

# California Broadband Council

August 4, 2021  
Meeting Minutes

The California Broadband Council (CBC) met on Wednesday August 4, 2021 at 1:03pm PST via virtual conference (per [California Executive Order N-25-20](#)).

## Agenda Item 1 – Welcome

Council Chair Amy Tong welcomed Council members and attendees.

## Roll Call

A quorum was established for the meeting.

Member		Designee	Present	Absent
California Department of Technology Director	Amy Tong		X	
California Public Utilities Commission President	Marybel Batjer	Darcie Houck	X	
California Office of Emergency Services Director	Mark Ghilarducci	Patrick Mallon	X	
Superintendent of Public Instruction	Tony Thurmond	Geoff Belleau	X	
Department of General Services Director	Ana Lasso	Brent Jamison	X	
California State Transportation Agency Secretary	David Kim	Lori Pepper	X	
California Emerging Technology Fund President	Sunne Wright McPeak		X	
California Department of Food and Agriculture	Karen Ross	Michael Flores	X	
State Librarian	Greg Lucas		X	
Governor's Office of the Tribal Advisor	Christina Snider		X	
Member of the Senate	Ben Hueso			X

Member of the Assembly	Mike Gipson	Dr. Angelo Williams	X	
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\*Ms. Smith had to leave the meeting early.

*Note: Please see accompanying video and slides.*

Ms. Tong welcomed California Public Utilities Commissioner Darcie L. Houck, who is the new designee for CPUC President Marybel Batjer and Michael Flores, the new designee for Secretary of Food and Agriculture Karen Ross.

**Agenda Item 2 – Budget Update - Broadband**

Scott Adams, Rob Osborne, and Elizabeth Dooher provided an update on how state and federal broadband funding will be used to support broadband in California and explained the roles of the Department of Technology, California Public Utilities Commission, and California Department of Transportation.

Mr. Lucas asked questions about the third-party administrator and Ms. Tong responded.

Ms. McPeak asked about microtrenching and Ms. Dooher responded.

**Agenda Item 3 – State Broadband and Digital Literacy Updates**

Mr. Adams provided updates of the status of the action items from [California Executive Order N-73-20](#) and the December updated [Broadband Action Plan](#).

Ms. McPeak asked about outreach efforts for affordable broadband programs and Mr. Adams responded.

**Agenda Item 4 – Action Plan Updates**

Updates were provided for the short-term [Broadband Action Plan](#) Action Items

California Public Utilities Commission

- Rob Osborn provided updates on Action Items #1, 9, 11, 17, 19, 20, and 22.

Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development

- Kaina Pereria provided an update on Action Item #2.

California Transportation Agency

- Elizabeth Dooher provided updates on Action Item #4 and 5.

California Department of Technology

- Mr. Adams provided updates on Action Items #6 and 21.

Governor's Office of Emergency Services

- Mr. Mallon provided updates on Action Item #8.

California Department of Aging

- Mark Beckley provided updates on Action Item #15.

Ms. Tong invited Council members/designees to ask questions about the Action Item updates.

Ms. McPeak asked Mr. Beckley about requests for proposals for digital literacy outreach and training and Mr. Beckley responded and noted the Department of Aging welcomes inquiries and information.

Dr. Williams complimented the work that has been done and the helpfulness of the updates.

Mr. Adams commented that today's updates were limited to short-term Action Items this meeting based on meeting time constraints; there will be updates about the long-term Action Items at the next Council meeting.

### **Agenda Item 5 – California Tribal Broadband Connectivity Partnership Summit**

Ms. Snider provided an update on the July 30 California Tribal Broadband Connectivity Partnership Summit and thanked CDT, Go-Biz, Matthew Rantanen, Commissioner Houck, and others for their collaboration. The summit allowed for Tribal communities to hear about federal and state broadband connectivity opportunities.

### **Agenda Item 6 – Public Comment**

Public comments were made by:

- Joy Sterling.
- Bill Allen.
- Jorge Pacheco, Jr.
- Bob Jacobson.
- David Griffith.
- Cole Przybyla.

Ms. Tong thanked the Council members, presenters, and attendees.

The meeting adjourned at 2:47pm.

Attachment: Zoom meeting comments.

## Zoom Comments

From Katherine Milton to Everyone: 01:13 PM

<https://cdt.ca.gov/middle-mile-advisory-committee/>

From Mike Hewitt to Everyone: 01:20 PM

Fair Question, Greg

From Sanjiv Nanda to Everyone: 01:33 PM

I am with SANDAG Digital Equity Task Force. Can you make available to us the CBC Action Plan document that is being referred to here?

From Michael Minkus (he/him) to Everyone: 01:34 PM

CDT may have additional info, but here is the California State Broadband Action Plan website and 2020 report: <https://broadbandcouncil.ca.gov/action-plan/>

From Sanjiv Nanda to Everyone: 01:34 PM

Thank you!

