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Dear Ms Gregory,

The American River Parkway Advisory Committee appreciates the opportunity to comment on the on the AT&T S. Bridge Street Monopine project. Our committee has the following comments:

- The views from the Fair Oaks Bluff and of the Old Fair Oaks Bridge offer some of the most scenic and photographed landscapes in the area. Any visual intrusion to the views from the Fair Oaks Bluff or of the Old Fair Oaks Bridge should consider the sensitivity of this valuable and highly recognized viewshed.
- The project appears to be in compliance with Sacramento County American River Parkway Plan (ARP Plan). The ARP Plan includes recommendations for minimizing visual impacts upon the Parkway from uses and facilities adjacent to the Parkway. These recommendations include setbacks or buffers, screening, using colors and materials of non-reflective surfaces, and using colors that blend with the colors of the surrounding vegetation. Our committee appreciates that the Bridge Street Monopine has been designed to minimize visual impacts upon the Parkway.
- This proposed tower project would likely alleviate communication problems for our Park Rangers and County Sheriffs who patrol the Sunrise access area of the American River Parkway. Much of the Sunrise access area (between Jim's Bridge and the Parkway eastward adjacent to the Gold River neighborhoods), is considered a "dark spot" of poor signal strength for the patrol vehicles' vital communications, including mobile digital terminals, which communicate via the use of an AT&T air card, and their cell phones.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment and look forward to improved communications ability for our Parkway law enforcement, as well as a visually unobtrusive tower project.

Sincerely,

Jenny Smith, chair