

Drake's Point Radio Tower

Resolution 17-342

October 23, 2018

Concerned Citizens for Old Rocky

SaveOldRocky.org

Spokesman James Gorham

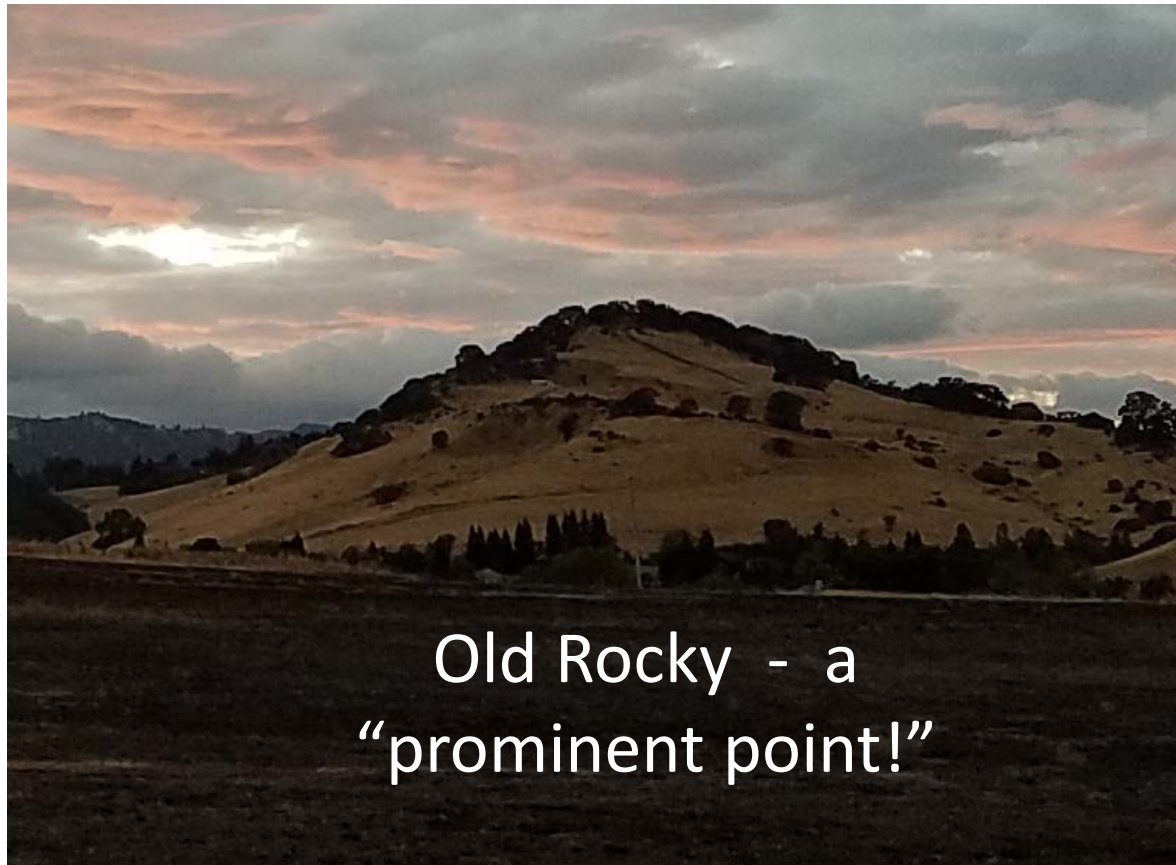
Resident – Vacaville, CA

Vacaville Municipal Code Section 14.09.125.090 (F) 1.

No Telecommunication on “a **prominent point of a ridgeline unless an exception is granted.**”

- No exception was granted, nor could be

Staff didn't address this!



Old Rocky - a
“prominent point!”

