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**Documentos del proyecto en español,
están disponibles para su revisión en:**
<https://www.slc.ca.gov/ceqa/manchester-subsea-cables-project/>

SCH #2019049159
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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 RTI Infrastructure, Inc. for the RTI Infrastructure, Inc. Manchester Subsea 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: RTI Manchester, Inc. Manchester Subsea Cables Project

Project Location: Manchester, Mendocino County

Project Description: The Project would install subsea fiber optic cables for telecommunication services connecting California to four different locations in Asia and Australia. The Project includes installation of structures on land (terrestrial) and in ocean (marine) just north of unincorporated town of Manchester, Mendocino County. The Project involves installing four 5- to 6-inch-diameter steel conduits offshore, primarily through horizontal directional drilling extending approximately 0.6 miles offshore from an onshore landing site and installing approximately 10 miles of underground conduits onshore on both sides of the State Route 1 and other public roads to one of three cable landing stations in Manchester. The cables would be pulled from offshore through these conduits and, once connected, would transmit signals to the technical hubs in Silicon Valley (south of San Francisco). The four different transpacific routes would stabilize and diversify telecommunications connections in case of disasters interrupting telecommunication data exchange.

The Project MND can be downloaded, in PDF format, at <https://www.slc.ca.gov/ceqa/>. Electronic or paper copies of the MND are also available for review at the locations below:

Coast Community Library
225 Main Street
Point Arena, CA 95468

California State Lands Commission¹
100 Howe Ave., Suite 100-South
Sacramento, CA 95825

The MND is available for at least a 30-day review and comment period beginning Monday, April 29, 2019 and ending Wednesday, May 29, 2019. All comments must be received by **5:00 PM Wednesday, May 29, 2019**, 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 written comments are sent by email, please send the comments to CEQA.comments@slc.ca.gov and write the following in the subject line of your email: RTI Manchester Subsea 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 28, 2019, scheduled meeting of the CSLC, unless otherwise stated on the CSLC's website. The specific time and location will be posted on the CSLC's website at <https://www.slc.ca.gov/> when specific 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).)