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BROADBAND COUNCIL

July 29, 2022

Agenda

- Welcome / Member Comments
- Broadband and Digital Literacy Update
- BB4All Action Plan - Long-Term Action Item Updates
- Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative Update
- Last-Mile and Adoption Programs Update
- Adoption / Affordable Connectivity Program Update
- NTIA IIJA Broadband Programs Update
- Public Comment

Welcome / Opening Comments

Liana Bailey-Crimmins
Director, California Department of Technology

State Broadband and Digital Literacy Updates

Scott Adams

Deputy Director, Broadband and Digital Literacy

OBDL Update

Workplan Update

- Monthly Action Item Check-ins
- Progress on long-term action items

Highlights

- Affordable Connectivity Plan
- Tribal Digital Equity Planning Grant Workshop
- State Application for NTIA Digital Equity Planning Grant Submitted

Action Plan Updates

Long-Term Action Items

California Public Utilities Commission

Department of General Services

Housing and Community Development

California Department of Technology

Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development

Action Item #3 (CPUC)

Modernize California's universal service programs.

CPUC Universal Service Programs

Action Item 3

Status: Continuing

- [California Advanced Services Fund](#) (R.20-08-021)
- California High-Cost Funds ([CHCF-A](#) and [CHCF-B](#))
- [California Teleconnect Fund](#)
- [California LifeLine](#) (R.20-02-028)
- [Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program](#)

Action Item #10 (CPUC)

Establish clear standards of consumer protection and provisioning of equitable service by providers.

CPUC Consumer Protections

Action Item 10

Status: Continuing

- Protections for customers impacted by disasters, resiliency requirements ([R.18-03-011](#))
- Service quality standards ([R.22-03-016](#))
- Digital redlining phase of Broadband for All Rulemaking ([R.20-09-001](#))

Action Item #12 (CPUC)

Improve the California Lifeline Program.

CPUC's California LifeLine

Action Item 12

Status: Continuing

- Updated Support Amounts & Standards ([D.20-10-006](#)).
- Reformed the Renewals Process in Compliance with AB 74 (Chapter 410, Statutes 2021) ([D.22-05-014](#)).
- LifeLine Program Assessment & Evaluation ([Ruling](#)).
- Addressing Additional Federal Support ([Proposed Decision](#)).

Action Item #17 (CPUC)

Provide guidance to local governments and partner with Tribal governments to develop broadband strategies and explore options for increasing competition in their communities.

CPUC, Local Government, and Tribal Partners

Action Item 17

Status: Continuing

- Local Agency Technical Assistance Grant Program
- Tribal Technical Assistance Grant Program
- Local Government Outreach and Tribal Consultations

Action Item #7 (DGS)

Identify state property for possible use for broadband infrastructure

State Property Inventory

- Prior Reporting – Property Inventory Alignment with Middle Mile Network.
- Additional Criteria Received – Some Incorporated, Some Granular Data is Non-Existent.
- DGS/CDT GIS Collaboratively Updated Maps – At Present, Inventory (Maximum Universe) is Concluded.

Industry Outreach

- Presentations: *Broadband for All Roundtable for Schools, Libraries, and Community-Based Organizations* and *Caltrans Broadband Industry Meeting* (Both 5/12)
- Follow-Up Survey – Use of State Property, Development Needs, Perceived Barriers, etc.

Industry Survey

- Limited Initial Results – Potential Indicator of Interest
 - 14 Responses from 152 internet service providers
 - Anecdotal Results:
 - Development Preferences = Rooftop/Tower, Long-Term Leases, Permanent, 24x7 Access Improvements Needed.
 - Barriers = Cost/Permitting/Timing

Next Steps and Ongoing Risks

- CDT resending survey to obtain additional results
- In-depth interviews with initial survey respondents
- Assessment of leasing authority

Action Item #13 (HCD)

Leverage existing California Department of Housing and Community Development programs, such as the Infill Infrastructure Grant (IIG) Program and the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program

AB 434 Super NOFA Programs

Creates a coordinated, single-application and award process for four of HCD's rental housing programs to align eligibility criteria, scoring, and release of funds.

- **Multifamily Housing Program (MHP)**
Provides low-interest, long-term deferred-payment loans for new construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of permanent and transitional rental housing for lower-income households.
- **Infill Infrastructure Grant Program (IIG)**
Promotes infill housing development by providing financial assistance for Capital Improvement Projects.
- **Farm Workers Housing Program (FWHP)**
Funds new construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition of owner-occupied and rental units for agricultural workers, with a priority for lower income households.
- **Veterans Housing and Homelessness and Prevention Program (VHHP)**
Provides long-term loans for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable multifamily housing for veterans.

AB 434 Super NOFA Programs, cont'd

Applications were due July 12, 2022, awards scheduled for November 2022.

MHP, IIG, FWHP, VHHP

- **Eligible Expense** – broadband is now an eligible expense.
- **Threshold requirement** – as a threshold, 25 Mbps for download and 3 Mbps for upload (25/3).
- **Added Point Scoring Criteria**
 - 100/20 Mbps, 50/10 Mbps (rural) **AND** one of the following:
 - » Provide free or reduced broadband pricing.
 - » Access to connected devices and WiFi.
 - » Computer literacy training and technical assistance.

