TO: HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND PLANNING COMMISSION

FROM: RON WHISENAND, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 07-002 (CLEARWIRE)

DATE: APRIL 24, 2007

Facts:

Needs: For the Planning Commission to consider the applicant's request to construct a wireless communication facility within the existing Granary Building located at

1111 Riverside Avenue.

1. The proposed facility would consist of installing 3 panel antennas, 2 microwave antennas, and the necessary supporting equipment within the existing building.

- 2. The antennas would be installed behind new radio frequency "friendly" louvers. The new louvers would look like and compliment the existing louvers in the building. The radio equipment would be located within a room inside the building. Neither the antennas nor the equipment would be visible from a public street.
- 3. The property is zoned M,PD (Manufacturing, Planned Development Overlay) and the General Plan designation is CS (Commercial Service).
- 4. Section 21.16.200 of the Municipal Code requires approval of a Conditional Use Permit for transmission and receiving stations in the M zoning district.
- 5. The Planning Division staff has determined that this application is Categorically Exempt from environmental review per Section 15303 of the State's Guidelines to Implement CEQA.
- 6. The Development Review Committee (DRC) reviewed this project at its meeting of April 16, 2007, where the Committee recommended that the Planning Commission approve the request.

Analysis

and

Conclusions: This project would be considered a "camouflaged" facility, since the antennas and

equipment would be incorporated into the existing building and would not be visible. The camouflaged facility would be consistent with General Plan Land Use Element Policy 2B, relating to visual identity, including utility infrastructure.

Policy

Reference: Zoning Code, General Plan, Economic Strategy

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Impact: None

Options: After consideration of any public testimony, the Planning Commission should

consider the following options:

a). Adopt the attached resolution granting approval of Conditional Use Permit

07-002.

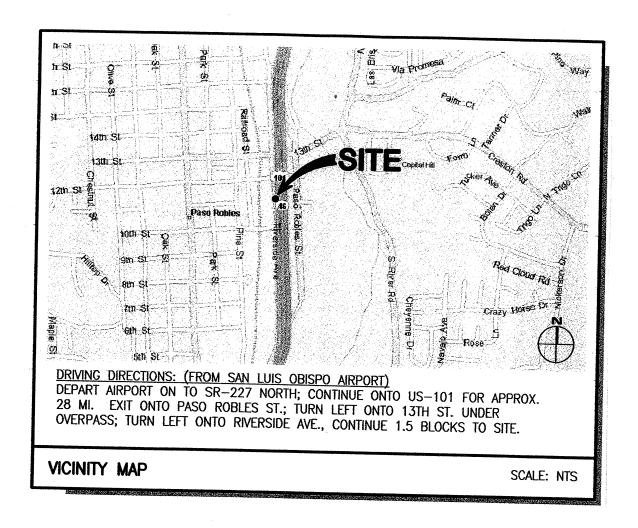
b). Amend, modify or alter the above noted options.

Attachments:

1. Location Map

- 2. Project Information provided by Applicant
- 3. Resolution Approving CUP 07-002
- 4. Newspaper notice and mail affidavits

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Vicinity Map CUP 07-002 1111 Riverside (Clearwire)

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APN: 009-108-005

Project Description/Justification Statement

Introduction

Clearwire Technologies, Inc. (Clearwire) in partnership with Parsons is currently expanding their state-of-the-art wireless communication network throughout California. Clearwire provides services that allow for a wireless modem that can be plugged into a desktop computer, a laptop, or a local network. It operates by transmitting signals to and from nearby transmitting facilities instead of using a traditional phone line. This allows for flexibility and freedom, whereby you can set up the modem anywhere in your home, office, local coffee shop – upstairs or downstairs, inside or outside. The Clearwire connection is always-on, and always-secure.

Proposal

Whenever possible, Clearwire prioritizes location of new capacity at existing facilities rather than developing new ones. Clearwire is seeking permission to expand a wireless communication facility located at 1111Riverside Ave. This facility is part of a larger expansion plan for the City of Paso Robles and nearby communities.

Clearwire is proposing to add three panel antennas, three BTS units and two microwave antennas on an existing \pm 65' building. All of the proposed antennas are to be screened as to not be visible to the public. Clearwire proposes to use radio frequency "friendly" material in front of the antennas that will match the existing louvers in scale, color and texture (please see attached photos).

