

Friday, January 5, 2019

Dear Burlingame Hills Neighbors,

Verizon recently submitted a proposal to San Mateo County (which was subsequently withdrawn) to add a small cell tower on top of two PG&E utility poles, at 138 Valdeflores Drive and at 2866 Hillside Drive (at Vista Lane). These additions would “extend the reach of the RBS (radio base station) 4G service.”

**As a result of withdrawing the application, the January 17 zoning hearing has been cancelled.**

We fully expect Verizon to resubmit the 4G extension proposal at a later date and also anticipate new proposals covering 5G micro cell tower installations on existing PG&E utility poles. Earlier in 2018, Verizon submitted a proposal to Hillsborough covering 5G installations.

We feel it’s important that residents are properly informed in advance of new proposals so we can respond effectively and to that end are gathering additional information on both 4G coverage through small cell towers and 5G expansion using micro cells and will share information as it becomes available. In the meantime, please read this recent article about 5G expansion in Denver, CO.

<http://www.govtech.com/network/Denvers-5G-Plans-Mean-Antennas-Lots-of-Them.html>

There are both positive and negative impacts to consider as well as some alternatives to installing micro cell and small cell towers on PG&E poles. It is important for safety, usability, and property values to have fast and reliable communications in Burlingame Hills. It is equally important that we maintain (or improve) our existing aesthetic of Burlingame Hills.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Cheers,

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