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC)

Administered by the Strategic Growth Council and implemented by HCD, AHSC funds land-use, housing, transportation, and land preservation projects to support infill and compact development that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Round 6: award date 1/26/22

Round 7: NOFA to be released October 2022

•Eligible Expense

- Broadband infrastructure is an eligible expense (Rounds 6 & 7)
- Broadband service offered as an eligible expense (Round 7 proposed)
- Digital literacy programs will be an eligible expense (Round 7 proposed)

•Threshold requirement

- 25/3 (Round 6)
- Applicants **required** to provide broadband service at no additional cost to tenant (Round 7 proposed)

Note: [AHSC Draft Round 7 Guidelines policy discussion document is available to the public.](#)

Action Item #14 (CDT)

Promote existing state contractual vehicles with internet service providers and equipment vendors to support cost savings and efficient purchasing of broadband services and equipment by local public entities

Leverage contracting and procurements

Action Item 14

Status: Continuing

Highlights

- Leveraged procurements and existing contracts for MMBI

Next Steps



- Identify opportunities during State Digital Equity and BEAD planning efforts


Action Item #16 (CDT)

Partner with internet service providers to promote, track and publicly report the progress of adoption of affordable internet services and devices throughout the state.

Promote low-cost service and device offers

Status: Ongoing

 Official website of the State of California 

 **Broadband for All**

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Affordable service programs

Home internet service is critical for all individuals. The cost of internet remains a barrier for many people.

We've partnered with EveryoneOn* and the California Emerging Technology Fund to help you find programs in your area:

- The [Affordable Connectivity Program](#)
- Low-cost internet service
- Computer offers
- Digital skills training (like computer and internet basics)

* The information from EveryoneOn is provided as a public service. Review our [disclaimer](#) for more details.

Find affordable service programs

1. Enter your ZIP code

[Find offers](#)

Disclaimer

The California Department of Technology (CDT) provides the information from EveryoneOn as a public service to California residents. The information and services are provided by a separate entity that is not affiliated in any way with CDT. CDT does not make any endorsements or representations regarding the accuracy of the information provided by EveryoneOn.

3. Review your offers

Internet offers

There are 5 offers in your area, based on your selections.

Affordable Connectivity Program by the Federal Communications Commission

- EveryoneOn is very excited about the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) new program to provide a subsidy program called the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), to help connect those who are disconnected and to provide affordable computers.
- For more information, call (877) 384-2575 or email ACPSupport@usac.org

You may be eligible to receive a temporary \$30 a month subsidy towards internet connectivity and \$100 towards a computer. Call or email to sign up to receive the subsidy that can be used towards any of the internet service options below.

[Learn more](#)

Comcast

- \$9.95 per month
- For more information, call (855) 846-8376.
- Data: 50/10 Mbps
- No installation fee. No modem fee.

You may qualify if you are eligible for public assistance programs such as the National School Lunch Program, Housing Assistance, Medicaid, SNAP, SSI, and others.

[Learn more](#)

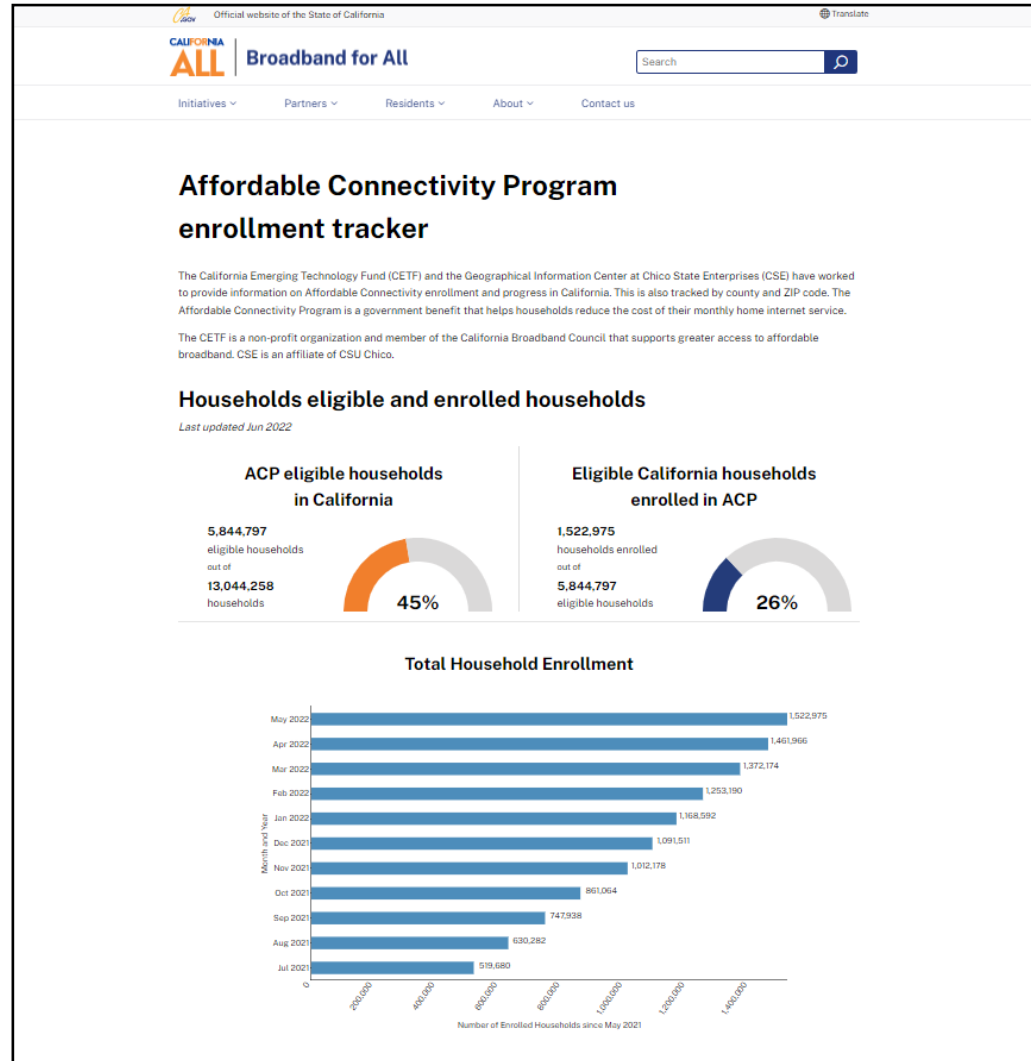
Access from ATT

- \$30.00 or less
- For more information, call (855) 220-5211.
- Data: 150GB or 1TB based on type & speeds available
- No installation fee. No charge for in-home Wi-Fi modem.

