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Re: LA-RICS San Vicente Peak Communications Tower

Dear Mr. Kawaguchi:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952 and representing 43 resident and homeowner associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains, voted unanimously at its April meeting to respectfully request that the San Vicente Peak Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Communications Tower be removed from the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) project.

When the Federation had a presentation on the project in 2012, we voted to require a full EIR to determine the impacts of the project on the surrounding site on Dirt Mulholland. The project is located within the Mulholland Scenic Parkway in an open space area with miles of recreational trails.

Having a 180-foot communications tower located on San Vicente Peak would permanently mar the nearly pristine site in the 20,000-acre Big Wild natural area with numerous public viewsheds which would be negatively impacted by the tower. Because of the numerous canyons in the area there would still be gaps in coverage. The LMR tower would offer little or no benefit to the surrounding communities. Given the speed at which technology advances, such a tower would likely be obsolete by the time it is constructed.

The Federation therefore urges you to remove San Vicente Peak from the LA-RICS project.

Best regards,

Marian Dodge
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