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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of El Dorado, as lead agency, has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the below referenced Project. The Draft MND analyzes the potential environmental effects associated with the proposed Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This Notice of Intent (NOI) is to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with notice of the availability of the Draft MND and solicit comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed Project.

LEAD AGENCY: County of El Dorado, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA 95667

CONTACT: County Planner: Anna Leanza, 530-621-5149

PROJECT: GOV23-0001/El Dorado County Middle-Mile Fiber Optic Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The project will take place entirely within El Dorado County public right-of-way (ROW), consisting of 16.66 linear miles, located within the unincorporated communities of Cool, Garden Valley, and Georgetown along the easterly edge of State Route 49/Coloma Road and the northerly edge of State Route 193, in the northwestern portion of El Dorado County, California, Supervisorial District 4.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The El Dorado County Middle-Mile Fiber Optic Project (proposed project) would install a network of underground fiber optic cables aligned in the existing public right-of-way (ROW) within three project areas of Cool, Garden Valley, and Georgetown. The fiber optic routes would pass a variety of commercial and industrial parcels, residential areas, and public and private facilities; the proposed fiber optic routes are shown on Figure 2. The project does not include last-mile connections to residential, commercial, and industrial parcels; however, the project does include the construction of handholes, vaults, and splice points along the route so that future users can connect to the network after the project is completed. The project would install fiber optic cables along major roads and highways for the fiber optic routes, using existing public ROW. No ROW acquisition would be required under the project and staging areas would be within public ROW or previously developed public property (such as corporation yards, parking lots, etc.). The fiber optic cables would be installed using directional boring and/or open trenching. Typical depth would be 18 inches below surface, or lower if needed to avoid other utilities. Trenches would be a minimum of 18 inches deep, and approximately 12 inches wide.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The public review period for the Draft ND set forth in CEQA for this project is **30** days, beginning **January 12, 2023, and ending February 10, 2023**. Any written comments must be received within the public review period. Copies of the Draft ND for this project may be reviewed and/or obtained in the County of El Dorado Planning and Building Department, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA 95667, during normal business hours or online at <https://edc-trk.aspgov.com/etrakit/>. In order to view attachments, please login or create an E-Trakit account and search the project name or application file number in the search box.

Please direct your comments to: County of El Dorado, Planning and Building Department, County Planner: Anna Leanza, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA 95667 or EMAIL: planning@edcgov.us

PUBLIC HEARING: This Staff Level Design Review Permit is subject to a Planning Director approval and no public hearing is required.

COUNTY OF EL DORADO
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KAREN L. GARNER, Director
January 11, 2023