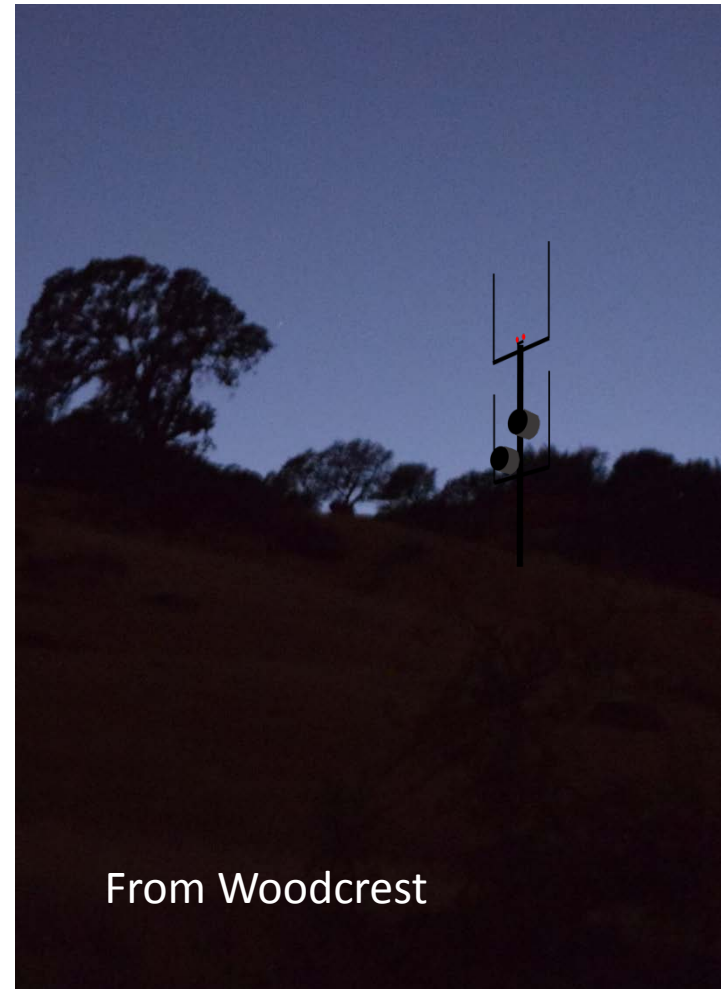
Section 14.09.125.070 (B)1

No new telecom “placed so as to **silhouette** against the sky above one of the City’s ridgelines....”