The speed is 25 megabits per second. You may be eligible for this offer if at least one resident in the household participates in the U.S. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); your address is in AT&T's 21-state service area, at which AT&T offers wireline home Internet service; and you do not have outstanding debt for AT&T fixed Internet service within the last six months or outstanding debt incurred under this program. If you are a California resident and at least one member of your household receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI), you may also qualify according to the same requirements that apply to SNAP participants.

[Learn more](#)

Affordable Connectivity Program



Enrollment by County | Enrollment by ZIP Code*

Show 25 entries Enter County:

Name of county	Total households	Eligible households	Eligible households percentage	Enrolled households	Enrolled households percentage
Imperial	44,830	30,339	68%	17,378	57%
Kern	270,281	155,323	57%	65,502	42%
Fresno	307,908	176,750	57%	59,374	34%
San Bernardino	636,041	341,110	54%	117,566	34%
Del Norte	10,751	5,275	49%	1,647	31%
Los Angeles	3,316,794	1,646,205	50%	518,034	31%
Kings	43,453	23,694	55%	7,089	30%
Yuba	25,827	13,955	54%	4,162	30%
Tulare	138,238	86,787	63%	25,097	29%
Madera	44,881	25,536	57%	7,173	28%
Merced	80,008	49,786	62%	14,048	28%
Riverside	724,894	360,381	50%	99,430	28%
Sacramento	543,026	248,783	46%	66,554	27%
Stanislaus	173,898	93,534	54%	25,220	27%
San Joaquin	228,567	120,249	53%	31,278	26%
San Diego	1,125,285	453,454	40%	113,616	25%
Shasta	71,180	35,805	50%	8,834	25%
Lake	25,380	14,084	55%	3,388	24%
Orange	1,037,494	397,766	38%	91,081	23%
Siskiyou	17,022	8,352	49%	1,847	22%
Sutter	33,162	17,917	54%	4,004	22%
San Francisco	362,353	126,186	35%	26,375	21%
Tehama	23,875	13,730	58%	2,900	21%
Ventura	271,043	103,632	38%	22,272	21%
Butte	85,320	46,119	54%	8,616	19%

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Action Item #18 (CDT)

Develop and manage a multi-layer network of digital inclusion stakeholders to discuss ongoing needs, share resources, and coordinate initiatives



Progress Update

Status: Ongoing

Engaged with over 1,000 local and tribal governments, broadband consortia, metropolitan planning organizations, school, libraries, nonprofits, and internet service providers.

- Meetings and Consultations
- Broadband for All Roundtables
- External Meetings and Conferences

Next Steps

Continue to expand network and areas of engagement:

- Subject matter convenings
- Broadband for All roundtables
- Digital Equity and BEAD planning
- Monthly electronic updates
- Broadband for All Portal

Action Item #24 (CDT)

Request that executive branch entities and constitutional agencies incorporate broadband into their strategic plans

Progress

Status: Ongoing

Surveyed 132 entities

- Chief Information Officers and Agency Information Officers
- Broadband Council members
- Action Item leads

Conducted individual outreach

- Received 33 responses

Highlights

Entity/Agency	Goals and Activities
Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation	Deploying broadband to prisons in support of rehabilitative efforts for incarcerated persons.
Labor and Workforce Development Agency	Workforce Literacy program will include digital literacy.
Dept. of Parks and Recreation	Expanding connectivity and services to rural parks with connectivity challenges.
Dept. of Food and Agriculture	Surveying Network of California Fairs to learn about broadband capabilities and deficiencies
Dept. of Motor Vehicles	Expanding services available online, including senior services via voice assisted online channel.

Next Steps

- Continue targeted outreach
- Secure additional responses
- Report out results to Broadband Council in October
- Further refine Action Item in Annual Action Plan review

Action Item #2 (Go-Biz)

Alternative Finance Opportunities

- Governor Appointed new Senior Advisor for Social Innovation (Philanthropy)
- Posted two Broadband Specialists under Community and Placed Based Solutions

Middle-Mile Update

Mark Monroe

Deputy Director, Broadband Middle-Mile Initiative
California Department of Technology

Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative (MMBI)

Recap

- **Fiber contract awarded May 2022**
 - Supplies ready for use starting January 2023
- **Statewide 10,000-mile MMBI network map**
 - Delivered June 2022
- **Project transition to execution phase starting June 2022**
 - Caltrans continues build efforts
 - GSN continues to explore lease options
 - Balance build and lease to optimize statewide coverage





