

## Michael Lam

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**From:** Sheila McDaniel  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 10:33 AM  
**To:** Michael Lam  
**Subject:** FW: 682 Buena Vista Appeal- LATE correspondence -171213

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**From:** Vista Valley <[vistavalley8@gmail.com](mailto:vistavalley8@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2022 2:37 PM  
**To:** Sheila McDaniel <[Sheila.McDaniel@santacruzcounty.us](mailto:Sheila.McDaniel@santacruzcounty.us)>  
**Subject:** Re: 682 Buena Vista Appeal

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Thank you very much for the response!

On Mon, Jun 13, 2022, 12:29 PM Sheila McDaniel <[Sheila.McDaniel@santacruzcounty.us](mailto:Sheila.McDaniel@santacruzcounty.us)> wrote:

Yes, email and photos are included in pc staff report correspondence.

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**From:** Vista Valley <[vistavalley8@gmail.com](mailto:vistavalley8@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2022 11:57 AM  
**To:** Sheila McDaniel <[Sheila.McDaniel@santacruzcounty.us](mailto:Sheila.McDaniel@santacruzcounty.us)>  
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Hello Sheila, did you receive our email last week with attached photos regarding the above project? And you feel it will matter to the deciders at the hearing? Please confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you

Neighbor's of Larkin Valley

On Mon, Jun 6, 2022, 3:05 PM Vista Valley <[vistavalley8@gmail.com](mailto:vistavalley8@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Sheila and concerned parties,

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**From:** Vista Valley <vistavalley8@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022 3:35 PM  
**To:** Sheila McDaniel; judilazenby@aol.com; Michael Lam; Melanief1@aol.com; Rachel Dann; Daniel Zazueta; renee@reneesgarden.com; Patricia.levine@santacruzcounty.us; Kathy.molly@santacruzcounty.us; Jocelyn Drake; Zach Friend  
**Subject:** Fwd: 682 Buena Vista Appeal  
**Attachments:** unpermitted structures.jpg; Cell site-5.jpg; Drone.jpg; AIA Zone 3.png

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**From:** Vista Valley <[vistavalley8@gmail.com](mailto:vistavalley8@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 6, 2022, 3:05 PM  
**Subject:** 682 Buena Vista Appeal  
**To:** Sheila McDaniel <[sheila.mcdaniel@santacruzcounty.us](mailto:sheila.mcdaniel@santacruzcounty.us)>

Dear Sheila and concerned parties,

The residents of Larkin Valley are deeply concerned about the development activity at 682 Buena Vista Drive. The conditions presented at the first hearing in 2018 that led to the denial of this project have only become more numerous in the last three years as the applicant has struggled to find a way to make it work.

First of all:

The 5G emissions will most certainly have an effect on some aircraft such as CalFire Fire drop craft and newer chartered and private jets in smokey or foggy low visibility situations where more than just barometric altimeters are needed for final approach. This presents a real safety issue for pilots, passengers and surrounding communities. Nowhere does Verizon, the attorney letter or Airport letter of no issue address the 5G issue. Why not? It is causing problems all over the country.

Second:

682 Buena Vista Drive appears to have numerous code violations that Google Earth clearly reveals such as several unpermitted structures and dozens of trucks, tractors, cars, and other heavy equipment that have been sitting for many years. This is deeply concerning as prolonged fluid leaks can contaminate that parcel and neighboring parcels and ground water. This must be brought to the attention of the supervisors and code compliance department if this project goes to an appeals hearing and certainly before any consideration of a new build permit is issued.

See attached photos below..

Third:

How can the few coverage gaps possibly be covered by a 47 foot tower that was originally 85 feet? If coverage is indeed the goal, then why haven't they co located on the utility poles, as required in the search ring, and returned the tower to its original height and effectiveness? This would solve all of the problems by removing it from the airport influence area, taking it off of the ridge line, away from structures, power lines and neighboring parcels, and returning it to its effective height to do the job it's supposed to do as local and state laws dictate as a first option. The new county cell tower regs clearly state that the county has control over high visibility placements, specifically ridgelines, yet Verizons attorneys counter this by saying all they have to do is try their best to camouflage and law dictates that they must prevail. Both can't be right.

