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Hello Sky-Hi residents,

I would like to give you a brief update on the proposed Verizon Cell Tower.

The Sky-Hi Water District (DWID) was approached by DW Tower. A cell phone tower builder who recently constructed local towers in Forest Lakes, Tonto Village and is working with the residents of Nutrioso to build a tower.

DW Tower specializes in remote area towers with a emphasis on camouflaging the tower architecture to mimic the surrounding forest.

The DWID is currently negotiating the lease agreement for the tower to be built on DWID land immediately north of the pump house. There will be a utility building (approx 16'x36') erected along the existing fence line on the north side of the water tanks. The utility building will be constructed to look like the pump house building. Minimal trees will be removed to provide some natural visual boundaries.

The DWID has taken the community's concerns regarding noise, lighting, appearance and coverage that were discussed in a 2022 community meeting when the opportunity of a cell tower in Sky-Hi first came to be. All those items are being address in the negotiations. Our goal is to ensure the cell tower and its support equipment do not increase any background noise or light. We also have confidence in improved Verizon cell coverage at the properties adjacent to the DWID property where the tower will be constructed.

During the June- Oct 2022 community outreach effort, the water board received 53 responses in support of the tower and 3 opposed.

As more information becomes available, the water board will post updates on the website:

<https://www.skyhiwater.org/cell-phone-tower>

Any formal DWID discussion regarding the cell phone tower can be found in the meeting agendas for DWID business posted on the website prior to the meeting in accordance with Arizona Open Meeting Laws.

<https://www.skyhiwater.org/board-meetings>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to participate in a board meeting or send your inquiry via email to: [skyhidwid@gmail.com](mailto:skyhidwid@gmail.com)

Thank you  
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