



## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

The Governmenta Role in Managing the Connected Community

## by Paul Valle-Riestra

This book explains the dynamic field of telecommunications in clear language useful to planners, attorneys, local legislators, cable franchise administrators, and telecommunications company personnel. It includes a detailed summary and analysis of federal and state laws governing the location and regulation of physical facilities including cable, traditional telephone systems, wireless systems (cellular, paging, and Internet), satellite dishes, and antennas. With practice tips, a glossary, photographs, a table of authorities, and an index.

The first book to explain the field of telecommunications regulation in easy-to-understand, straightforward language

An ideal resource for local government staff, attorneys, planners, engineers, cable franchise administrators, and telecommunications company personnel



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- An in-depth guide on how to establish the appropriate role for local government in managing and regulating telecommunications services and facilities
- Applicable statutory and case law governing telecommunications
- The public policy issues associated with regulating telecommunications
- Current technologies, the telecommunications industry, and the future of telecommunications regulations
- Environmental and design standards
- Understand the relationship between cable, open video, telephony, wireless, and other services
- Identify siting issues and uses of rights-of-way to manage antenna and equipment location
- Prepare legally-adequate ordinances and agreements
- Negotiate initial franchises, renewals, and transfers
- Identify revenue prospects from services and transactions
- Identify health, safety, and aesthetic concerns