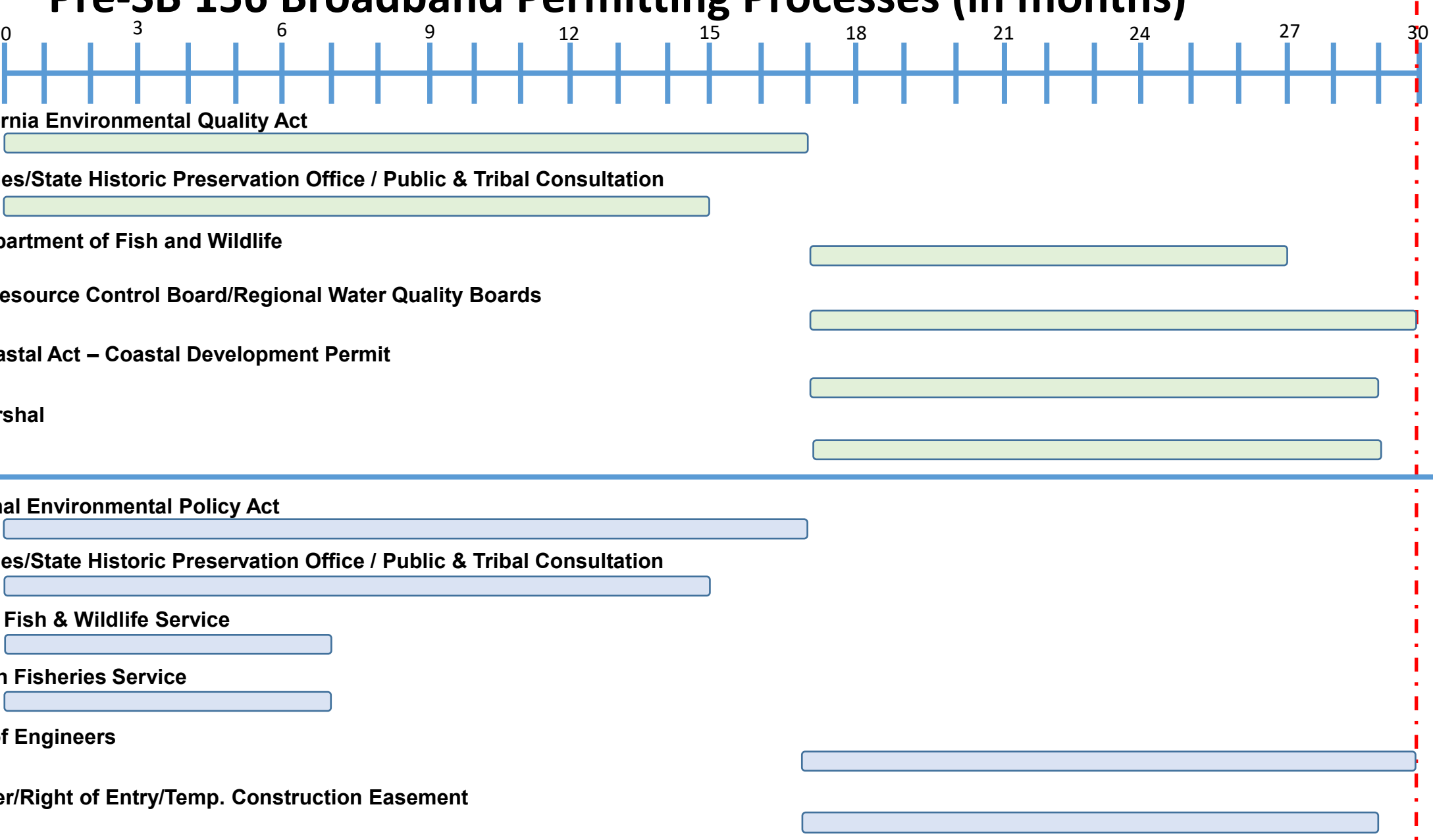
Dig Smart Opportunities

DIG SMART	Initial 18 MMBI Locations (~855 miles)		Non-Initial 18 MMBI Locations (~9,040 miles)		Total MMBI Network (~9,896 miles)	
	<i>Number of Viable Projects</i>	<i>Miles of Fiber</i>	<i>Number of Viable Projects</i>	<i>Miles of Fiber</i>	<i>Number of Viable Projects</i>	<i>Miles of Fiber</i>
Starting in 2022	3	22	7	61	10	83
Under Evaluation	9	88	70	496	79	584
Total	12	110	77	557	89	667

Pre-SB 156 Broadband Permitting Processes (in months)

