

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 VAN NESS AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298

**PUBLIC NOTICE****NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Project: Digital 299 Broadband Project

Description: Vero Fiber Networks, LLC proposes to install approximately 300 miles of new conduit and fiber optic cables to provide internet to unserved or underserved communities in northern California. The Project route generally follows the State Route 299 corridor through Trinity, Shasta, and Humboldt counties. Conduit would be installed within pre-disturbed road shoulders. The Project also includes the construction of up to five small regeneration buildings (ILA buildings) placed along the route. Some last-mile connections would be attached to utility poles during a second phase of the Project. State and federal agencies have collaborated to leverage a joint Environmental Assessment/Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration (EA/ISMND) and associated technical studies to support their separate decisions and permits.

CEQA Status: Consideration and possible adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration. According to the Mitigated Negative Declaration, the proposed project would not have any potentially significant environmental impacts after implementation of mitigation measures. Mitigation measures are proposed for the following area: Biological Resources.

The EA/ISMND is available for inspection on weekdays between Monday, January 3 and Wednesday, February 2, 2022, along with copies of all documents which relate to the project, at the following locations:

- **Redding City Hall**, 777 Cypress Avenue, Redding, CA 96001
- **Lewiston Community Center**, 130 Texas Avenue, Lewiston, CA 96052
- **Trinity County Library**, 351 Main Street, Weaverville, CA 96093
- **Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center**, 921 Waterfront Drive, Eureka, CA 95501

Electronic copies of the EA/ISMND are also available for download at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), Shasta-Trinity National Forest (STNF), and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Project websites:

- **CPUC:** <https://ia.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/nfo/transcon/>
- **STNF:** <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56456>
- **BLM:** <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2017155/510>

Written and verbal comments regarding the environmental effects of this project and the adequacy of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are solicited. Written comments must be presented during the public review period, which runs from January 3, 2022, through February 2, 2022. Comments may be provided in the following formats:

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- Complete and mail the pre-addressed comment form (mailed to members of the public along the route and available at the public posting locations)
- Call (888)-241-1890 and leave a detailed voice message
- Email your comment to either of the following individuals:
 - andrew.barnsdale@cpuc.ca.gov
 - talexander@transcon.com

If you challenge the particular proceeding in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised during the public comment period described in this notice.

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