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La Notificación y el Resumen Ejecutivo de la Declaración Negativa Mitigada en español, están disponibles para su revisión en:

<https://www.slc.ca.gov/ceqa/san-francisco-bay-fiber-optic-cables-project>

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

(State CEQA Guidelines, sections 15072 and 15073)

A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been prepared by the California State Lands Commission (CSLC), as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.), in response to an application submitted by the Bandwidth Infrastructure Group, LLC (Applicant) for the San Francisco Bay Fiber Optic Cables Project (Project). The MND was prepared in compliance with the requirements of CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.), and CSLC regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 2901 et seq.).

Project Title: San Francisco Bay Fiber Optic Cables Project

Project Location: Onshore and across the San Francisco Bay between the cable landing sites in Brisbane in San Mateo County, and San Leandro in Alameda County in California

Project Description: The Project would install two nonlinear, parallel, and close-together fiber optic cables across San Francisco Bay from a landing vault in Brisbane to a landing vault in San Leandro. The two fiber optic cables would be installed using horizontal direction drilling from the landing vault locations into the San Francisco Bay before being exiting the bay floor and being buried using a jet sled across most of the route in San Francisco Bay.

The Project MND can be downloaded, in PDF format, at

<https://www.slc.ca.gov/ceqa/san-francisco-bay-fiber-optic-cables-project> and viewed electronically at the locations below. Please contact Afifa Awan (contact information below) if you would like to receive a hard copy.

Brisbane Library
163 Visitacion Ave.
Brisbane, CA 94005

California State Lands Commission¹
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The MND is available for at least a 30-day review and comment period beginning Thursday April 6, 2023, and ending Monday, May 8, 2023. All comments must be received by **5:00 p.m Monday, May 8, 2023**, and can be sent to:

California State Lands Commission
Attention: Afifa Awan
100 Howe Ave., Suite 100-South
Sacramento, CA 95825-8202
or Email: CEQA.comments@slc.ca.gov

Important Notes to Commenters

1. You are encouraged to submit electronic copies of your written comments. If sent by email, please send the written comments to CEQA.comments@slc.ca.gov with the following subject line: San Francisco Bay Fiber Optic Cables Project.
2. If you represent a public agency, please provide the name, email address, and telephone number for the contact person in your agency for the Project.
3. Before including your mailing or email address, telephone number, or other personal identifying information in your comment, please be aware that the entire comment—including personal identifying information—may become publicly available, including in the MND and posted on the Internet. The CSLC will make available for inspection, in their entirety, all comments submitted by organizations or businesses or by individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations or businesses.

The Project's MND will be considered for adoption at the June 5, 2023, meeting of the CSLC, unless otherwise stated on the CSLC's website. The specific date, time, and location will be posted on the CSLC's website at <https://www.slc.ca.gov/meetings/> when that meeting information becomes known.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Afifa Awan at 916.574.1891 or Afifa.Awan@slc.ca.gov.

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¹ All documents referenced in the MND will also be available at this address for public review during normal working hours. (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15072, subd. (g)(4).)