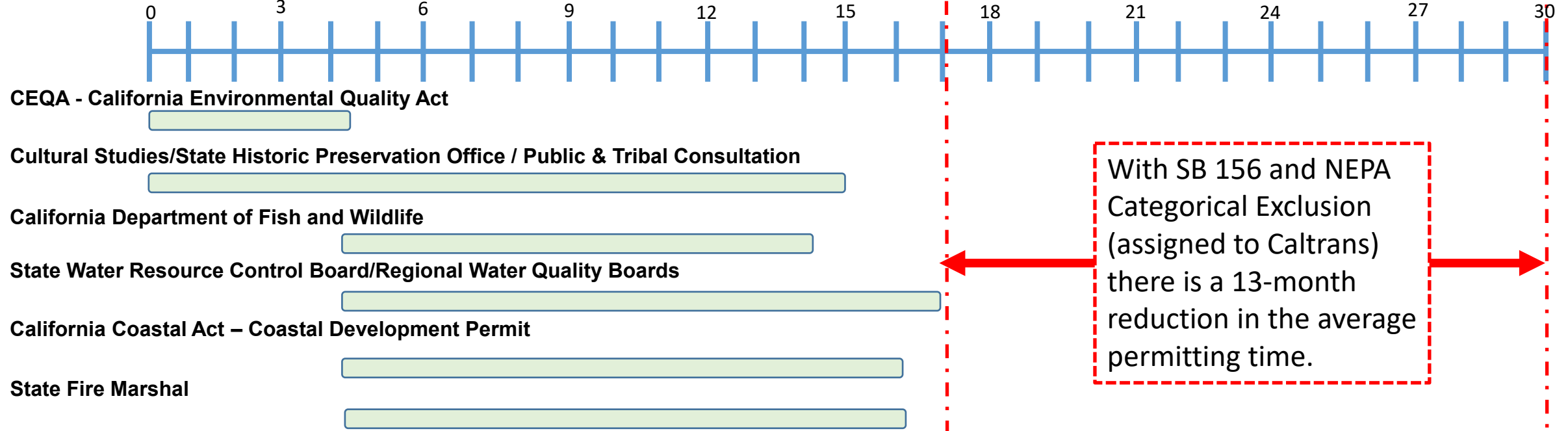
State Permitting

Federal Permitting

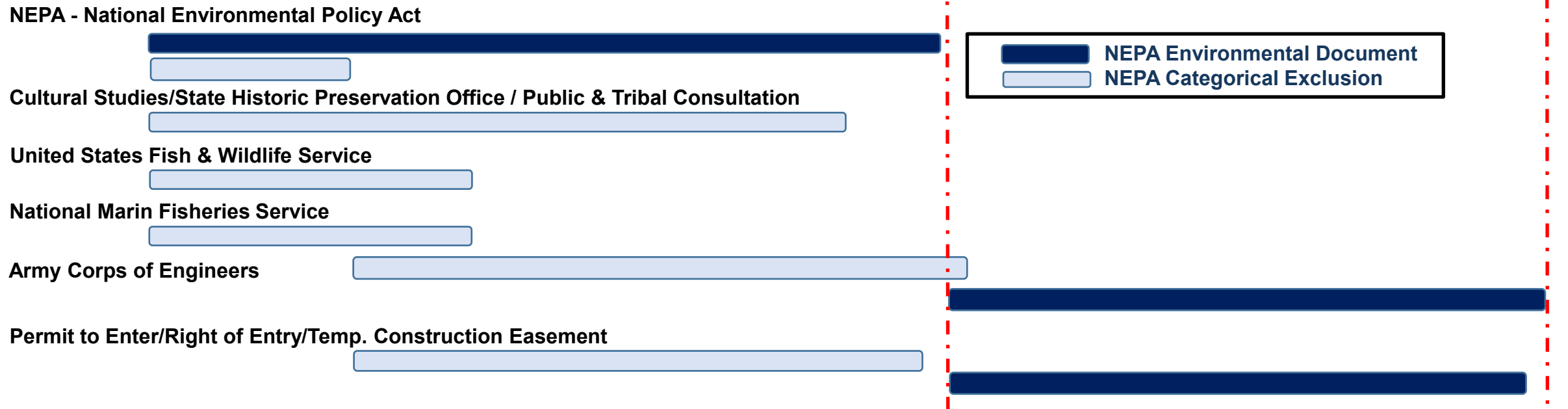


Post-SB 156 Permitting Processes (in months)

State Permitting



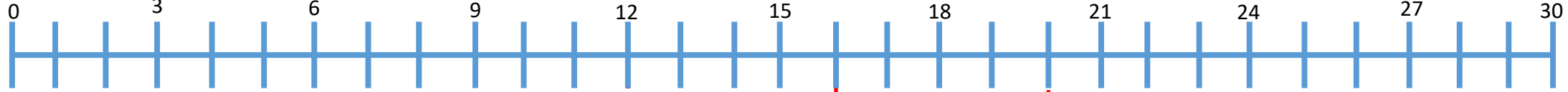
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Initial 18 Locations: Discovery Phase



Complete Preconstruction – Initial 18 Projects (in months)

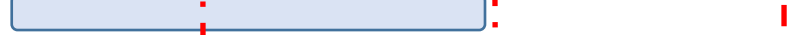


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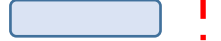
Preliminary Engineering



Prepare Construction Contract



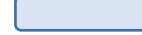
Utility Investigations



Right of Way Assessment & Certification



Advertise and Award Construction Contract



Permitting

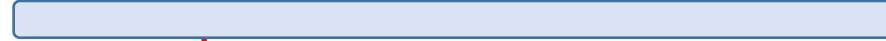
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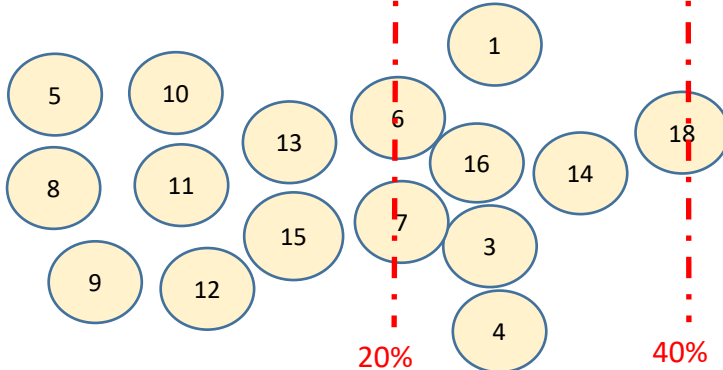
NEPA - CE



All other state and federal permitting



Initial 18 Projects



20%

40%

60%

80%

100%



Market Research

- **Vendor briefing sessions on labor market for construction**
- **Market sounding on the demand for broadband**
- **Business plan for ongoing maintenance and operation**

