



Workshop Report

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Subject: Wireless Communications Facilities Ordinance Workshop

DISCUSSION: The City of Malibu is hosting a virtual workshop to encourage public participation and increase understanding and awareness regarding the preparation of a new wireless ordinance. The workshop will be led by City Staff and the City Attorney's Office.

The purpose of the virtual workshop is to discuss the proposed ordinance and gather community input in preparation of the final draft ordinance. During the workshop, members of the City Council and the public will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on the preparation of the draft ordinance.

Process

In 2016, the City Council directed staff to update the City of Malibu Wireless Communication Facility (WCF) Ordinance. The City's WCF Ordinance is contained in Malibu Municipal Code (MMC) Chapter 17.46 and Local Coastal Program Local Implementation Plan Section 3.16. The Ordinance update attempts to address issues that residents, City staff, and wireless communications applicants have experienced during the process of proposing and siting new facilities, including existing facility upgrades throughout the City. City staff wishes to establish a transparent permitting process for WCFs and adopt other processing time rules. In addition, the code update is also necessary to bring the City's Ordinance into compliance with federal and State laws that have been enacted since the adoption of its original ordinance in 2003.

The first step is to evaluate the City's existing Ordinance, all relevant regulatory documents, federal and State laws, and public comments received to date. The purpose of this public workshop is to provide an overview of the existing City Ordinance, federal and State regulatory frameworks related to wireless issues, and the basics of wireless communication facilities. Input will be solicited from the community on a draft ordinance and desired outcomes.

After the public workshop is held, a draft of the ordinance will be developed and be presented to the Planning Commission prior to the City Council consideration. These meetings will be public and online attendance is encouraged. This process will occur concurrently with the public review process of the California Environment Quality Act document.

More Information

For more information, visit the project page at malibucity.org/wcf. Visitors to the project page can also sign up to receive notification by email about upcoming hearings related to the wireless ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS: None