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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/rfi-grover-beach/>

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

(State CEQA Guidelines, sections 15072 and 15073)

The California State Lands Commission (CSLC) is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) and has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in response to an application submitted by RTI Infrastructure, Inc., for the Grover Beach Subsea Fiber Optic Cables Project (Project). CSLC prepared the MND 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: RTI Infrastructure, Inc. Grover Beach Subsea Fiber Optic Cables Project

Project Location: Land and ocean areas in and offshore the city of Grover Beach, San Luis Obispo County

Project Description: The Project proposes to build and operate telecommunication infrastructure that will house fiber optic cables on land (1.5 miles long going under the city of Grover Beach surface streets) and in the ocean (5- to 6-inch diameter landing pipes) going offshore Grover Beach and exiting at about 3,600 feet onto the ocean floor. The infrastructure and cables would carry telecommunication data to connect the United States with Singapore, Guam, Hong Kong, and Australia. Phase 1 would start in 2020 to build the infrastructure needed to bring up to four cables into Grover Beach.

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

<https://www.slc.ca.gov/ceqa/>.

At this time, community libraries in San Luis Obispo County and the CSLC offices are closed to the public due to public health and safety concerns regarding the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19); therefore it is not currently feasible to provide paper copies for review at the Grover Beach Community Library or the CSLC offices. Please contact Afifa Awan (contact information below) for the most up-to-date information on the availability of the MND or if you would like to receive a hard copy.

The MND is available for at least a 30-day review and comment period beginning Friday, April 24, 2020, and ending Tuesday, May 26, 2020. All comments must be received by **5:00 PM Tuesday, May 26, 2020**, to CEQA.comments@slc.ca.gov (write **RTI Grover Beach Project** in the email's subject line) or mailed to:

California State Lands Commission
Attention: Afifa Awan
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Important Notes to Commenters:

1. 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.
2. 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, businesses, individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations or businesses.

The CSLC will consider adopting the MND and, if adopted, take action on the proposed Project at its scheduled meeting on June 23, 2020. Please check CSLC's website at <https://www.slc.ca.gov/> to confirm the specific date, time, and location. Should you have any questions or if you need additional information, please contact Afifa Awan at (916) 574-1891 or Afifa.Awan@slc.ca.gov.

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