



Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District — Carpinteria Valley Water District — Montecito Fire Protection District

January 16, 2024

Dear Community Member,

The Carpinteria Summerland Fire Protection District and the Montecito Fire Protection District have been working collaboratively with the Carpinteria Valley Water District to upgrade our VHF emergency communications system. The proposed upgrade will allow both fire agencies and regional fire agencies to integrate our emergency communication channels providing enhanced communication capabilities for our local first responders. The Carpinteria Valley Water District's Shephard Mesa water reservoir tower at 7339 Shepard Mesa Road provides an optimal location as we already have an antenna at this site.

We are proposing to add a 36-inch microwave antenna on the Shepard Mesa water tank and add an equipment storage locker with radio equipment below the water tank. See attached rendering. The antenna is pointed in a westerly direction toward Gibraltar peak. We are engaged in acquiring all applicable permits and have had the project vetted by a licensed communications engineer. The emissions generated by the equipment are less than that generated by a typical household microwave oven. We are working on a License Agreement with the Carpinteria Valley Water District so that we may move forward with this important project.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in helping our local firefighters find a solution for a more reliable and sustainable VHF emergency radio coverage for our community. To that end, please join us at a community meeting, details below, where we will share our proposal and answer any questions. We will also answer questions by email at info@montecitofire.com.

Community Meeting

January 31, 2024 @ 7pm

Carpinteria Lions Club

6197 Casitas Pass Road, Carpinteria 93013



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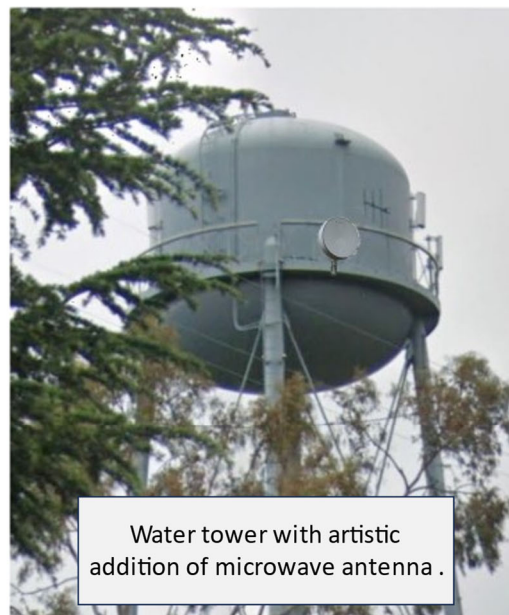
Robert Kovach, Fire Chief, Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District

Robert McDonald, General Manager, Carpinteria Valley Water District

David Neels, Fire Chief, Montecito Fire Protection District



Existing Shepard Mesa water tower.



Water tower with artistic addition of microwave antenna .