Once the construction of the wireless facility is complete, visitation to the site by service personnel for routine maintenance typically occurs an average of once per month. The site is entirely self-monitored and connects directly to a central office where sophisticated computers alert personnel to any equipment malfunction. Because the wireless facility will be unstaffed, there will be no regular hours of operation and no impact to existing local traffic patterns. Water and sanitation services are not required for this facility. There are no advertising or signage elements proposed, except signs required by the FCC and facility emergency contact information.

Clearwire will comply with safety requirements of the Uniform Building Code, the California Public Utility Commission, as well as all other applicable regulations and permits, FCC rules governing construction requirements, technical standards, interference protection, power, height limitations, radio frequency standards and FAA rules governing construction and operation. If



the Clearwire equipment is unused or becomes obsolete, it will be removed within six months after its operation has ceased.

Justification Statement

The rapidly increasing use of the internet for business, education, safety, and personal needs has led to the high demand and high expectations for expanded and improved wireless communication services. The rapid growth taking place within the City Paso Robles and increasingly mobile way of conducting business within the region, have significantly increased the demand for wireless communication services.

Clearwire engineers have conducted analysis of the existing network and services in the area. The Riverside Ave location is an integral part of the overall wireless communication service network that Clearwire is proposing in the City of Paso Roblies in order to provide for the expectations and needs of Paso Robles businesses, educators, and residents.

The FCC mandates that licensed service providers comply with stringent requirements such as providing high quality coverage to the general public within a very aggressive timeframe. Sufficient wireless coverage not only meets the general service expectations of wireless customers, but also enhances the economic vitality of local businesses.

Site Selection

This location was selected because it is an integral part of the overall network currently being proposed by Clearwire to provide internet access throughout the City. In reviewing alternatives that meet the overall Clearwire network objective for providing the City with high quality, secure, wireless, internet communications; the development of a new, pole/structure would have been required in lieu locating at this existing site facility.

Summary

The new Clearwire facility will provide "State-of-the-Art" internet wireless communication services to the City and become an important part of the area's infrastructure for future businesses, educators, safety personnel, and residents. Clearwire respectfully requests approval of this application.



RESOLUTION NO:
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A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES TO APPROVE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 07-002 (CINGULAR WIRELESS)

APN: 009-108-005

WHEREAS, Section 21.16.200 of the Municipal Code of the City of El Paso de Robles requires approval of a Conditional Use Permit for transmission and receiving stations in the M-PD zoning district; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, Clearwire, has filed a Conditional Use Permit application to construct a wireless communication facility within the existing building located at 1111 Riverside Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the facility would have a camouflaged design, consisting of 3 panel antennas and 2 microwave antennas, that would be integrated into the building and not be visible; and

WHEREAS, separate equipment would be located inside of the building; and

WHEREAS, and since the antennas and equipment will not be visible, the project would be consistent with Land Use Element Policy 2B, relating to visual identity, including utility infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted by the Planning Commission on April 24, 2007, to consider the facts as presented in the staff report prepared for this project, and to accept public testimony regarding this conditional use permit request; and

WHEREAS, based upon the facts and analysis presented in the staff report and public testimony received and subject to the conditions of approval listed below, the Planning Commission finds that the establishment, maintenance or operation for the requested use or building applied for would be consistent with the General Plan, and will not, under the circumstances of the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, comfort, convenience and general welfare of the persons residing or working in the neighborhood of such proposed use, or be injurious or detrimental to property and improvements in the neighborhood or to the general welfare of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission of the City of

El Paso de Robles does hereby approve Conditional Use Permit 07-002 subject to the following conditions:

1. The project shall be constructed so as to substantially conform with the following listed exhibits and conditions established by this resolution:

