

# Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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**SCH # 2022060515**

**Project Title:** Klamath River Rural Broadband Initiative

Lead Agency: California Public Utilities Commission (state) BIA (federal) Contact Person: Connie Chen, CPUC  
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 City: San Francisco Zip: 94102 County: San Francisco

**Project Location:** County: Humboldt City/Nearest Community: McKinleyville, Orick, Orleans, Wautec, Weitchpec  
 Cross Streets: multiple (linear broadband project 104 mile in length) Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 41 ° 12 ' 38.66" N / 123 ° 45 ' 27.32" W Total Acres: 43  
 Assessor's Parcel No.: 531-094-005-000 (+ multiple) Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Twp.: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Base: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 96, 169, US101 Waterways: See attached  
 Airports: N/A Railways: - Schools: See attached

**Document Type:**

CEQA:  NOP  Draft EIR NEPA:  NOI Other:  Joint Document  
 Early Cons  Supplement/Subsequent EIR  EA  Final Document  
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**Local Action Type:**

General Plan Update  Specific Plan  Rezone  Annexation  
 General Plan Amendment  Master Plan  Prezone  Redevelopment  
 General Plan Element  Planned Unit Development  Use Permit  Coastal Permit  
 Community Plan  Site Plan  Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)  Other: CPCN

**Development Type:**

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_  
 Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational: \_\_\_\_\_  Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_  Other: broadband fiber optic communications  
 Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

Aesthetic/Visual  Fiscal  Recreation/Parks  Vegetation  
 Agricultural Land  Flood Plain/Flooding  Schools/Universities  Water Quality  
 Air Quality  Forest Land/Fire Hazard  Septic Systems  Water Supply/Groundwater  
 Archeological/Historical  Geologic/Seismic  Sewer Capacity  Wetland/Riparian  
 Biological Resources  Minerals  Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading  Growth Inducement  
 Coastal Zone  Noise  Solid Waste  Land Use  
 Drainage/Absorption  Population/Housing Balance  Toxic/Hazardous  Cumulative Effects  
 Economic/Jobs  Public Services/Facilities  Traffic/Circulation  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

See attached

**Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary)

The proposed Project would comprise installation of a "middle-mile" fiber optic network as well as "last-mile" wireless broadband networks to provide high-speed internet access to first responder agencies, anchor institutions, households and businesses in the towns of Orick, Orleans, Johnsons, Wautec, Weitchpec that are currently unserved or under served. The proposed Project consists of above-ground and underground installation of fiber optic cables, a wireless tower in the town of Orick, a signal connection in Orleans, and placement of "last-mile" fiber cable and associated structures. The proposed Project would extend approximately 104 miles and be distributed into five segments.

Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # 1                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # 1                        |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights                                 |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission         |  |

### Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date June 24, 2022 Ending Date July 25, 2022

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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| Consulting Firm: <u>Environmental Science Associates</u> | Applicant: <u>Karuk Tribe</u> |
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| City/State/Zip: <u>Petaluma, CA 94954</u>                | City/State/Zip: _____         |
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| Phone: <u>(707) 285-0585</u>                             |                               |

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Connie Chen Date: 09/27/2022

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

| <b>Land Use Designation</b>   | <b>Zoning Designation</b>  |
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| Public Lands/Public Resource, Tribal Lands, and Timberland  | Urban (U), Timber Production Zone (TPZ)  |
| Tribal Lands  | Urban (U), Timber Production Zone (TPZ), Agricultural Exclusive (AE)   |
| Tribal Lands, Timberland, and Public Lands/Public Resource  | Timber Production Zone (TPZ), Agricultural Exclusive (AE), Urban (U), Agricultural Exclusive (AE-B-5[160])   |
| Public Lands/Public Resource, Rural Residential, Commercial, Industrial                                     | Community Commercial (C-2-D), Residential One-Family (R-1-D-T), Agricultural General (AG-D), Community Commercial (C-2-Q-X-D), Design Floodway (DF), Agricultural Exclusive (AE), Highway Service Commercial (CH-D-Q), Urban (U), Timber Production Zone (TPZ), Agricultural General (AG-D), Flood Plain (FP-D), Heavy Industrial (MH-D)                                     |
| Rural Residential, Commercial, Mixed Use, Residential Low Density, Public Lands/Public Resource, Timberland | (TPZ-AP-WR), (TPZ-AP-E,F,R), Agricultural Exclusive (AE), Agriculture (AG), Urban (U), Timber Production Zone (TPZ), Forestry Recreational (FR), Rural Residential Agricultural (RA-10/E,D), Commercial Timber (TC/E,D), Public Recreation (PR/F,E,D,W,R), Rural Residential Agriculture (RA-2.5-M/E,F,R), Highway Service Commercial (CH-D-Q), Community Commercial (C-2-D) |
| Agricultural Exclusive (AE)   | Agricultural Exclusive (AE)  |
| Tribal Lands (TL)   | Timber Production Zone (TPZ)   |
| Tribal Lands  | Timber Production Zone (TPZ)   |
| Public Lands (P)  | Urban (U)  |
| Public Lands (P)  | Urban (U)  |
| Tribal Lands (TL)   | Urban (U)  |
| Rural Residential (RR)  | Rural Residential Agriculture (RA-10-Y2.5/E,D)   |
| Residential Estates (RE1-5)   | Urban (U)  |
| Tribal Lands  | Urban (U)  |

Waterways: Klamath River, Minors Creek, Rube Creek, Cappell Creek, Camp Creek, Slate Creek, Bluff Creek, Aikens Creek, Redwood Creek, Prarie Creek, Crawford Creek, Ullathorne Creek, Joe Marine Creek, Cavanaugh Creek, Santa Rosa Creek, Tully Creek, Muddy Creek, Weitchpec Creek, Ben's Creek, Burrill Creek, Rube Ranch Creek, Miners Creek, Coon Creek, Mawah Creek, Mureep Creek, Devil Creek, Luffenholtz Creek, and Pecwan Creek.

Schools: Orleans Elementary School, Orleans Head Start, Orick Elementary School, Weitchpec-Magnet School, Jack Norton Elementary, and Head Start-Ke Pel.