Last-Mile Update

Darcie L. Houck

Commissioner, California Public Utilities Commission

Last Mile Broadband Initiative, SB 156 (Chapter 112, Statutes 2021) Investment Snapshot

	Local Agency Technical Assistance	Loan Loss Reserve Fund	Federal Funding Account	California Advanced Services Fund
<i>Amount</i>	\$50 million	\$750 million	\$2 billion	\$150 million per year
<i>Summary</i>	Assist local governments & Tribes prepare for broadband infrastructure investments	Enable local governments & nonprofits to secure financing for broadband infrastructure	Fund last-mile broadband infrastructure projects in every county	Assist with broadband infrastructure deployment & adoption in public housing, Tribal territories, & unserved areas
<i>Target</i>	Apply for grants in August 2022	Proposal to be issued in August; opportunity for public comment	Priority Areas to be released before applications cycle opens	Infrastructure ruling requested comment, proposed decision to be issued in fall, 2022

Local Agency Technical Assistance

\$50 Million for Local and Tribal Governments

- To facilitate last-mile broadband infrastructure projects
- Supporting local agency and Tribal efforts expanding broadband to families and communities lacking sufficient internet access

Eligibility

- Broad eligibility includes cities, counties, community service districts, school districts, municipal utilities districts, electrical cooperatives, sovereign Tribal governments, and Joint Powers Authorities
- Application round targeted to open on **August 1, 2022**

Examples of Local Agency Technical Assistance

- Includes pre-construction costs; environmental, feasibility, and engineering design studies or reports; needs assessments, broadband studies and plans

More information: <https://bit.ly/CPUCLATA>



California Advanced Services Fund: Applications Received

Broadband Adoption and Digital Equity

Grants to public entities or community-based organizations for digital literacy and broadband access projects

- On July 1, 2022, CPUC received applications for 99 projects, requesting a total of \$28,557,954

Broadband Regional Consortia

Grants to regional consortia of public entities and community-based organizations to help deploy broadband infrastructure and services by assisting applicants with infrastructure project development or grant application processes

- Deadline was July 15; summary data will soon be available online

Public Housing and Low-Income Communities

Grants to build broadband networks offering free broadband service for residents of low-income communities including but not limited to, publicly supported housing developments, and housing or mobile home parks with low-income residents.

- On July 1 CPUC received applications for 19 projects, requesting a total of \$1,398,593



Recent and Ongoing Outreach to Local Agencies and Tribes

- **Yosemite National Park**
- **Mariposa County**
- **Mono County**
- **Inyo County**
- **Bishop Paiute Tribe**
- **Alpine County**
- **Continued Outreach to Unserved Communities, Rural Communities and Tribal Communities**



Broadband Adoption Update

Sunne Wright McPeak
President and CEO
California Emerging Technology Fund

Adoption Update

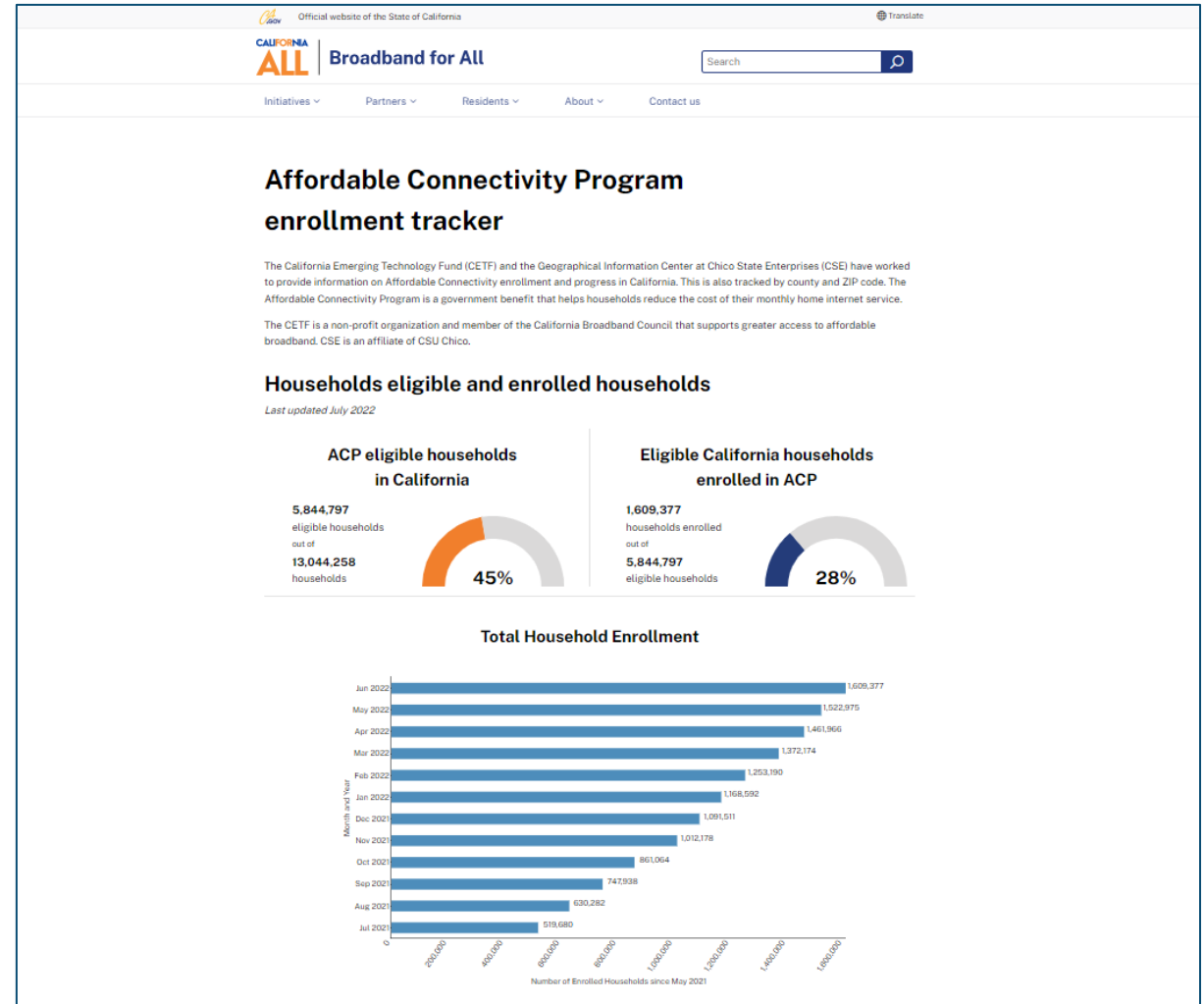
- **Update on ACP Enrollment**
- **Report on IOU Leadership**
- **ACP Mobilization: *Get Connected! California***

