

Wireless Ordinance Discussion



CITY *of* CALABASAS

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Current Ordinance

- Section 17.12.050 of the CMC:
 - Regulates all wireless facilities, including those within the public right-of-way
 - Wireless Telecommunication Facility Permit
 - Minor Modification Permit
 - Small Wireless Facility Permit
 - Regulates Satellite Dishes and Radio Antennas



Issues with Current Ordinance

- **Process**
 - Wireless Facility Permit process is restrictive
- **Prohibited Locations**
 - New facilities are prohibited in residential and open space zones, including streets within gated communities
- **1,000-foot setback from residential uses, schools and parks**
 - Most of the City is located within 1,000 feet of a residential use, school or park.
- **Organization**
 - Current ordinance is 26 pages long



Process

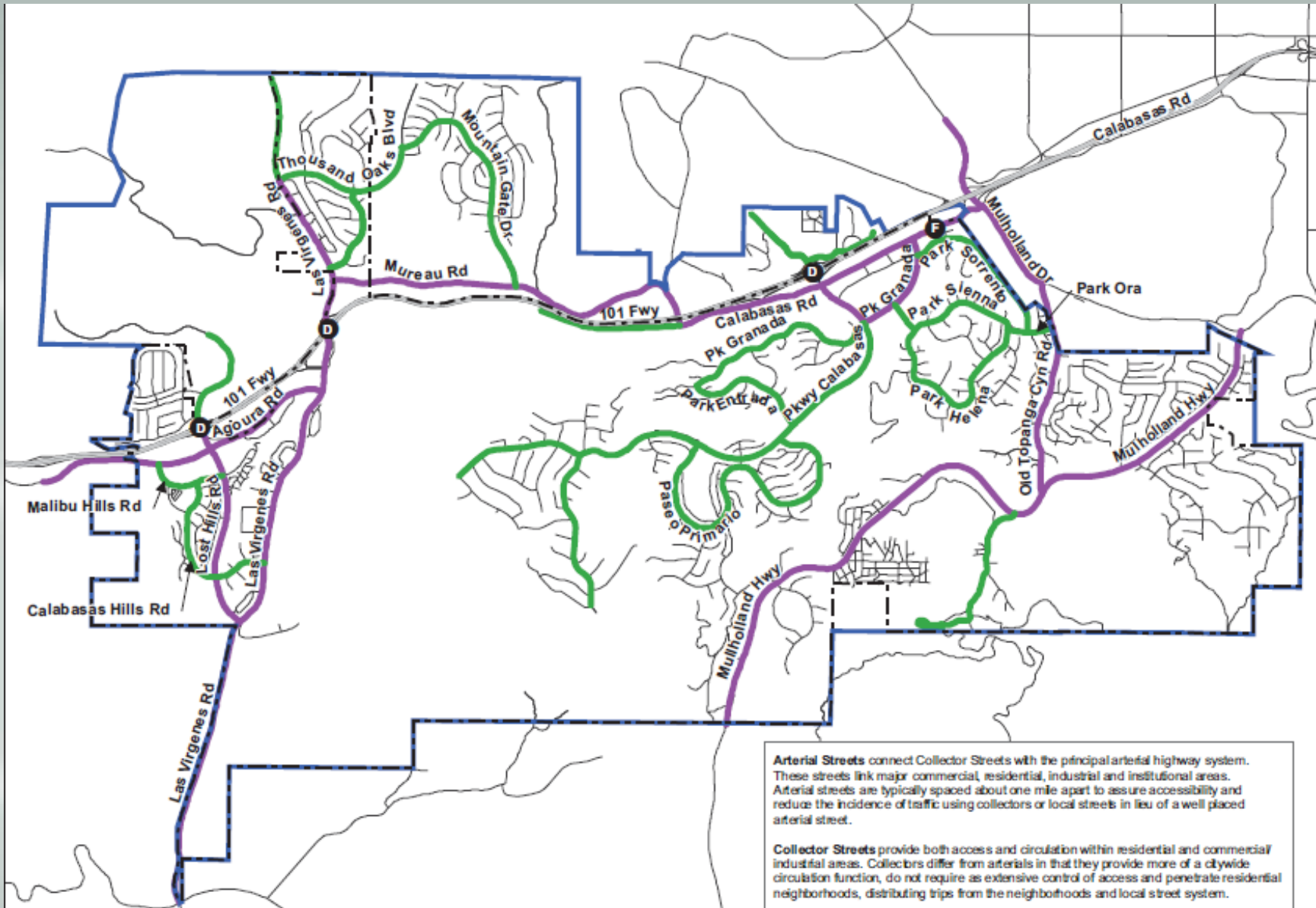
- **Wireless Telecommunication Facility Permit**
 - Required for all new facilities not subject to a Small Wireless Facility Permit
 - Discretionary Permit subject to CTC review and approval.
 - Findings require the applicant to demonstrate a proposed facility is the least intrusive mean to close a significant gap in the carrier's coverage.
 - Requires a 30 day public hearing notice to all property owners within 1,500 feet





