

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
 County of: _____
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From:

Public Agency: _____
 Address: _____

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Lead Agency (if different from above): _____
 Address: _____

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): _____

Project Title: _____

Project Applicant: _____

Project Location (include county): _____

Project Description:

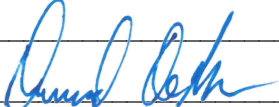
Vero Fiber Networks, Inc. (Vero) is proposing to build the Digital 299 Fiber Optic Broadband Project, which would install approximately 300 miles of new conduit and fiber optic cables to provide internet to unserved or underserved communities in northern California. The project route generally follows the state route 299 corridor through Trinity, Shasta, and Humboldt counties and would include working within Caltrans' right-of-way. Conduit would be installed along adjacent roads within pre-disturbed road shoulders. At water crossings, conduit would be attached to bridges or bored under the waterway. Disturbance to waterways would only occur if waterways were not holding water at the time of construction. Some last-mile connections would be attached to utility poles during a second phase of the project. The project also includes the construction of up to five small regeneration buildings (in-line amplifier [ILA] buildings) placed along the route. While the specific locations of the ILA buildings are presently unknown, Vero would supplement this analysis and permitting as necessary prior to construction of the regeneration buildings, which are all expected to be sited on private land. ILA buildings would not be placed in areas with sensitive biological or cultural resources, and Vero would strive to construct the buildings in pre-disturbed locations. Vero prepared a joint NEPA/CEQA environmental document (i.e., an environmental assessment/initial study with a mitigated negative declaration) and a notice of determination for the project. The California Public Utilities Commission is the CEQA lead agency. A NEPA lead agency has not been determined. Caltrans, acting as a responsible agency, has reviewed the joint environmental document and adopted the findings in the notice of determination. Caltrans will issue encroachment permits for work occurring within Caltrans' right-of-way provided that all applicable environmental commitments identified in the joint environmental document are implemented.

This is to advise that the _____ has approved the above
 (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on _____ and has made the following determinations regarding the above
 (date)
 described project.

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration 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 was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

 Signature (Public Agency):  Title: _____

Date: _____ Date Received for filing at OPR: _____