

**MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 13, 2013 MEETING OF THE
CALIFORNIA BROADBAND COUNCIL**
10:00-12:00 Room 100, Legislative Office Building, 1020 N Street, Sacramento, CA

1.	Welcoming Remarks	Michael Peevey (Council Chair), Assembly member Steven Bradford, Chairman, Assembly Committee on Utilities and Commerce	10:00-10:10
	<p>Chairman Peevey spoke about this week being an important one for broadband in California. On Monday, the Assembly Committee on Utilities and Commerce held a hearing on bridging the digital divide, and a number of agencies represented on the Council testified. The California Emerging Technology Fund was holding an annual meeting that week, and it brought a number of important community based organizations to Sacramento. Finally, the Regional Consortia funded by the California Advanced Services Fund were in Sacramento for their first Annual Learning Summit.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked BT&H/CalTrans, Senator Padilla's office, and the CPUC for working with the Digital 395 folks on their final push to complete their project. He also thanked CETF, DGS, CTA, Department of Education, and CalRecycle for their efforts on the state surplus computers working group.</p> <p>Assembly member Bradford made comments on the importance of providing funding for broadband adoption programs for low income housing (Smart Housing)</p>	No printed material	
2.	Decision on Statement on Broadband in Education	Council decision	10:10-10:12
	<p>The Council adopted the statement by consensus. The Chairman stated for the record that the CBC recognizes and respects that members of the Administration may choose to abstain on policy matters that are decided in the Governor's Office.</p>	Draft statement was handed out	
3.	California Telehealth Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eric Brown, President and CEO, California Telehealth Network (15min) 	10:12-10:27
NOTES	Eric Brown presented CTN's rollout update as well as plans toward self-sustainability. He talked about upcoming changes to the Rural Health Care Program and its effect on non-rural clinics and hospitals currently participating in CTN's pilot program.		Powerpoint presentation
4.	CASF Regional Consortia Update (30 min)	4 representatives (30 min)	10:27-10:57
	<p>Four representatives from the fourteen regional CASF consortia presented on various achievements and challenges across the state.</p> <p>Connie Stewart (Redwood Connect)- infrastructure issues (see presentation)</p>		2 Powerpoint presentations, 2 verbal presentations

	<p>Julie Langou (Eastern Sierra)- mapping activities (see presentation)</p> <p>Diana Rodriguez (L.A.) – adoption and digital literacy activities:</p> <p>1 .The impact of internet access and digital literacy on: Employment (search and skills), Education, Financial well-being, Health and fitness, Civic Engagement; 2. Digital literacy as a factor that leads to adoption: How to define Broadband Adoption, Digital literacy's role in building relevancy, Best practices; 3. main components that ultimately lead to BB adoption: Home computer, Digital literacy, Low cost internet access; 4. What would closing the digital divide mean for California?</p> <p>Tara Thronson (Connected Capital Area) – Almost all the consortia focused on encouraging infrastructure applications. This included efforts to inventory existing infrastructure, identify gaps and priorities, and playing “matchmaker” to identify potential solutions to expand broadband access.</p> <p>Ultimately CASF Infrastructure Grant and Loan applications were submitted from six regional consortia.</p> <p>The Gold Country Broadband Consortia hosted “neighborhood” meetings attended by homeowners, business owners and ISPs. The meetings resulted in “an immediate increase in the available infrastructure and connection to that service.”</p> <p>Some of the consortia looked into the policy side of broadband, reviewing existing ordinances and drafting model policies.</p> <p>Additionally, many consortia conducted digital literacy trainings as part of their efforts to create relevancy for broadband adoption. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get Connected Fairs – events with many attendees and vendors • Computer and Technology workshops • Empowerment Hubs – Internet access and training to parents <p>San Joaquin Valley Regional BB Consortium has partnered with the City of Fresno’s Strong Cities, Strong Communities program to develop an agricultural pilot site. It seeks to expand broadband access in rural areas to promote the widespread deployment of broadband enabled water efficient farming technologies.</p>	
5.	CA Interactive Map Enhancements	Morris, Osborn (9 min) 10:57-11:06
NOTES	Michael Morris presented the latest updates to the Interactive Broadband Map, which include adoption rates by census tract, mobile test results, and individual provider coverage validation	Map was projected onto the overhead screen
6.	Broadband on Tribal Lands	Cynthia Gomez, Governor’s Tribal Advisor (10 min) 11:06-11:16
NOTES	Cynthia Gomez spoke about the lack of broadband access on tribal lands and challenges in getting adequate service. She also proposed that the Council create a Tribal Broadband Working Group and recommended two leaders to be on that working group: Lewis Christman (Tule River Indian Tribe) and Matthew Rantanen (Pala	Verbal update

