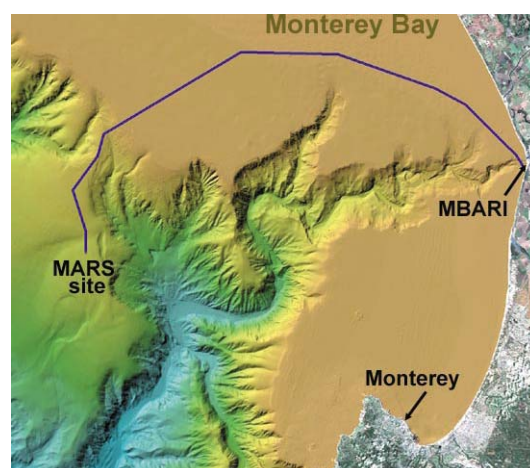


Public Notice

The Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI) will be installing a scientific submarine cable in Monterey Bay offshore the MBARI facilities at Moss Landing, Monterey County, California as part of the Monterey Accelerated Research System (MARS). It will consist of approximately 32 miles of submarine cable that will be buried most of its length, and will have a science node (metal frame) and instruments at the end of the cable in a depth of approximately 2920 feet on the ocean floor on a formation known as Smooth Ridge. The approximate location of the entire project is shown on the map below.

MBARI has contracted with Alcatel to lay the submarine cable. The Alcatel cable vessel *Maersk Defender* will be used for the cable-laying operation. The *Maersk Defender* is a 315-foot (96-m), dynamically positioned ocean-going cable lay and repair vessel. While the cable will be buried to the maximum extent possible, some portions of the cable will remain unburied due to hard seafloor substrate and exposed rocks along the neck of Smooth Ridge.

The *Maersk Defender* is currently scheduled to arrive in the Monterey area on October 21, 2006 (see table below). With the exception of any potential delays due to unforeseen circumstances (weather, mechanical difficulties, etc.), the schedule should proceed as listed in the table. An information packet with additional details about installation activities is available in the Harbormaster's Office or by phoning (831) 775-1885.



Task Name	Duration	Start
<i>Maersk Defender</i> arrives in Monterey Bay		10/21/06
Grapnel run along cable route	1.5 days	10/22/06
Place science node at MARS site	2 days	10/23/06
Lay and bury cable	3 days	10/25/06
Pull cable ashore	1 day	10/28/06
Complete work	2 days	10/29/06



If you wish to speak with someone regarding this project,
please contact MBARI Operations Administrator
Mandy Allen at (831) 775-1885.