

University of Redlands (FRN 0001532266)
KUOR, Redlands, CA (Facility ID No. 69217)
Extension of LMS file # 0000195860, original file BSTA-20160222ABX

The University of Redlands, licensee of noncommercial educational station KUOR–FM, Redlands, CA, by counsel, hereby respectfully requests a further extension of its outstanding Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) for operation at a reduced antenna height. This request seeks extension of the following STA and earlier extensions thereof: BSTA-20160222ABX, as extended by BESTA20160809AAW and further extended by BESTA-20170124ABX, BESTA20170727ABE, BESTA20180216ACX, BESTA-20180731ABN, BESTA-20190128AAO, BESTA-20190725AAN, BESTA20200207AAE, BESTA-20200804AAH, BESTA-20210212AAZ, BESTA-202108065AAL, BESTA-20220208AAE and LMS file #0000195860.

The current mode of operation was made necessary when the station's main transmission site suffered a tower collapse during a wind and snow storm on January 31, 2016. The tower is owned by the California Highway Patrol (“CHP”). The station is operating with a temporary antenna installed 9 meters below the licensed height. The site owner, CHP, has been authorized to build the new tower and plans are underway for the construction of the replacement tower. A number of circumstances, in addition to state budgeting and revenue allocation processes, have created delays in completion of the planned reconstruction. These have included past and current weather and fire conditions, which limits the months during which construction can be done at the site and is an added impediment to completing construction.

The COVID-19 pandemic has added further delays because of shelter-in-place orders and limitations on personnel movement and thus the ability to work at the transmitter site.

A modification application which seeks a more permanent authorization to operate with such facilities for the immediately foreseeable future has been prepared, and it is anticipated that the filing will take place either concurrently with or shortly after the filing of this STA extension request. As that application realistically cannot be granted prior to the STA’s expiration, licensee requests a further extension of the STA to operate from the temporary antenna. Grant of the request will allow the station to continue serving its community pending grant of the modification application.