Summary for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH# <u>TBD</u>			
Project Title: St	ate of California Department of Transportation	n (Charter Spectrum)	
Lead Agency:	County of Monterey Resource Management	Agency (RMA)	
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Project Location: SR1 between milepost 69.666 and milepost 74.638 Monterey			
	City	County	
Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences). Proposed aerial and underground installation of fiber optic cable lines along SR1 within the existing right-of-way.			

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Transportation:

Installation of fiber optic cables would impact traffic flow on SR1 and adjacent streets during construction. The installation process would require the use of large trucks, boring machinery, and heavy equipment. This equipment would primarily be located on the roadway shoulder during aerial and underground installation of fiber optic cables; however, certain portions of the cable would cross the existing roadway, requiring equipment to be positioned within the roadway and necessitating lane closures. Therefore, traffic flow along portions of SR1 could be impacted during installation, especially when lane closures would restrict traffic flow to a single lane. Lane closures could also impede access by emergency response vehicles and extend response times to communities and commercial developments adjacent to SR1. The periodic closure of roadway shoulders and highway lanes would follow Standard Caltrans Plan No. RSP T-10 and Standard Caltrans Plan RSP T-13. Proposed mitigation measures include the following (see Draft Initial Study for details): 1) The construction contractor shall prepare a Construction Traffic Management Plan to minimize traffic flow interference from construction activities; and 2) A communication protocol shall be established to alert residents and commercial tenants located immediately adjacent to SR 1 and other affected roadways of construction work near their property and associated traffic related impacts including lane and road closures.

Tribal Cultural Resources:

The proposed project has the potential to unearth artifacts or human remains belonging to tribal ancestors. To mitigate potential impacts to these resources, a tribal monitor shall be present during all earth disturbing activities. A proposed mitigation measure includes the following (see Draft Initial Study for details): 3) A tribal monitor from a Native American group local to Monterey County listed by the Native American Heritage Commission shall be present during the excavation of each proposed bore pit and any project-related archaeological excavation that may become necessary in the event of unanticipated discoveries.

Wildfire:

Portions of the project area are located in State Responsibility Areas designated as a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. The proposed project has the potential to disrupt traffic flow along SR 1 and adjacent roadways. Installation of fiber optic cables would require closure of lanes and roadway shoulders, which could impact emergency response and emergency evacuation in the event of a wildfire. Mitigation Measure Nos. 1 and 2 (see above) stipulate the development of a Construction Traffic Management Plan and a communication protocol, which would require the developer to coordinate with all providers of emergency services that operate within the project area and consult with agencies that coordinate emergency response and evacuations.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

None

Provide a list of responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Native American Heritage Commission