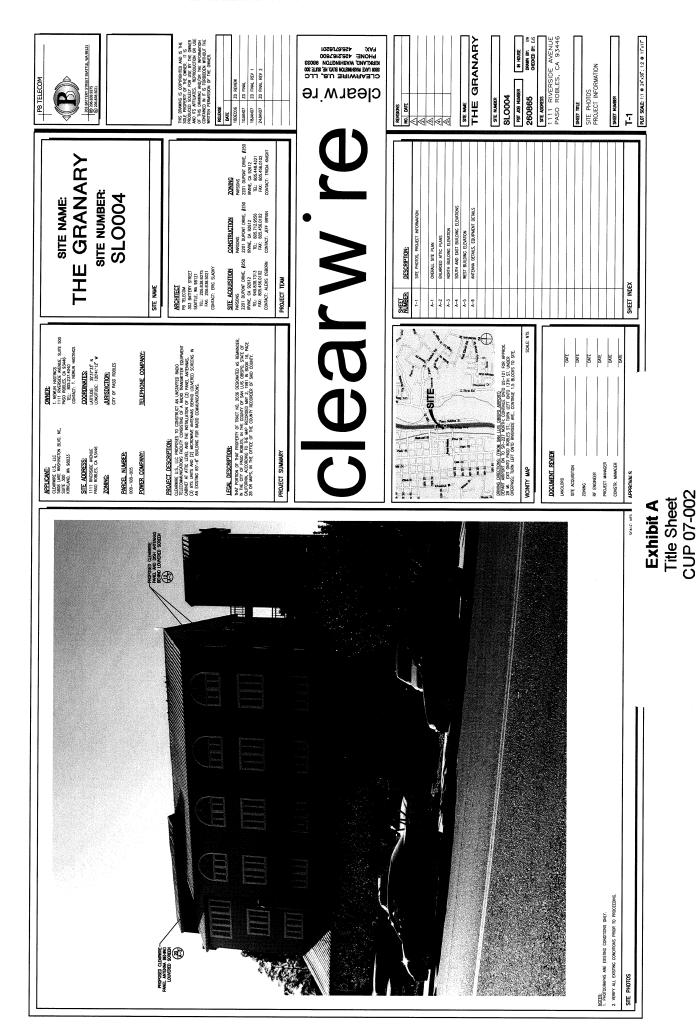
EXHIBIT	DESCRIPTION .
A	Title Sheet
В	Site Plan
C	Floor Plans
D-1	North Elevation
D-2	South & East Elevation
D-3	West Elevation
E	Equipment Plan

- 2. This Conditional Use Permit (CUP) authorizes the construction of a wireless communication facility within the building located at 1111 Riverside Avenue, where the antenna panels would be architecturally integrated into the building and the equipment would be located within the building, in a manner described in attached exhibits and as required by the conditions contained within this resolution.
- 3. This project approval shall expire on April 24, 2009, unless a building permit is issued for the project, or unless a time extension request is filed with the Community Development Department prior to expiration.
- 4. The site shall be developed and maintained in accordance with the approved plans and unless specifically provided for through the Planned Development process shall not waive compliance with any sections of the Zoning Code, all other applicable City Ordinances, and applicable Specific Plans.
- 5. Prior to occupancy, all conditions of approval shall be completed to the satisfaction of the City Engineer and Community Developer Director or his designee.
- 6. Any site specific condition imposed by the Planning Commission in approving this project may be modified or eliminated, or new conditions may be added, provided that the Planning Commission shall first conduct a public hearing in the same manner as required for the approval of this project. No such modification shall be made unless the Commission finds that such modification is necessary to protect the public interest and/or neighboring properties, or, in the case of deletion of an existing condition, that such action is necessary to permit reasonable operation and use for this approval.

