

# California **BROADBAND COUNCIL**

The California Broadband Council was established in 2010 by legislation to promote broadband deployment in unserved and underserved areas of the state as defined by the Public Utilities Commission, and broadband adoption throughout the state for the benefit of all Californians. The California Department of Technology supports the California Broadband Council by managing the statewide ecosystem of individuals and organizations dedicated to closing the digital divide.

## Council Members

**California Department of Technology**  
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**California State Library**  
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**So Cal Tribal Chairman's Association**  
Matt Rantanen, Advisory Member

**US Department of Agriculture**  
Robert Tse, Advisory Member

## Task Forces

- Long Term Goals
- Surplus Equipment
- Tribal

## Our Responsibilities

The duties of the California Broadband Council shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

- Ensuring communication among state agencies regarding California's participation in proceedings related to the National Broadband Plan released by the Federal Communications Commission.
- Ensuring that state agencies share all relevant information in order to maximize California's opportunities for federal and private funding for broadband deployment and adoption.
- Ensuring that all relevant state agencies are made aware of actions necessary to fully implement recommendations in the 2008 Broadband Task Force Report.
- Identifying opportunities for state agencies and state broadband networks to share facilities, rights-of-way, or other resources related to broadband deployment and adoption.
- Taking any other actions to ensure that state agencies are coordinating efforts and resources to promote broadband deployment and adoption.

## Meetings

Thursdays 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) Boardroom, 450 N Street, MIC: 104, Sacramento, CA 95814

March 21, 2019

July 18, 2019

October 17, 2019



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## 2018 Achievements

- Provided public comment for the United States Department of Agriculture's Broadband e-Connectivity Pilot Program with \$600 million available as grants for broadband expansion in rural areas.
- Expanded the state's partnership with Microsoft to ensure California was included in their Airband Initiative leveraging a combination of TV whitespaces, fixed wireless, and satellite to provide broadband in rural areas.
- Distributed 1,000 surplus computers to the underserved through the Surplus Equipment Task Force.
- Convened public and private stakeholders to identify strategic corridors in California to provide input into the California Transportation Commission's Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Guidelines and Caltrans' Corridor Planning Guidebook.
- Collaborating with Census 2020 for outreach to tribes to assess broadband access.

## 2019 Key Focus Areas

- Legislative Engagement, Awareness and Support
- Policy Recommendations and Amendments
- AgTech Initiatives
- Regional Consortia Partnership