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

File Ref: A3459
SICH#: 2022060515
Item: 46

Title: Klamath River Rural Broadband Initiative

Applicant: Karuk Tribe

Location: 0.47 acre, more or less, of State-owned indemnity school land in a portion of Section 28, T9N, R3E, HM, along Bald Hills Road, Humboldt County

Description: Installation of a middle mile fiber optic network and last mile wireless broadband networks to provide high speed internet access in rural underserved communities. The proposed project consists of above ground and underground installation of fiber optic cables, wireless tower in Orick, signal connection in Orleans, and placement of last mile fiber cable and associated structures extending approximately 104 miles in rural Humboldt County. The State Lands Commission action is an approval of a 49-year General Lease – General Lease – Right-of-Way Use through April 3, 2073.

This is to advise that the California State Lands Commission, as Lead Agency Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on April 4, 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, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring Compliance, and Reporting Program and approved the project on December 1, 2022. 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 document. The MND and the record of project approval may be examined at the above shown California State Lands Commission Sacramento office address.

**DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING AND POSTING BY THE
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