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**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION  
(Public Resources Code section 21108)**

File Ref: A3066  
SCH#: 2022010017  
Item: 39

Title: Digital 299 Broadband

Applicant: Vero Fiber Networks, Inc.

Location: Sovereign land in the Mad River, at the State Route 299 Bridge Crossing, near Arcata, Humboldt County.

Description: The Digital 299 Broadband proposed project (project) is an approximately 300-mile regional telecommunications network that would support portions of Humboldt, Trinity, and Shasta Counties. The project includes the above- and below-ground installation of fiber optic cable and various network support facilities. The State Lands Commission action is issuance of a 25-year General Lease – Right-of-Way Use through February 25, 2049, for the installation and use of a 4-inch-diameter fiber optic conduit.

This is to advise that the California State Lands Commission, as  Lead Agency  Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on February 26, 2024, and made the following determinations regarding the project.

- 1) The project  will  will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2) A  Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- 3) Mitigation measures  were  were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
- 4) A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan  was or  was not adopted for this project.
- 5) A Statement of Overriding Considerations  was  was not adopted for the project.
- 6) Findings  were  were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The lead agency for the project, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program (MMCRP) and approved the project on March 3, 2023. The California State Lands Commission has considered the MND as prepared for this project by the CPUC and adopted an independent Mitigation Monitoring Program incorporating CPUC's MMCRP. The MND and the record of project approval may be examined at the above shown California State Lands Commission Sacramento office address.

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