

The California Broadband Council (CBC) was established by SB 1462 (Chapter 338, Statutes of 2010) 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.

The Council identifies state resources, encourages public and private partnerships, and recommends strategic policy and legislation to establish effective structures for providing world class high speed Internet access throughout California. The 12-member CBC is run by the California Department of Technology's Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy which provides support by managing the statewide ecosystem of individuals and organizations dedicated to closing the digital divide.

Duties

The duties of the California Broadband Council include:

- 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.

<http://broadbandcouncil.ca.gov>

Meetings

RCRC, 1215 K Street, Suite 1650
Sacramento, CA 95814

March 13, 2020

9:00 am - 11:00 am

Virtual Meetings

May 27, 2020

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

July 22, 2020

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

(more details to follow)

California Victim Compensation Board
400 R Street, Sacramento, CA 95811

October 23, 2020

9:30 am - 11:30 am

Members

Department of Technology, Director
Amy Tong, Chair

Member, CA State Senate
Ben Hueso, Vice-Chair

California Public Utilities Commission,
President Marybel Batjer

Department of Emergency Services,
Director Mark Ghilarducci

California Department of Education,
State Superintendent of Public
Instruction Tony Thurmond

Department of General Services,
Director Daniel Kim

California State Transportation Agency,
Secretary David Kim

California Emerging Technology Fund,
President Sunne Wright McPeak

California Department of Food and
Agriculture, Secretary Karen Ross

State Librarian
Greg Lucas

Governor's Tribal Advisor
Christina Snider

Member, CA State Assembly
Mike Gipson

2020 Broadband for All - Positioning for Digital Equity

Governor Newsom's proposed 2020-21 Budget includes Broadband for All efforts to ensure affordable, high-speed Internet is available for all Californians and visitors to our State. The Broadband for All strategy includes:

- Mapping the state of connectivity in California.
- Investing new resources to improve school connectivity.
- Optimizing the use of existing resources.
- Prioritizing connectivity across executive actions and policies.

The California Broadband Council's role is critical to improving inter-agency collaboration and intra-agency effectivity focused on the State's broadband priorities.

2019 California Broadband Council Task Forces

In 2019 the Council has accomplished many of its efforts through the use of task forces comprised of Council member entity and stakeholder subject matter experts. A summary of these task forces is below.

Digital Equity for All

To educate and advocate for residents about the importance of, and need for, digital equity, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is tasked with finalizing the California Digital Equity for All document based on Task Force state and regional stakeholder input.

State Contracts

To identify opportunities to leverage state contracts and drive collaboration with vendors to close the digital divide, the California Department of General Services (DGS) in collaboration with the California Department of Technology (CDT) is tasked with identifying possible procurement approaches and pilot programs leveraging the state's purchasing power to further state digital equity efforts.

Strategic Corridors

To create an ongoing feedback loop ensuring local stakeholders' strategic corridor needs are addressed, the California Transportation Department (Caltrans) in collaboration with The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is tasked to ensure strategic corridors remains a priority for the State's broadband goals.

Surplus Equipment

To amplify the state's existing surplus equipment program for unserved and underserved communities as a critical component to the state's broadband adoption goals, the Department of General Services will continue to manage this program to ensure efficacy.

Tribal

To obtain information from all 109 California recognized tribes about broadband access and adoption on tribal lands, the task force will continue its efforts to advocate for tribal digital equity needs.

Long Term Goals

To ensure continuity with the 2008 Broadband Task Force, the California Broadband Council continues to leverage the 2008 key objectives as a resource to guide Council decisions.