

California Broadband Council Meeting

July 18, 2019 1:00 p.m.

California Department of Tax and Fee Administration Board Room
450 N Street, Sacramento, CA.

Roll Call:

A quorum was established to being the meeting.

The following members of designees attended:

1. Amy Tong Director, California Department of Technology (CDT)
2. Sunne Wright-McPeak, President, California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF)
3. Mitch Medigovich Office of Emergency Services
4. Mike Gibson Assembly Member
5. Jerry Winkler, Director, California Department of Education (for Superintendent Tom Torlakson)
6. Marcie Kahbody, Deputy Secretary, Agency Chief Information Officer (for Secretary Brian Annis)
7. Cliff
8. Sarah Smith, Principal Consultant, Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee (for Senator Hueso)
9. Brent Jamison, Deputy Director, Department of General Services (for Director Daniel Kim)

Action Items:

1. New Council Update – Public Safety: The Council will establish a regular update by the Office of Emergency Services regarding Public Safety to include FirstNet and NextGen 911
2. New Task Forces
 - a. State Contracts: The CBC will establish a task force led by DGS supported by CDT and others to assess and leverage the state contracts to drive collaboration with vendors to close the digital divide.
 - b. Digital Bill of Rights: The CBC will establish a task force to finalize the Digital Bill of Rights initiated and led by the CPUC for final approval in the CBC's third meeting in October.
 - c. Strategic Corridors Feedback Process: The CBC will establish a task force to create a review and input process for key stakeholders such as the regional consortia. The goal for consortia input on priority corridors is September 1, 2019.

Presenters:

Mitch Medigovich – Office of Emergency Services

Mitch will continue to provide regular updates to the Council on FirstNet.

Mitch discussed the FirstNet promise:

- The FirstNet mission is to deploy, operate, maintain, and improve the first high-speed, nationwide wireless broadband network dedicated to public safety.
- This reliable, highly secure, interoperable, and innovative public safety communications platform will bring 21st century tools to public safety agencies and first responders, allowing them to get more information quickly and helping them to make faster and better decisions (Source: FirstNet.com).

California has opted in to the FirstNet network, but subscribing is an agency choice

CALNET Contract for FirstNet services

- CALNET Contract for other Broadband Service providers including Verizon, T-Mobile and Sprint
- Most of the network will be completed by 2022

Chris Schmidt - Caltrans

Caltrans held a roundtable meeting on 6/19/19 with stakeholders in order to share information and integrate plans between providers and Caltrans.

Launched a new website: dot.ca.gov/wiredbroadband/

Dig Once – Caltrans would appreciate partners to drive this initiative. Perhaps collaborate more closely with CPUC.

Work of Caltrans: Mobility! Best trip is a virtual trip – (Sunne McPeak)

Task Forces

Tribal

Stephanie - Tom Department of Technology

Broadband survey sits at 26 tribes responding of the 109 in California. Will use the surveys to create a baseline.

Secured 80% feedback, Sept is target for 100% feedback from

Surplus Equipment

Michael Todd - Department of Technology

- In partnership with the Surplus Taskforce, State will donate 5k+ computers in 2019
- Bringing California's largest departments & agencies into the program
- Create a Surplus Equipment web presence
- Sacramento computer giveaway event (October 2019)
- Taskforce using MS Teams
- Data Sheets/Collateral, including the introduction of "Codey" the Bear.

Council Updates

Brent

Jerry 638,000 students testing concurrently, online

Mitch Medigovich 2,640 overlays completed

Sunne McPeak Noted the 6/19/19 Caltrans roundtable thanked the Department of Education for working with Senator Thurmond

Cliff Digital Equality Bill of Rights

Sara Smith

Alicia Wong - State Census 2020

This is the first online census in the United State

Focusing on reaching the hardest-to-count Californians

Connecting with:

- Tribal Governments (\$2m in 2019 budget to reach Native Americans)
- Counties
- Administrative Community-Based Organizations
- Statewide Community-Based Organizations
- County Offices of Education
- CPUC to see where there's limited or non-existent broadband

Marisel Triggs – CEO, MuralNet

MuralNet is a nonprofit whose goal is to develop and execute a strategy for bringing broadband to under-connected people on tribal lands on a grand scale.

Tribes are overlooked and under-connected and the FCC overestimates tribal connectivity

Told the story of their work with the Havasupai Tribe to get them

Hoping CPUC can work with the FCC to expand "tribal priority window"

Public Comments

Michael Ort – Inyo Networks

Provided insights into the Digital 395 Network Performance during the Ridgecrest earthquake.

Performed as designed, with no incident (24/7 uptime)

Cut to UPS (battery and generator) for 16 hours

Capacity for Node function an additional 24 -30 hours, without refueling

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.