

ATTACHMENT C CEQA FINDINGS OF FACT

A. Environmental Review

On June 23, 2026, the California State Lands Commission, as lead agency, adopted an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) (State Clearinghouse No. 2026041109) for the Project and filed a Notice of Determination at the State Clearinghouse. The Water Board is a responsible agency under CEQA (Pub. Resources Code, § 21069) and in making its determinations and findings, must presume that the California State Lands Commission's adopted environmental document comports with the requirements of CEQA and is valid. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 14, § 15231.) The Water Board has reviewed and considered the environmental document and finds that the environmental document prepared by the California State Lands Commission addresses the Project's water resource impacts. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 14, § 15096, subd. (f).) The environmental document includes the mitigation monitoring and reporting program (MMRP) developed by the California State Lands Commission for all mitigation measures that have been adopted for the Project to reduce potential significant impacts. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21081.6, subd. (a)(1); Cal. Code of Regs., title 14, § 15074, subd. (d).)

B. Incorporation by Reference

Pursuant to CEQA, these Findings of Facts (Findings) support the issuance of this Order based on the Project IS/MND, the application for this Order, and other supplemental documentation.

All CEQA project impacts, including those discussed in subsection C below, are analyzed in detail in the Project Final IS/MND which is incorporated herein by reference. The Project IS/MND is available at: <https://www.slc.ca.gov/ceqa/att-japan-us-cable-network-decommissioning/>.

Requirements under the purview of the Water Board in the MMRP are incorporated herein by reference.

The Permittee's application for this Order, including all supplemental information provided, are incorporated herein by reference.

C. Findings

The IS/MND states that there are no potentially significant environmental effects to water resources after the mitigation measures imposed by the lead agency.

D. Approval of Environmental Document / Determination

The Water Board has determined that the Project, when implemented in accordance with the MMRP and the conditions in this Order, will not result in any significant adverse water resource impacts. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 14, § 15096, subd. (h).)