***Staff didn’t
address this!***



From Rollingwood



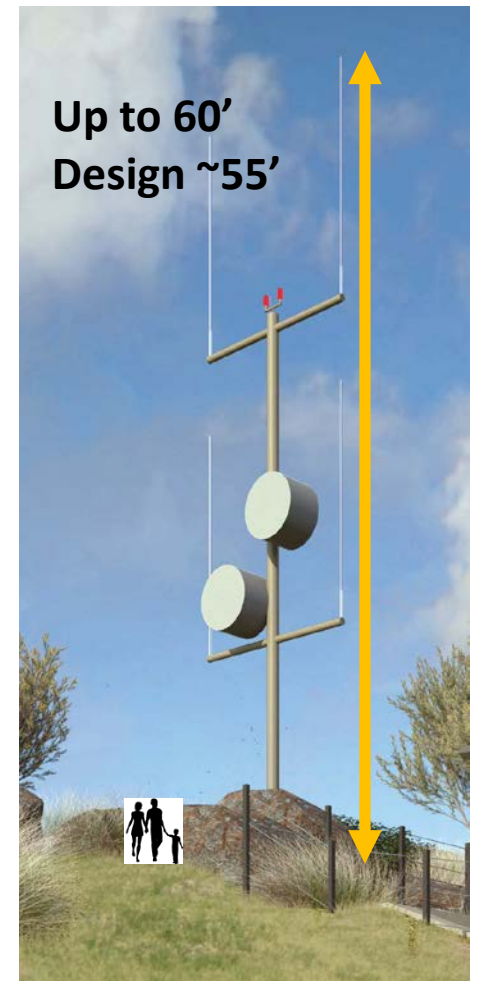
From Woodcrest

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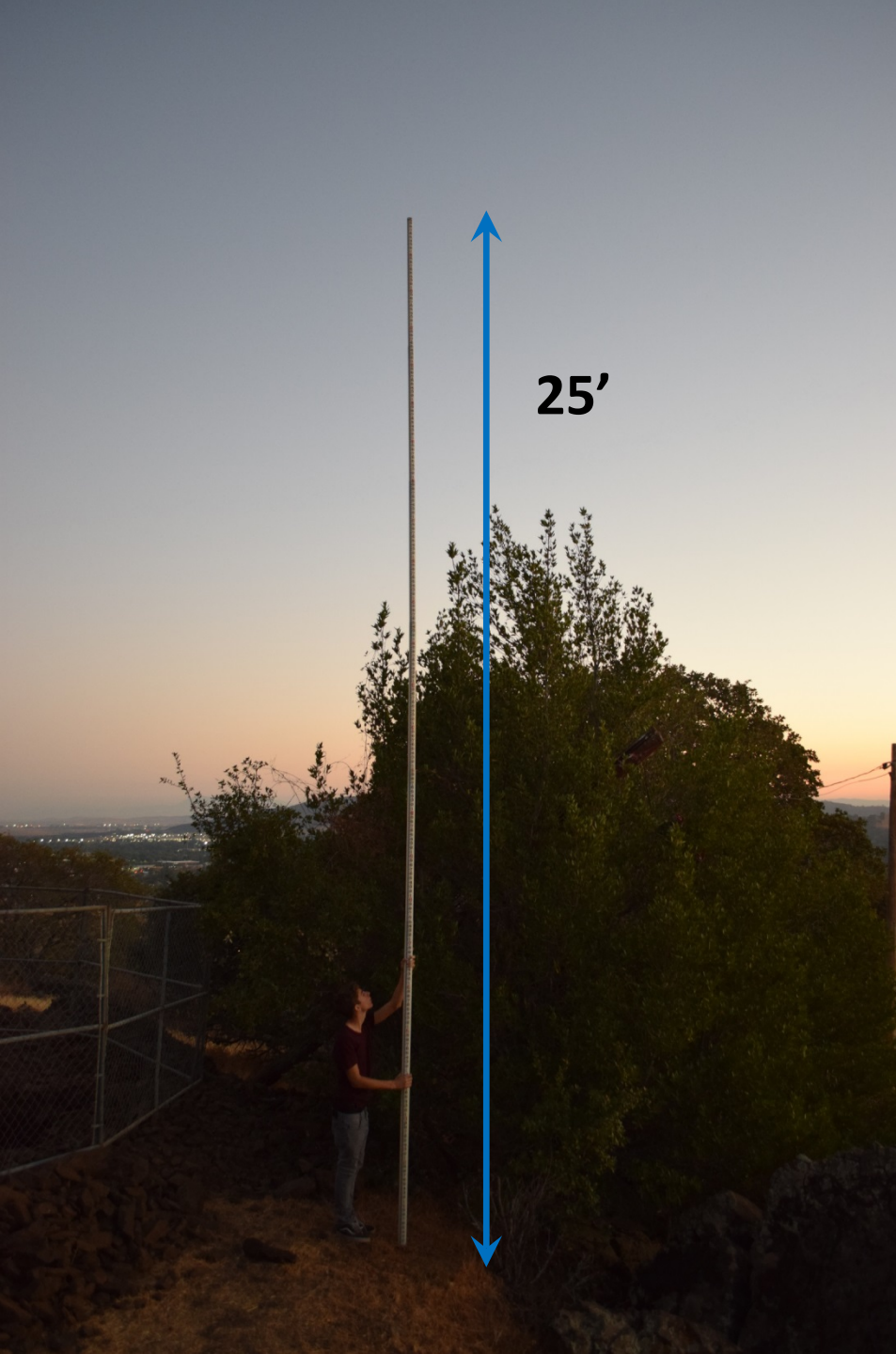
**No telecom on undeveloped ridgelines
unless ...**