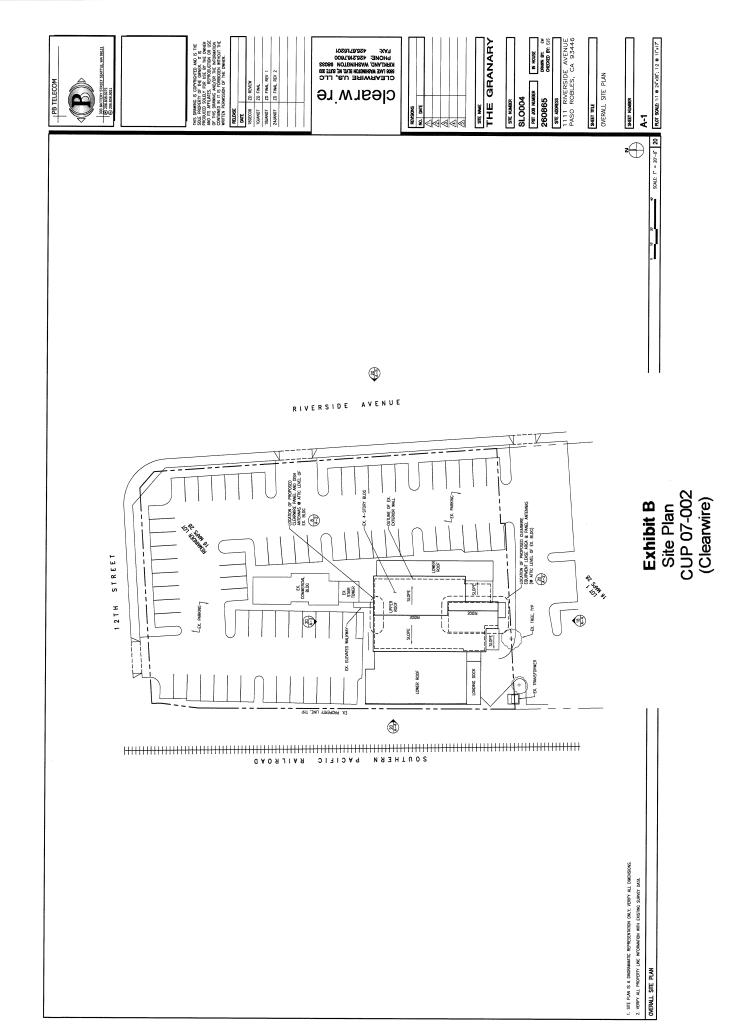
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS <u>24th</u> day of <u>April</u>, 2007 by the following Roll Call Vote:

AYES:	
NOES:	
ABSENT:	
ABSTAIN:	
ATTEST:	CHAIRMAN, MARGARET HOLSTINE
RON WHISENAND, SECRETARY O	F THE PLANNING COMMISSION

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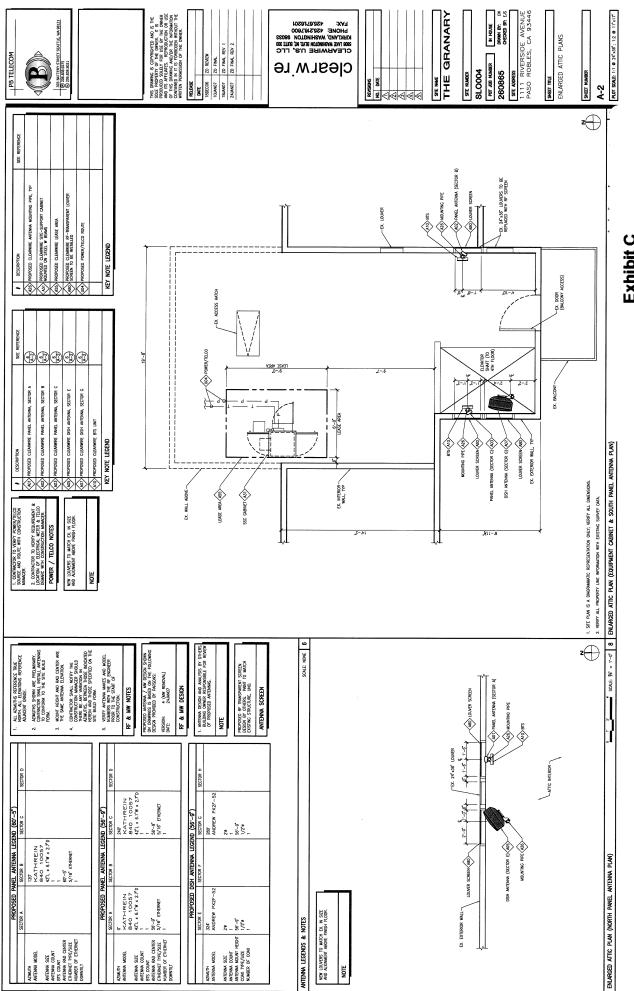


Exhibit C Floor Plans CUP 07-002 (Clearwire)