From David Griffith, Alpine County to Everyone: 01:35 PM

Is it possible to get a map of where the middle-mile is planned by Caltrans etc.? Also who or what decides where it will go?

From Geoff Belleau to Everyone: 01:35 PM

Relating to Sunne's comments, here is the current report and can even be downloaded by zip code to identify where subscribers are located:

<https://www.usac.org/about/emergency-broadband-benefit-program/emergency-broadband-benefit-program-enrollments-and-claims-tracker/>

From Matthew Rantanen to Everyone: 01:35 PM

Rather than interrupt, I wanted to share that the Tribal Digital Village Network has signed up for EBB, but the total numbers may be low in reflecting that some may not have made it through the process yet. It took us 2 months and we finally got to do our first submission yesterday.

From Me to Everyone: 01:36 PM

Here's the link to the Broadband Action Plan <https://broadbandcouncil.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/68/2020/12/BB4All-Action-Plan-Final.pdf>

From Me to Everyone: 01:42 PM

The slides, along with a recording of the meeting, will be posted to the Council web site.

From Dave Simpson to Everyone: 01:43 PM

Thank you, Jules.

From Jorge Pacheco Jr. to Everyone: 01:43 PM

Thank you Jules!

From Me to Everyone: 01:48 PM

SB 156 (Chapter 112, Statutes of 2021)

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202120220SB156](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB156)

2021-22 Budget <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/budget/2021-22EN/#/BudgetDetail>

From Kaina Pereira to Everyone: 02:00 PM

We have made a bit of progress on the permitting issues. Potential partner in SANDAG on the permit streamlining efforts and aligning to the ZEV permitting olympics. Not much to report yet but looking good so far.

From Sunne Wright McPeak to Everyone: 02:15 PM

Is there a RFP from Department on Aging for the Digital Literacy Training? Have any experienced CBOs been contacted about this opportunity? There are several non-profit organizations with a lot of experience who should have the opportunity to provide proposals.

From Me to Everyone: 02:21 PM

Next meeting will be October 27. We will have it posted to the Council web site soon.

From Kaina Pereira to Everyone: 02:29 PM

Maria is the best :)

From Bill Allen to Everyone: 02:35 PM

To all of today's presenters, on behalf of the LA Digital Equity Action League (regional broadband consortium for LA County), thank you for your leadership and presentations. To any of you, please clarify whether the budgeted \$6 billion will maintain an allocation of \$1 billion for last mile infrastructure to each of "rural unserved" and "urban underserved" communities. And whether the middle mile infrastructure will be deployed in both rural and urban regions as well.

From Sunne Wright McPeak to Everyone: 02:36 PM

Thanks to everyone for the significant focus to engage and assist Tribal Leaders. In addition to being mindful about scams and other problems, there is going to be a shortage of workforce to do all the construction. We need to have a major initiative for recruiting and training workers from the digitally-disadvantaged communities to actually help build the infrastructure to improve their lives.

From Matthew Rantanen to Everyone: 02:37 PM

+1 Sunne, There is a lot of training that needs to happen.

From Darcie Houck to Everyone: 02:38 PM

Great point Sunne - agree need to keep these issues in mind as we move forward.

From Kaina Pereira to Everyone: 02:39 PM

Page 27 of the budget summary has this language: "Lastly, the Budget allocates \$2 billion over three years from a combination of one-time federal ARPA Funds and General Fund within the California Advanced Services Fund to encourage existing and new providers to fund infrastructure for last-mile service to the state's remaining unserved households." the actual budget does separate 1B for rural and 1B for urban.

From Bill Allen to Everyone: 02:40 PM

Thank you, Director Osborn.

From Jorge Pacheco Jr. to Everyone: 02:41 PM

Can school districts or county offices of ed access the loan loss reserve from SB 156?

From Kaina Pereira to Everyone: 02:43 PM

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From Robert Osborn to Everyone: 02:43 PM

Mr. Pacheco, the rules for the Loan/Loss Reserve account will be worked out in a CPUC proceeding. I encourage you to comment on the proposed rules when they are published

From Jorge Pacheco Jr. to Everyone: 02:43 PM

Got it, thank you so much Robert!

From Jacqueline Kinney to Everyone: 02:49 PM

Is MM Advisory Committee meeting a Bagley Keene open meeting?

From Joy Sterling to Everyone: 02:49 PM

Link for the map, please?

From Cole Przybyla to Everyone: 02:49 PM

Thank you Scott

From Robert Osborn to Everyone: 02:50 PM

Link to Broadband Deployment Proceeding Docket:

[https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5\\_PROCEEDING\\_SELECT:R2009001](https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:R2009001)

middle mile map:

<https://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=e17e4e1c88b04792ab0a2c50aa1a19a3&extent=-126.1445,34.5234,-113.5981,41.1113>