Blends with the environment to
be **“effectively unnoticeable.”**

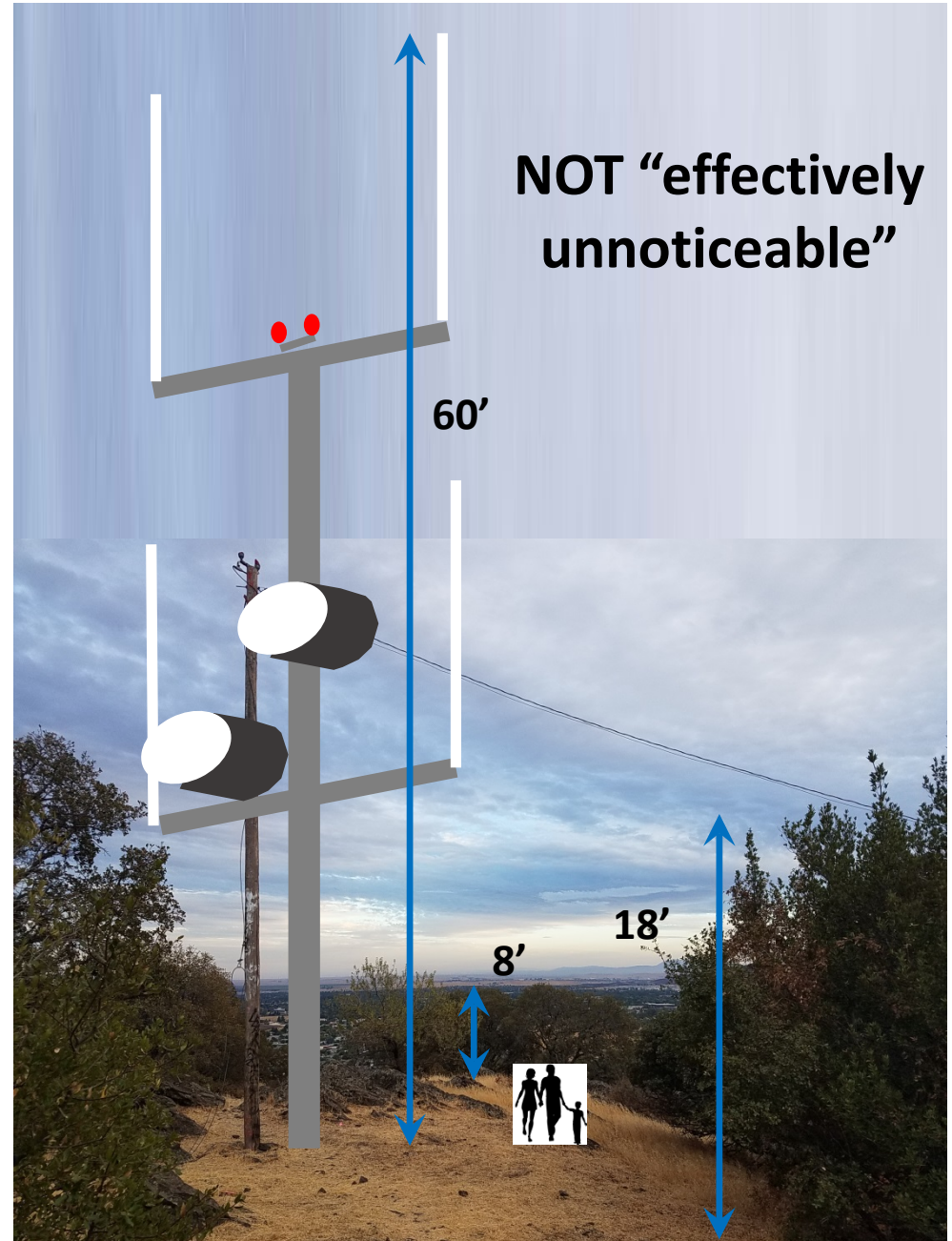
Staff maintained **“surrounded
by vegetation rendering its
appearance unnoticeable.”**