Update on ACP Enrollment

In the News

[More than 1.6 million California households enrolled in affordable broadband program, White House says - ABC7 Los Angeles](#)

[How to get free broadband in L.A. if you're a lower-income resident - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)



Update on ACP Enrollment


- Total HHs in California: 13,044,258
- Total ACP-Eligible HHs: 5,844,797 – 45%
- Total California Enrolled HHs: 1,609,377 – 28%
 - 32% of CBC 5M Goal (July 18 USAC Data)
- Total U.S. Enrolled HHs: 12,972,734 – CA is 12.37%
- 60.39% Mobile; 39.98% Fixed-BB; .63% Wireless-Satellite
- Highest Activity Months: December, May
 - CETF and Los Angeles County Public Awareness Ads, Promotion)
 - Greatest Number of Visits to CETF IFAN website and EveryoneOn

Report on IOU Leadership

IOU Partners	Leading the Program
So Cal Gas	Octavio Verduzco; Daisie Cristobal Sanchez; Adam Knowles
So Cal Edison	Robert Carbajal; Ada Tsui
PG&E	Eric Olsen; Jimmy Toland-Yeh
SDG&E	Irma DePratti; Katy Homyk; Danielle De Clercq
CETF	Debbie Shireman

Report on IOU Leadership

Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs) Promotion: 4 Key Strategies


1. Add a telephone number and link to company websites: reaches 1,500 unique visits monthly.
2. Integrate broadband discount message twice annually in select CARE, Family Electric Rate Assistance and/or ESA direct marketing materials. 
3. Include flyers in education kits for home repairs (planning to reach 198,000 HHs).
4. Train CBOs who work with IOUs: reached to date 140 CBOs (3 of 4 IOUs).

Goal: Reach 4M Customers on CARE-ESA Subsidy Programs

Report on IOU Leadership

IOU	Status	Mechanism to Reach Customer
So Cal Gas	438,397	Letters to new CARE customers and non-CARE customers who likely qualify.
So Cal Edison	1,002,007	Letters to non-CARE customers who likely qualify.
PG&E	496,000	Emails to customers struggling to pay bills.
SDG&E	20,000	Fliers at cooling centers throughout California.
TOTAL	1,956,404	Completed activities for 4 Strategies.

Report on IOU Leadership



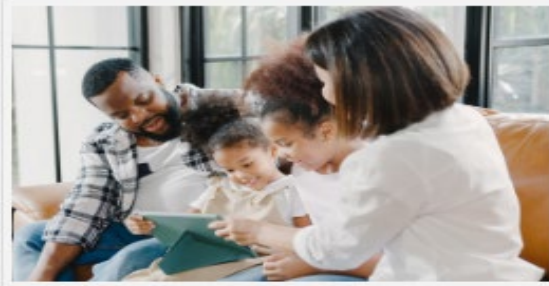
See if you qualify for low-cost internet service

Call the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF)² to see if you're eligible at 1-866-519-8655.

Get Details*

CETF is not the same company as, or an affiliate of, SoCalGas.

Report on IOU Leadership



Low-Cost Home Internet Service

You may be eligible for free or low-cost Home Internet Service through the California Emerging Technology Fund. To see if you qualify, call 866-519-8655.

[Learn more](#)



Introducing more help for customers with past due bills

If you have a past due balance and are struggling to pay your energy bill, we can help you today through a new payment plan. As a current CARE or FERA-enrolled customer, you may be eligible for the Arrearage Management (for past due balances) Plan, that will forgive up to \$8,000.

You may qualify if you:

- Owe at least \$500 or more on your gas and electric bill, or owe at least \$250 or more on your gas bill if you're a gas-only customer
- Are more than 90 days past due
- Have been a PG&E customer for at least 6 months
- Have made at least one on-time payment
- Agree to make twelve on-time payments of your monthly current charges

At PG&E, we understand the hardships facing our customers, and we are here to help.

To apply for this plan, please login to your [pge.com](#) account or call 1-800-743-5000

[Get help »](#)



Get up to \$300 in a one-time energy credit

Apply now for a credit from the Relief for Energy Assistance through Community Help (REACH) Program.

[See if you qualify »](#)



Difficulty paying your energy bill?

Apply now for up to \$1,000 in assistance through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

[Learn more »](#)



Low-Cost Home Internet

Get connected with new discounts on home Internet service. Providers offer plans for as low as \$9.95 per month to income-qualified households. Many plans require no deposit, commitment or installation fee.

