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(Public Resources Code section 21108)**File Ref: A4685
SCH#: 2022010017
Item: 19

Title: Digital 299 Broadband Project

Applicant: Vero Fiber Networks, LLC

Location: Sovereign land in the Little River, at the Highway 101 Bridge crossing, near Trinidad, in Humboldt County

Description: The Digital 299 Broadband Project is a proposal to install approximately 300 miles of new conduit and fiber optic cable within existing road rights-of-way and easements, along with up to five in-line amplifier buildings, to provide internet to underserved communities in northern California. The State Lands Commission action is an approval of a 25-year General Lease – Right-of-Way Use through April 1, 2050, for the installation and use of a 4-inch-diameter fiber optic steel conduit with fiber optic lines.

This is to advise that the California State Lands Commission, as Lead Agency Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on April 2, 2025, 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 December 15, 2022. The California State Lands Commission has considered the MND as prepared for this project by the CPUC and adopted the MMCRP. The MND and record of project approval may be examined at the above shown California State Lands Commission Sacramento office address.

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