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Mr. Ken White
County Planner, Land Use Services
San Bernardino County, California

RE: SCH# 2008041082

Dear Mr. White:

The California Native Plant Society (CNPS) is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to the conservation and preservation of California's native flora. The Riverside/San Bernardino Counties Chapter of CNPS works to increase the public awareness of the significance of native plants and to preserve the native vegetation of Riverside and southwestern San Bernardino Counties.

This comment letter pertains to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), State Clearinghouse No. 2008041082 for the Lazer Broadcasting Facility Project. Lazer Broadcasting Corporation is proposing the construction and operation of a radio broadcast facility to include a 43-foot tall monopole with attached antenna and a 10-foot by 10-foot single-story (nine-foot tall) equipment building on a 38.12-acre site. The Project Site is located near Wildwood Canyon and Oak Gen Roads, west of Pisgah Peak Road in an unincorporated area of San Bernardino County, and within the Oak Glen Community Plan area. Please add our chapter to the notification list for all further documents on this project.

Our comments pertain to conserving and maintaining the natural vegetation on-site. This is part of the San Bernardino County General Plan: to maintain and enhance biological diversity and healthy ecosystems throughout the County (Goal "CO 2"), including the preservation of unique environmental features of the Mountain Region, including native wildlife, vegetation and scenic vistas (Goal M/CO 1).

To this end, we recommend **a restoration plan approved by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife be prepared and implemented for project approval.** This plan should include: 1) the use of *locally-sourced plant species native to the site*, 2) a design in "zones" to include appropriate vegetation for reduced fuels (i.e. planting native bunchgrasses such as *Festuca californica* documented onsite versus chaparral shrubs in the reduced fuel zone), 3) native vegetation and in addition, perhaps hardscapes such as natural rock to reduce erosion from the building site (building, monopole and access area - in the applicant's best interest, and along the proposed 6700 foot underground powerline going to the proposed broadcast facility, 4) success criteria for the restoration plan, 5) annual monitoring of the site to evaluate whether success criteria have been met, and 5) a performance bond to ensure implementation and adherence to county general plan goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Our local chapter of the California Native Plant Society would be happy to help you with the review of the restoration plan for this project. Please feel free to contact me at this email address for assistance: kakramer1@icloud.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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