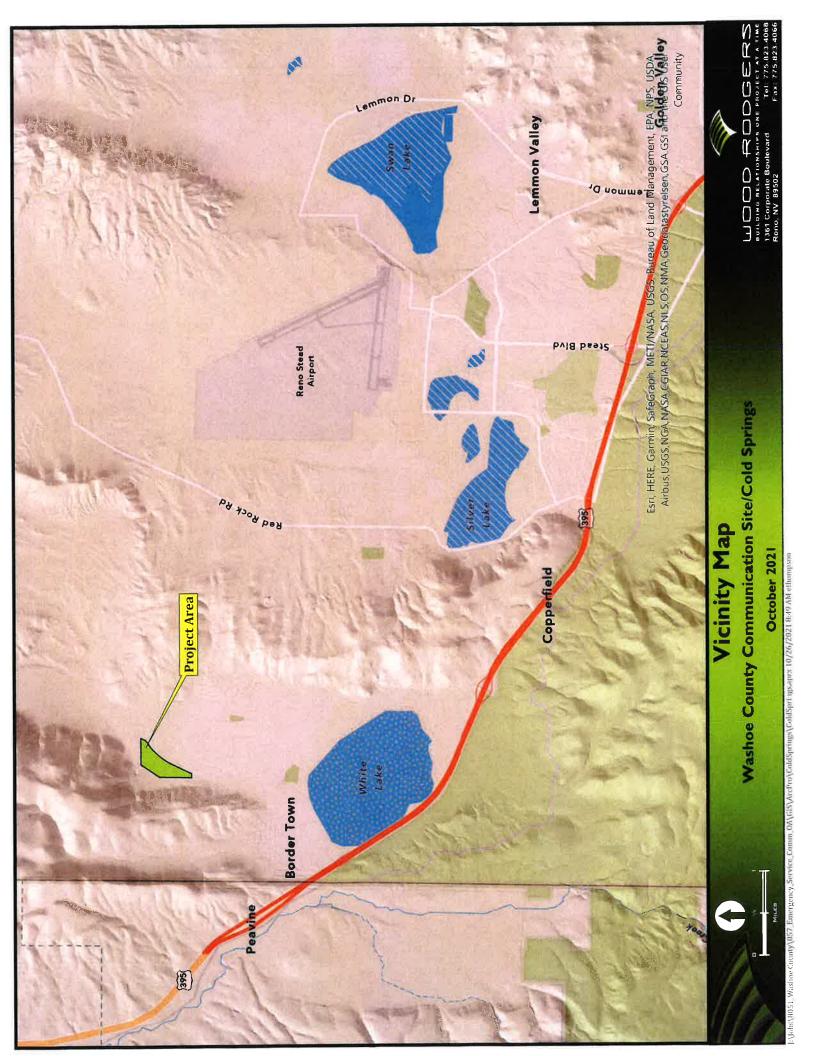
In addition to the findings required for approval in Article 810, Special Use Permit, the following findings must also be made for approval of all emergency service community facilities:

(a) The proposed emergency service communication antenna is necessary to meet the applicant's and the public's needs.

**Response:** The purpose of this project is to significantly improve gap coverage for emergency service communications by constructing the proposed tower in an area which does not otherwise have adequate wireless service.

(b) The proposed emergency service communication antenna is provided with adequate safety equipment and aesthetic treatments to be visually compatible with uses in the general vicinity.

**Response:** The proposed project will include an 8 foot all chain link fence with slats that provide at least 75 percent opacity as a means of keeping the area secure from wildlife and/or protected from climbing by unauthorized persons.





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TOOT East Ninh Street, Building 0
From Newald and 85512
(775) 378-2231 updated SR 08/29/17 SR 07/09/18 Assessor's Map Number created by: NLH 05/19/2011 Feet 0 700 400 600 900 STATE OF NEVADA 1 inch = 800 feet 556-29 SR 08/15/19 SR 07/08/20 087-07 C.A.P. = COMMON AREA PARCEL 41.46 9110 Washoe County 556-290-14 47.878 ac. PAR.E-A RS 4491 PAR A TIA 5379 556-290-35 18.52 ac. -TM 5221 COMMON AREA PARCEL B 566-290-21 8.38 ac. GPAINTE PEAK COURT -556-64 **556-290-25** 86 08 ac. PORTIONS OF SECTIONS 9, 15, & 16 T21N - R18E 556-69 PAR.G TM 5221 2145.28 556-62 556-61 56-66 City of Reno Washoe County CACKLAND 556-71 **556-290-24** 171\_03 ac. 556-290-34 2.17 ac. WEW FONEST DRIVE PAR A1 RS 3673 PAR F TM 5221 **556-290-04** 73.47 ac. d w tatie