**We've measured the
vegetation, we've
measured the old
pole...**



**Airport obstruction
pole – 31’; scale a
60’ tower to that...**





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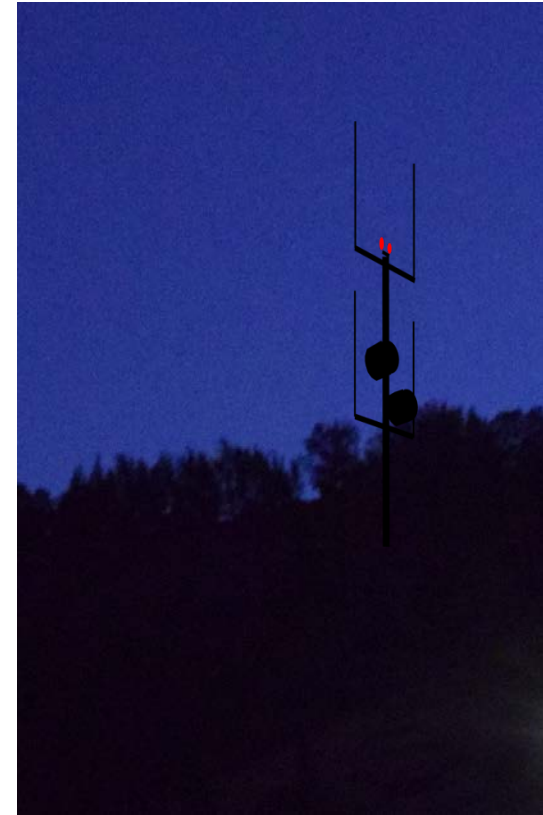
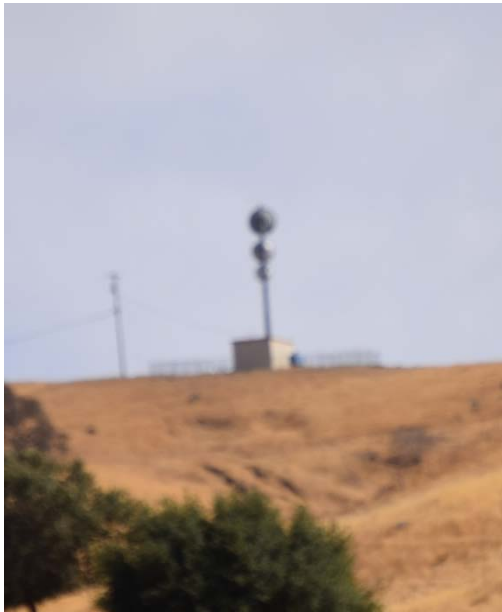
Vine



Brown St.

Woodcrest





Paint won't hide it....not in most light.

Section 14.09.125.070 (B)1

No telecom on undeveloped ridgelines unless
... “a clear need to locate such facility...”

Alternatives?

- 2005 Study **obsolete**; no *alternatives* published since
- **Old Rocky has been assumed!**
- **Sacrificing local value for regional solution!**
- ***Stated* intent to fund with cellular \$\$\$!**
 - ***Major and legitimate concern!***

Alternatives

- Co-location with T-line/water tower, etc.
- Repeaters and local amplification
- Separate needs/wants
- Alameda County – mobile trucks/antennae



Consultants – you tell them Old Rocky's off-limits, they'll find you a solution!