Tier 1 Examples

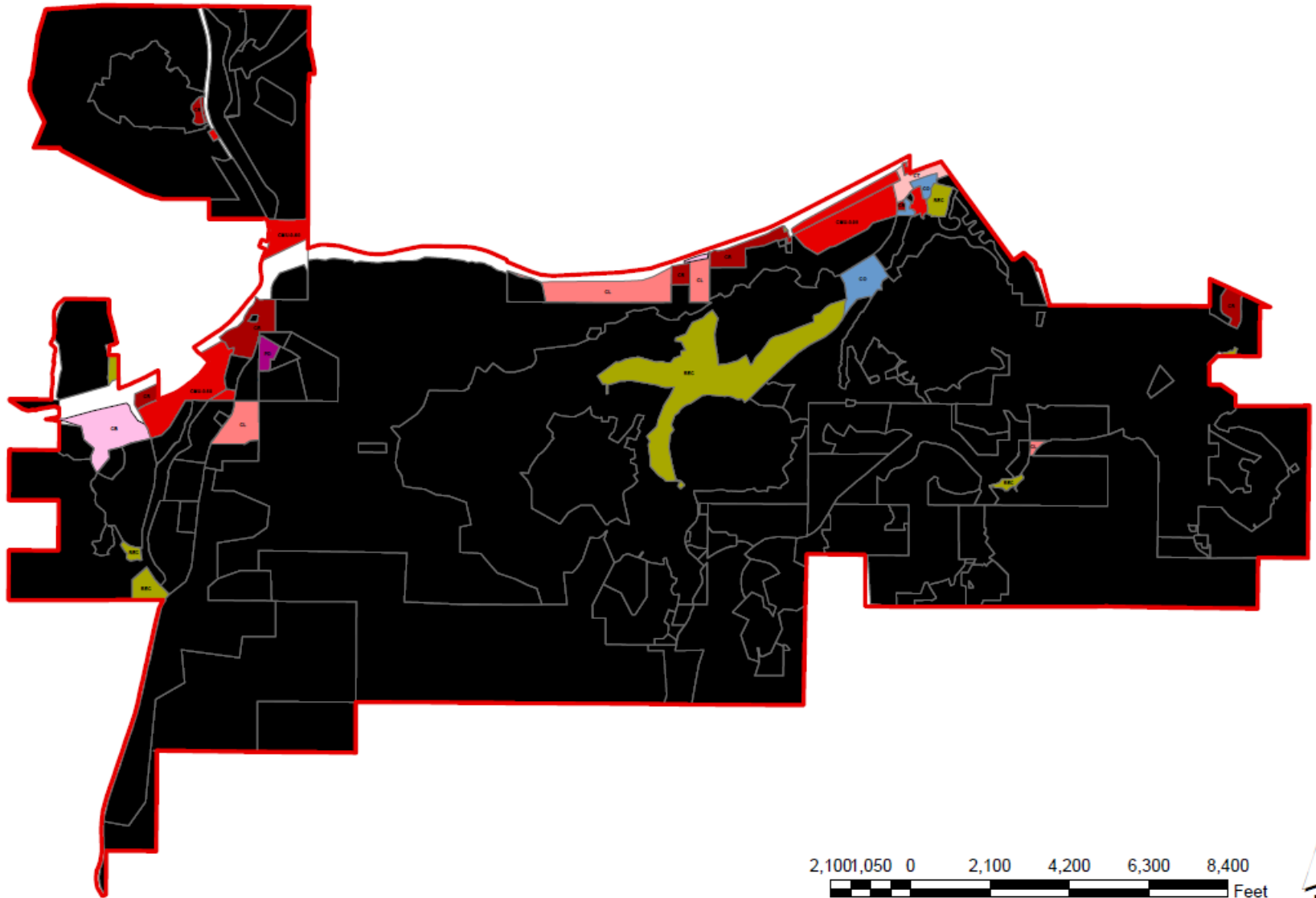




Prohibited Locations

- Prohibited Zones
 - Residential Zones, including streets within gated communities
 - Open Space Zones, including developed HOA common area