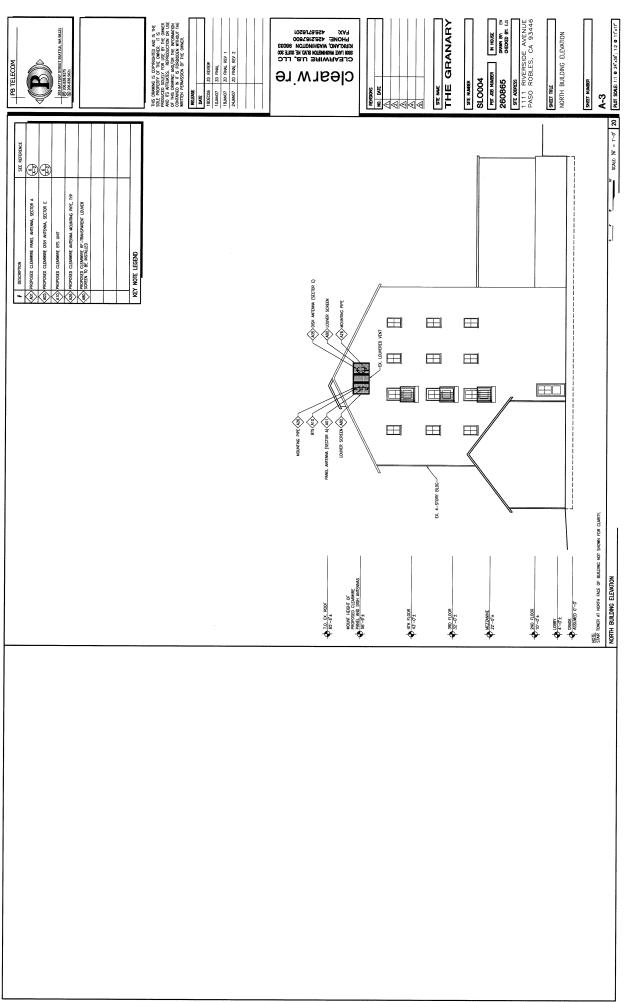
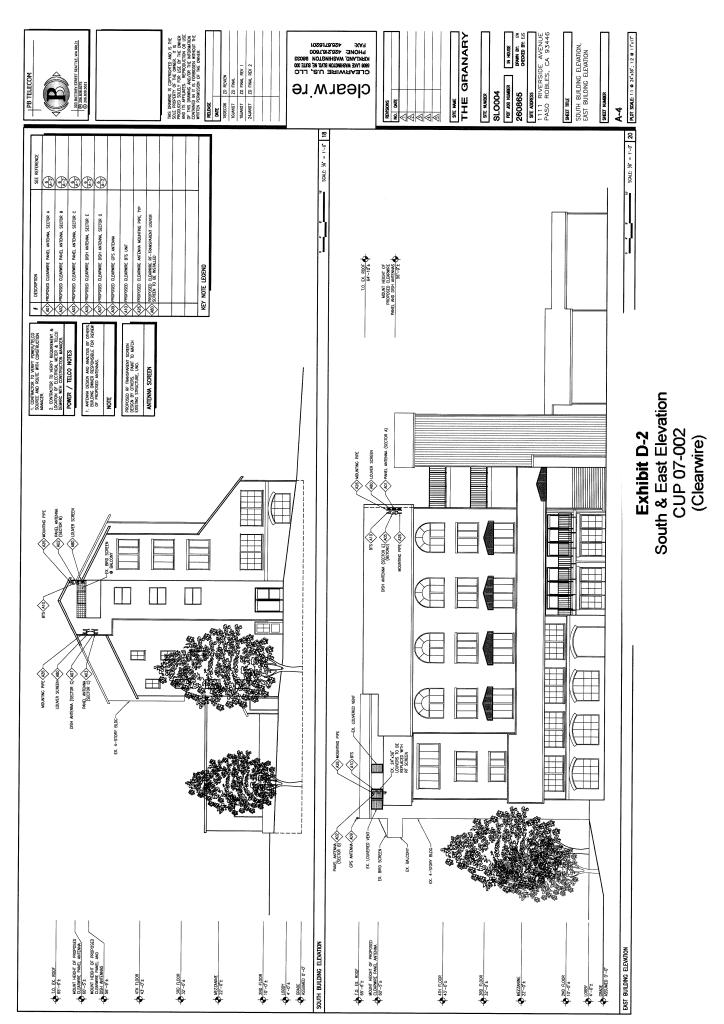


Exhibit D-1
North Elevation
CUP 07-002
(Clearwire)