Many site placement issues have been overlooked or ignored during the 4 years this has dragged on. Not to mention improper notification on all hearings..It took a member of the PUBLIC to point out to Verizon and the County the

erroneous statement of non issue with the airport safety zones ( County used the old old zone map, not the current one when drafting the new General Plan!.. AND the penetration into airspace! Oops? Now that has been only partially addressed and we now have potential 5G issues with radar looking us squarely in the face.

**\*\* Nowhere is 5G mentioned with regard to potential issues\*\***

The lack of attention to obvious detail throughout is 4 year boondoggle begs the question of thoroughness at all levels of this application.

Please look at colocation. Verizon says it is " too far away" ?.. so make the tower higher, Verizon says the poles " cant support the array".. so put proper poles in! It might cost a bit more, but it can most certainly solve all the problems and we all are sure a variance may be granted as has been at the La Selva site in the wrong zone, to accommodate the project and make it work for everyone. This does not look good and raises much more concerning questions with the County and it's relationship with telecom applicants.

Please take a stand once more. This location remains the poster child for denial even more that it did in 2018.

thank you.

SEE PHOTOS BELOW

Respectfully,

Neighbors of Larkin Valley

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**From:** Sheila McDaniel  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2022 10:16 AM  
**To:** Michael Lam  
**Subject:** FW: Item 171213 Verizon Appeal- Late Correspondence

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**From:** Bonnie <elderassoc@sekur.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2022 9:16 AM  
**To:** Sheila McDaniel <Sheila.McDaniel@santacruzcounty.us>  
**Subject:** Item 171213 Verizon Appeal

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Dear Sheila,  
I am writing this email to oppose the cell tower proposed by Verizon on Buena Vista Drive.  
Thank you,  
Bonnie Elder, Watsonville

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**From:** Sheila McDaniel  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022 8:32 AM  
**To:** Michael Lam  
**Cc:** seth baron  
**Subject:** FW: 682 Buena Vista Cell Tower- Late Correspondence

Mike,

Please add this to late correspondence.

Thank you,

Sheila

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**From:** seth baron <baronseth@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 20, 2022 6:45 PM  
**To:** Sheila McDaniel <Sheila.McDaniel@santacruzcounty.us>  
**Subject:** 682 Buena Vista Cell Tower

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Dear Panel,

Has the 5G issue been looked at for the airport?

Although most craft use barometric altimeters, some do not such as commercial jets, Cal Fire Drop planes and others. The 5G risk of a crash is very real. Nowhere is this mentioned in the staff report or addressed by the FAA or Airport letters.

Also, Verizon's claim that the colocation option being unviable is highly suspect, given that is is doable and would solve all of the issues involved with the tower being shoe horned into the residences horse corral on a ridgeline.

Claims of "too expensive" "too far away" are mere excuses...they have plenty of resources and can make it work. But don't want to.

Please deny this project! It is far too risky.

Seth

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**From:** Sheila McDaniel  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022 8:37 AM  
**To:** Michael Lam  
**Cc:** David Date  
**Subject:** FW: APN: 049-171-17 682 Buena Vista- Late Correspondence

Mike,

Please add this to late correspondence.

Thank you,

Sheila

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**From:** David Date <david.p.date@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 20, 2022 12:01 PM  
**To:** Sheila McDaniel <Sheila.McDaniel@santacruzcounty.us>  
**Subject:** APN: 049-171-17 682 Buena Vista

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Dear Commissioners and Staff,

I attended the Zoning Administrator hearing on November 16, 2018

This application was rejected due to egregious errors, including inadequate notification, lack of mock-up, and having completely overlooked the intrusion into Flight Safety Zone 3 of the Watsonville Airport.

These terminal issues only came to light after the due diligence of concerned residents.

Since then, the County appears to have worked in collusion with the applicant to allow them remediate all of these shortcomings and usure in an approval for their illegal development.

The date for this hearing was to be set within 30 calendar days from the date the appeal, yet this project has been allowed to lumber on for nearly 4 years, with a derelict mockup tower looming over our heads.

This application must be rejected on merit.