	Band of Mission Indians)		
7.	Broadband Programs in Libraries	Jarrid Keller, CIO, CA State Library; Brenda Kempster, CEO, LINK AMERICAS Foundation (15 min)	11:16-11:31
NOTES	<p>Jarrid Keller presented on his recent project to bring free wireless broadband to a low adoption community through the Whittier Public Library</p> <p>Brenda Kempster presented on JobScout, a CA State Library and CTA joint project to introduce online job search training into libraries</p>		2 presentations
8.	Working Group Updates	Osborn (9 min)	11:31-11:40
NOTES	<p>Rob Osborn gave a verbal update on the state surplus computers working group and the state buildings and structures for collocation working group.</p> <p>The passage of SB 493 to date has yielded only one program applicant (the Boys and Girls Club of Los Angeles Harbor).</p> <p>Since the last Council meeting, the working group has been meeting monthly to see what avenues are available to expand program participation and fill the gap between state agency computer disposal and school district re-use.</p> <p>One possibility being explored is the Computers for Classrooms (CFC) model whereby state agencies would be able to select a non-profit refurbisher to receive the equipment on behalf of a school district, and the refurbisher would sort and rebuild the hardware/software to make it useable for either the school district or for homes in the school district.</p> <p>Identify state buildings/towers for possible collocation working group</p> <p>The working group reviewed the application process for broadband providers wanting to collocate at state-owned facilities. Since the last Council meeting, the working group met with the Public Safety Communications Office at the California Technology Agency, the Department of General Services and communicated with other departments that use their own applications for broadband collocation. In discussions it became apparent that it was best to have two applications -- one for collocation at public safety facilities, and another for collocation at all other state-owned facilities. The working group will hold a stakeholder meeting with departments using non-public safety applications to develop a unified standard application and procedure. Application fees are another area being explored. Fees vary depending on departments. The working group determined the \$5,000 non-refundable technical analysis fee that is submitted with the application for collocation at state-owned public safety facilities is in line for the services provided. Fees for the non-public safety applications could be less depending on the individual department</p>		Verbal update

	<p>and their fee structure. Application fees have not been adjusted to account for inflation.</p> <p>The working group met with the Department of General Services (DGS) to determine if their State Property Inventory list could be updated to include additional information to assist broadband providers in determining if they want to pursue collocating at state-owned facilities. DGS is reviewing this request.</p> <p>The workgroup is also reviewing how changes in technology will be addressed in the application process. In the past, the applications have mainly been for Tier 1 cellular telephone providers. These installations required a large footprint and vault space with access. Installations for newer technology, such as smaller-scale fixed wireless broadband installations, will have a smaller footprint and lower power requirements, which may result in simplified broadband facility installation. The working group is looking into a scope change commensurate with a smaller provider footprint.</p>	
9.	Public Comment	Council Chair – Michael Peevey (20 min)
NOTES	<p>Public speakers included:</p> <p>Tom West – emphasized the importance of middle mile networks in closing the digital divide</p> <p>Jim Moorehead</p> <p>Hye Pin – emphasized the need to reach out to Korean and Asian communities in broadband adoption activities</p> <p>Larry Ortega – emphasized the need to involve Silicon Valley companies in broadband policy discussions</p> <p>Ben Delaney – emphasized the importance of refurbishers providing computers to communities as well as to schools</p>	11:40-12:00