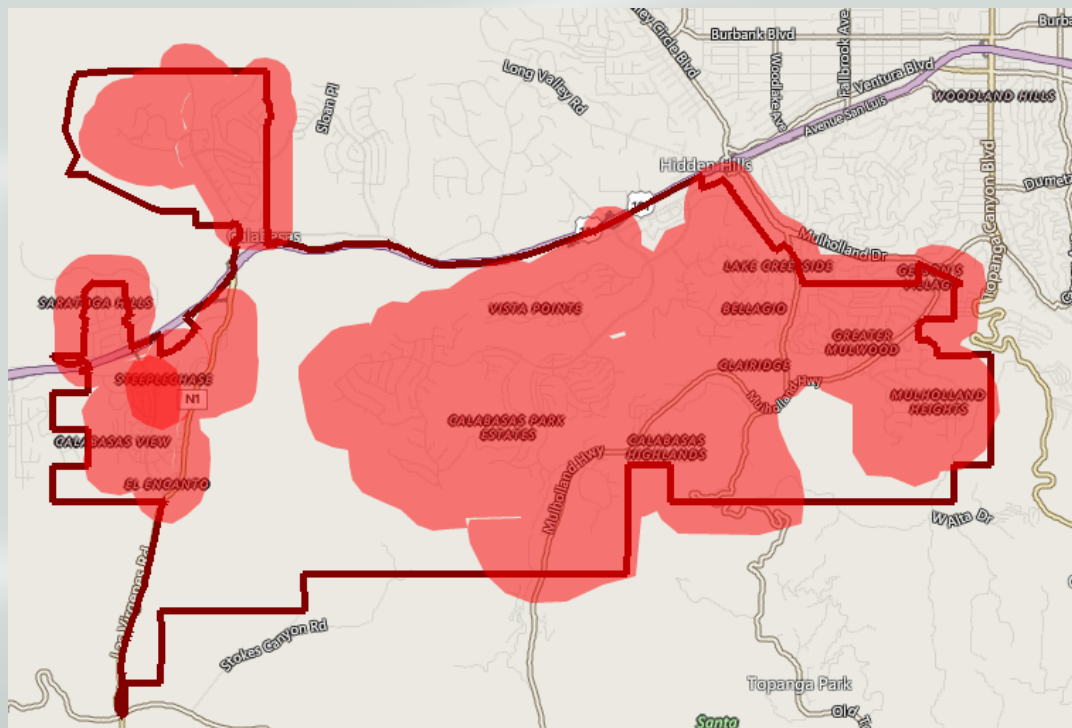


WIRELESS FACILITY ORDINANCE DISCUSSION



1,000-foot Setback

- All new facilities required to be setback at least 1,000 feet from residential uses, schools and parks



Organization

- **Wireless Ordinance is a subsection of 17.12, Standards for Specific Land Uses.**
 - Includes specific uses such as residential accessory structures, accessory dwelling units, alcohol sales etc
 - Most subsections are a few paragraphs or a few pages
 - Wireless subsection is 26 pages!!



Summary of Recommendations

1. Develop a Two Tier Permit Process;
2. Allow for stealth facilities in Residential and Open Space Zoning Districts, developed and under HOA ownership;
3. Allow Tier 1 facilities within 1,000 feet of residential uses, schools and parks;
4. Reorganize wireless ordinance into its own Chapter in the CMC;
5. Develop design and stealth guidelines for Tier 1 facilities; and
6. Implement a 12-18 month time limit for the ordinance.



Next Steps

1. City Council direction
2. Stakeholder meetings and outreach (2-3 months)
3. Draft ordinance and design guidelines, and prepare CEQA documentation (3-6 months)
4. CTC public hearing (1-2 meetings)
5. City Council public hearing (2-3 meetings)



Recommended Action

Staff recommends that the City Council provide direction to staff to update with City's wireless ordinance.

