

Board Action Request

SUBJECT: TFD Peck Canyon Cell Tower

DATE: October 30, 2019

FROM: Cheryl Horvath, Fire Chief

Background:

Tubac Fire District received an offer in May 2018 from American Tower to purchase the tower at Peck Canyon or negotiate a new lease pending termination of the current agreement. The Fire Board discussed this issue last year and the September 2018 board memo is included in this month's board packet for review.

American Tower has approached TFD again with the offer to purchase the tower or renew the current lease agreement.

Thomas Waniewski, a telecommunication consultant with Capital Telecom, will be available at the October meeting to discuss the American Tower offer.

Fiscal Impact:

The District collects approximately \$185,000 annually for cell tower leases (American Tower, Sprint, and Simply Bits). If the District decides to sell the tower this annual revenue will not be available.

Alternate Option:

Provide staff with additional direction

Legal Review: None required at this time. The board did approve an engagement letter previously with Lake & Cobb PLC for legal expertise pending sale of the cell tower.

Staff Recommendation:

Authorize staff to coordinate the sale of the Tubac Fire District Peck Canyon cell tower.

Proposed Motion:

Move to authorize staff to pursue the sale of the Tubac Fire District Peck Canyon cell tower.

See Attachments

- American Tower Offer
- T Waniewski Letter to Chief Horvath
- AT Sept_18 Board Memo