- There are colocation opportunities that have not been explored, and Macro cell sites that do not intrude into airport space or require flashing red beacons.
- Antennas used in the engineering report are antiquated (2016) and are incompatible with new 5g technologies.
- FAA has advised that that future colocation of 5g antennas may have impacts on advanced aircraft landing systems e.g. jets and Cal Fire drop planes

This Commission and Staff must not only be concerned about legal threats by multinational corporations.

Allowing this proposal to go through without having conducted a proper search ring given airport safety concerns, and ridgeline impacts of a constant flashing beacon is negligent, and perhaps criminal.

Send this incomplete application back to the Zoning Administrator. Conduct a proper search ring and show the residents of Santa Cruz that all required steps have been completed by the applicant.

David Date  
District 2

6/21/2022

APN: 049-171-17

Opposition to the proposed cell tower and facility at 682 Buena Vista Dr. Watsonville, CA 95076.

We are property owners directly across from the proposed site. We are opposing the cell tower and facility that is being proposed.

We take issue that the story pole is misleading and does not represent the project's mass, which is a main subject to its opposition.

It would be a huge unsightly structure and facility visible from my property.

All of our east facing views would be affected, inside and outside of our home. It would be a negative effect on our peaceful enjoyment of our property.

It would be a Public Nuisance to the area, which borders a scenic byway. It would also bring down our areas property values.

The site is not stable. There are visible landslides on the property.

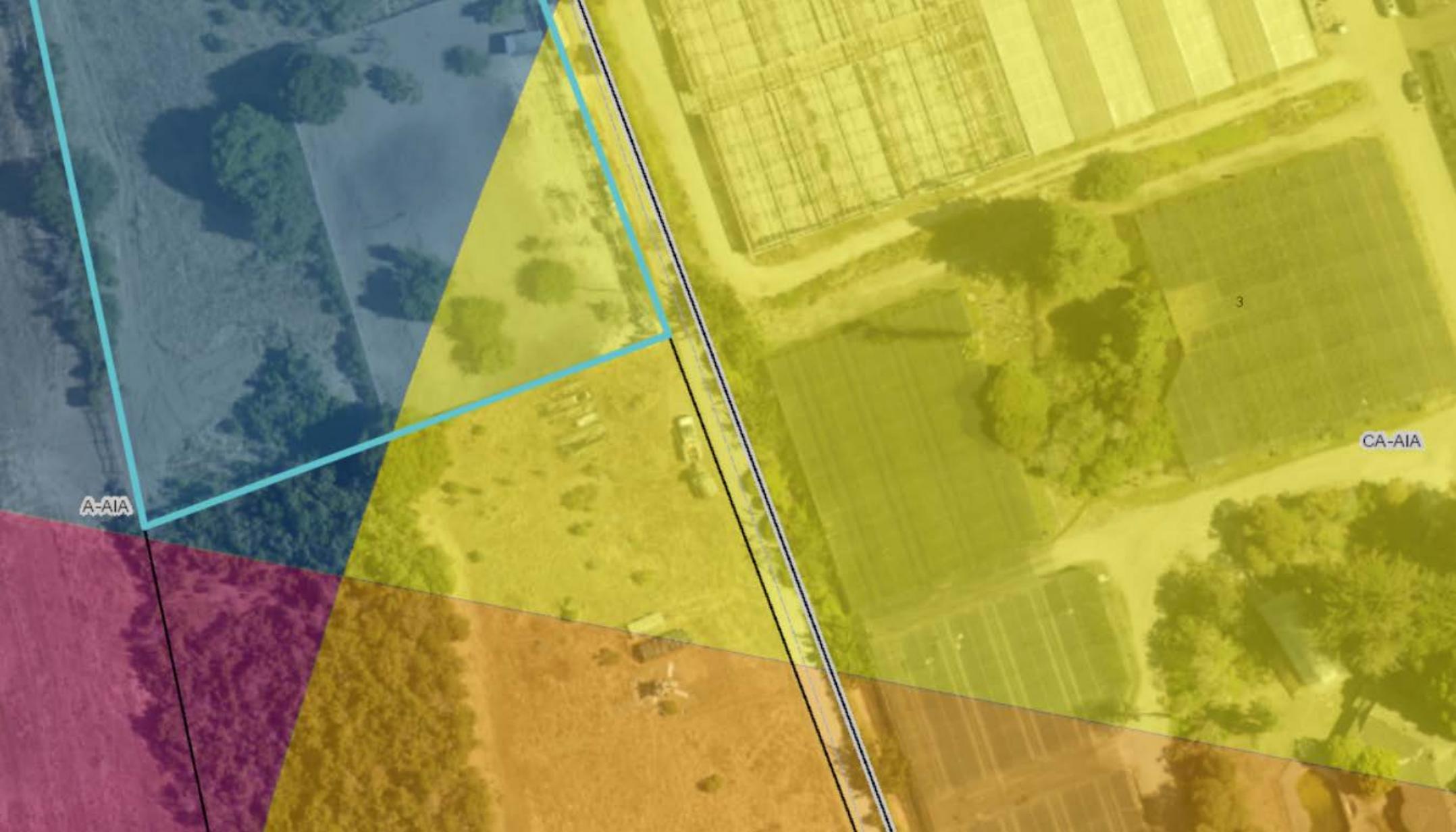
The tower location would add to a fire danger in the event of a fire. It could also be the source of fire itself.