Resolution 17-342 – Section 14.09.072.150 (D)

- “...may be revoked for ...”
 - (2) **...permit or entitlement was obtained or extended upon ... misrepresentation; and**
 - (3) **... the project violates a provision of the Municipal Code...**

Misrepresentations

- “Existing pole 38-feet, and the new tower is a couple feet higher”
 - ***The truth, prior pole is 31’, new tower is up to 60’***
- “It’s a 40-foot monopole”
 - ***The truth, by Code, it is up to a 60-foot tower***
- “It’s on Drake’s Point”
 - ***The truth, no one knows it by that, it’s Old Rocky***
- “Vegetation would screen it, rendering it unnoticeable”
 - ***The truth, it will be visible for miles***
- No clear visual analysis or scaled renderings – ***UNTIL NOW!!!***
- “Alternatives considered...”
 - ***The truth, regional vs. local needs drove alts***

More Misrepresentations

- “This is not about cellular”
 - ***The truth, the municipal code encourages additional towers***
- “Will minimize aesthetic intrusion” on the site
 - ***The truth, Old Rocky is a highly valued resource, and any change is significant and irreversible***

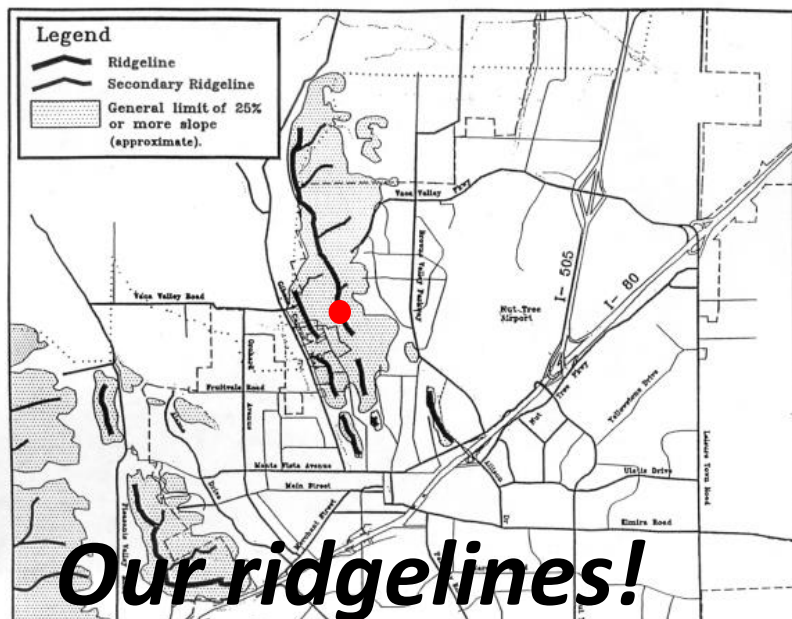


Having “no effect”

14.09.125.020

- Stated purpose of our telecommunications code, includes:
 - **“To minimize adverse visual and aesthetic effects...”**
 - **“To protect property values...”**

RIDGELINES APPLICABLE TO TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES



14.09.125.020

- Stated purpose of our telecommunications code, includes:
 - **“Accommodate new communication antennas...”**
 - Height can **increase to 75’** with other users
 - Project now 5 stories high. **HUGE visual impacts!**
 - City has already toyed with cellular \$\$\$ to pay for this!
 - More towers on Old Rocky? Not *if*, a matter of *when*!

Obstruction pole - visible from all over town...how much more a 60' (or 75') tower?

31'

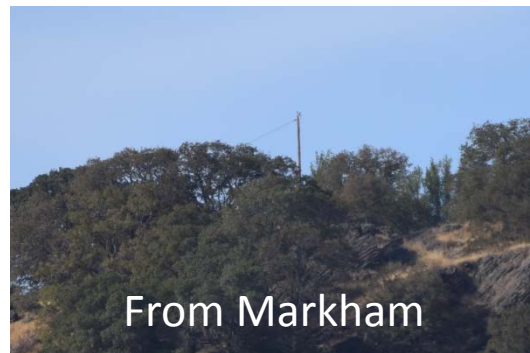
Airport
Obstruction Pole —
City said 37-38'



From Brown's Valley



From N. Vine



From Markham



From the Ridge



From Vine



From N. Orchard

Tower was misrepresented

Tower is in violation of municipal code

- We respectfully request a temporary work stoppage while these concerns are addressed.
- We also ask for a full-scale mockup.