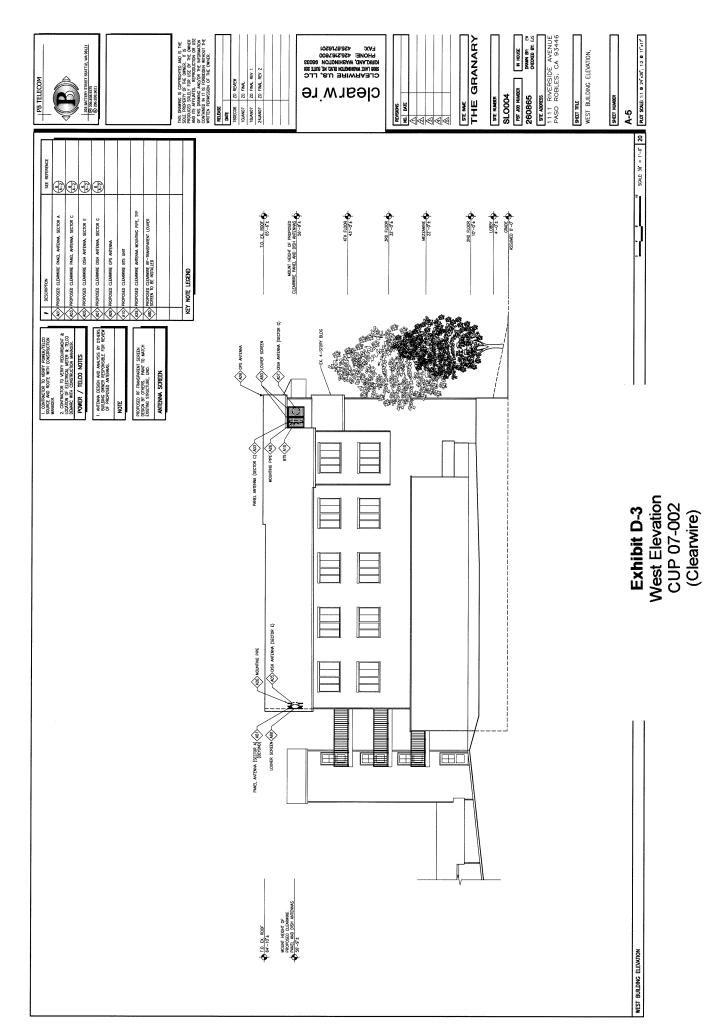


Exhibit EEquipment Plan
CUP 07-002
(Clearwire)

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In The Superior Court of The State of California In and for the County of San Luis Obispo AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

AD #6565445 CITY OF PASO ROBLES

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

SS.

County of San Luis Obispo

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen and not interested in the above entitled matter; I am now, and at all times embraced in the publication herein mentioned was, the principal clerk of the printers and publishers of THE TRIBUNE, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published daily at the City of San Luis Obispo in the above named county and state; that notice at which the annexed clippings is a true copy, was published in the above-named newspaper and not in any supplement thereof – on the following dates, to-wit; APRIL 12, 2007, that said newspaper was duly and regularly ascertained and established a newspaper of general circulation by Decree entered in the Superior Court of San Luis Obispo County, State of California, on June 9, 1952, Case #19139 under the Government Code of the State of California.

I certify (or declare) under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

(Signature of Principal Clerk)

DATED: APRIL 12, 2007

AD COST: \$62.98

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of El Paso de Robles will hold a Public Hearing to consider Conditional Use Permit 07-002, an application submitted by Tricia Knight on behalf of Clearwire LLC, requesting to install a wireless communication facility within the existing Granary Building (Cool Hand Luke's) located at 1111 Riverside Ave.

This hearing will take place in the City Hall/ Library Conference Room, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, California, at the hour of 7:30 PM on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at which time all interested parties may appear and be heard.

This application is Categorically Exempt from environmental review per Section 15303 of the State's Guidelines to Implement the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Comments on the proposed Conditional Use Permit may be mailed to the Community Development Department, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, CA 93446 provided that such comments are received prior to the time of the hearing.

If you challenge the Conditional Use Permit application in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Darren R. Nash, Associate Planner April 12, 2007

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OF MAIL NOTICES

PLANNING COMMISSION/CITY COUNCIL PROJECT NOTICING

I, <u>Talin Shahbazian</u>, employee of the City of El Paso de Robles, California, do hereby certify that the mail notices have been processed as required for <u>Conditional Use Permit 07-002</u>, a request to <u>establish a wireless cellular facility within an existing building, (Applicant, Clearwise / Tricia Knight)</u> on this <u>12th</u> day of <u>April, 2007</u>.

City of El Paso de Robles Community Development Department Planning Division

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