The cell tower will be a danger for pilots using the Watsonville airport as well as the residents near or in the flight paths (including our home). It will be distracting to the pilots and may hinder the aircraft's safety abilities.

The indigenous wildlife will be adversely affected, from insects such as bees, the amphibians, to the birds and bats, to the larger animals such as the coyote, deer and bobcat.

The site position would be another new site! viruses an already existing cell site. This site is poorly chosen and has large negative impacts.

Rick and Jan Candau  
100 Old Adobe Rd.  
Watsonville, CA 95076



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# 682 Buena Vista Dr.

Unpermitted Structures

### Legend

- Cell Tower
- Land Slide
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- Residence
- Unpermitted Structure (E)
- Unpermitted Structure (C)
- Unpermitted Structure (B)
- Unpermitted Structure (A)
- Unpermitted Structure (F)



Cell Tower

Land Slide

Residence

Unpermitted Structure

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Google Earth

Image Landsat / Copernicus  
Data LDEO-Columbia, NSF, NOAA  
Data SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO  
Data MBARI

100 ft

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**From:** Becky Steinbruner <ki6tkb@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022 9:02 AM  
**To:** Sheila McDaniel; Michael Lam; Melanie Shaffer-Freitas; Judith Lazenby; Rachel Dann; Renee Shepherd  
**Cc:** Rayvon Williams; Ari Parker; Watsonville City Clerk; Seth Baron; Becky Steinbruner  
**Subject:** PLANNING COMMISSION APPEAL RE: NEW WIRELESS FACILITY APPLICATION #171213 ADJACENT TO WATSONVILLE CITY AIRPORT

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Dear Santa Cruz County Planning Commission,  
I have read the documentation for today's continued appeal of Application #171213 to construct a new wireless facility adjacent to the Watsonville City Airport on APN 049-171-17 on Buena Vista Road.

It is disturbing that there is no discussion whatsoever regarding the very likely addition of 5G technology on this 47' tower in the Staff Report, findings or Conditions of Approval.

Many airports have banned the installation of 5G technology near the flight pathways due to significant and adverse known interference with navigational instruments on some airplanes.  
Here are some informational sources regarding the FCC actions blocking 5G activation near airports due to very real public safety concerns:  
<https://www.msn.com/en-us/travel/news/5-california-airports-will-block-5g-when-towers-are-switched-on/ar-AASDGGD>

<https://www.faa.gov/5g>

Canada is also blocking 5G activation near airports due to this known interference problemL  
<https://www.avweb.com/aviation-news/canada-puts-the-brakes-on-5g-cellular-networks-around-airports/>

Therefore, if your Commission takes action to allow the new 47' Verizon cell tower to be built adjacent to the airport, please include clear language in the Conditions of Approval that NO 5G technology will ever be allowed to be included on the tower facilities or within any flight pathway safety zones of the Watsonville Airport.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Becky Steinbruner