[Learn more »](#)



Quick Services

Your Home

Demand Response

Rebates, Incentives & Saving Tips

Help Paying Your Bill

FERA & CARE Discounted Rates

One-Time Bill Assistance

Energy Savings Assistance Program

Medical Baseline Allowance

Home Efficiency Guide

Electric Vehicles

Generating Your Own Power

Energy Education Centers

Residential Rate Plans

Your Business

Customer Support

Partners & Vendors

Outage Center

Safety

Wildfire Safety

Bill Assistance Programs

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Need Time to Pay Your Bill?

We're here to help with long-term and short-term assistance programs. Explore all your options here.

12-month Payment Arrangements Plan

Residential customers with a past due balance may qualify for a 12-month repayment plan. Call us at [1-800-555-4555](#) for more information.

On-going Bill Support

You may be eligible for a discount on your monthly bill through the Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) program or California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE).

[Learn More >](#)

1-Time Assistance

Need a little extra help this month? The Energy Assistance Fund provides up to \$300 to eligible customers once a year. You can participate by applying for assistance or make a donation.

[Learn More >](#)

Free Upgrades

We can help you save over time through the Energy Savings Assistance Program. If you're eligible, we'll cover the cost of efficient new appliances and installation.

[Learn More >](#)

Energy Management Center

Manage your energy use with Smart products, programs and tools by visiting the Energy Management Center.

[Learn More >](#)

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

LIHEAP is a federally funded program aimed to assist low-income households that pay a high portion of their income to meet their energy needs. LIHEAP is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services.

[Learn More >](#)

COVID-19 Rent Relief

COVID-19 Rent Relief will help income-eligible households pay rent and utilities.

[Learn More >](#)

Low-Cost Internet and Computers

You may be eligible for low-cost internet and computers.

Learn more at [Internetforallnow.org/applynow](#) or call [\(866\) 519-8655](#)

Experiencing Financial Hardship?

If you're a renter who has experienced financial hardship as a result of COVID-19 and meets income guidelines, you may be eligible for rent and utility bill assistance. Depending on where you live, you may apply to the program administered in your community.

Get Connected! California

- ACP Mobilization: *Get Connected! California*
- Organizing Partners: All Stakeholders Invited to Join
 - California Department of Technology – California Broadband Council
 - California Department of Education
 - California State Association of Counties
 - State Library
 - California Emerging Technology Fund
- First Month for Focus: August 2022
- First Day for On-Site Enrollment Assistance: August 27

Get Connected! California

- **CDE Secured FCC approved NSLP/CEP Verification Letter:**
[S:\Programs Projects\Affordable Broadband Offers\FCC ACP\Acceptable Documentation\NSLP CEP Approved Verification Ltr.docx](#)
- ***Get Connected! California* Tool Kit:**
[Link to Tool Kit](#)

Summary of Adoption Update

- **Update on ACP Enrollment: Accelerate Progress to Secure California's Fair Share of Federal Funds**
- **Report on IOU Leadership: Commend IOUs and Encourage As Much Acceleration as Possible**
- **ACP Mobilization: Engage All Relevant and Interested Stakeholders in *Get Connected! California* – August**
(Especially HHA, Counties, Cities, RBCs, MPOs, ISPs)

National Telecommunications and Information Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

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Deputy Director, Broadband and Digital Literacy

Rob Osborn

Director, Communications Division

California Public Utilities Commission

Digital Equity and BEAD Programs

- CDT submitted Digital Equity Planning Grant application
- CPUC submitted Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Letter of Intent
- Both will lead respective planning efforts and coordinate
- Will require participation of CBC members and other stakeholders
- Once completed and approved by NTIA, will unlock billions of federal dollars to support state BB4All efforts

What is the State Digital Equity Plan (SDEP)?

California will receive funding to develop a State Digital Equity Plans (SDEP) to identify barriers to digital equity and solutions.

Includes measurable objectives for promoting:	Assesses how digital inclusion impacts outcomes in:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access to fixed and wireless broadband• Online accessibility and inclusivity of public resources• Digital literacy• Awareness and use of measures to secure online privacy and cybersecurity• Access to devices and technical support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education• Economic and workforce development• Health• Civic and social engagement• Delivery of social services

Partnership and Collaboration

Meaningful engagement that prioritizes eight “Covered Populations”

- #1 Low-income individuals
- #2 Aging individuals
- #3 Incarcerated individuals (other than those incarcerated in a Federal correctional facility)
- #4 Veterans
- #5 Individuals with disabilities
- #6 Members of racial or ethnic minority groups
- #7 Individuals residing in a rural area
- #8 Individuals with literacy barriers (including individuals who are English learners and have low levels of literacy)

Tribal engagement will include:

- #1 A coordination, outreach, and collaboration strategy with Tribes
- #2 An inventory of existing resources, programs, strategies or plans among Tribal governments
- #3 Alignment of State Digital Equity Plan with Tribal digital equity plans

Timeline



Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD)

- ☒ • July 1, 2022 – submitted letter of intent + request for \$5M initial planning funds to NTIA
- ☐ • Due to NTIA before Aug. 15, 2022: budget for \$5M initial planning funds
 - \$5M intended to cover expenses required to create BEAD 5YR Action Plan, due to NTIA \leq 270 days

BEAD Program will provide ~\$42.45B for infrastructure planning and implementation

Funding pool
\$42.45B

A program to get all Americans online by funding partnerships between states or territories, communities, and stakeholders to build infrastructure where we need it and increase adoption of high-speed internet.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Entities eligible to apply for this program include:

- All 50 States
- The District of Columbia and Puerto Rico
- Other Territories: U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Example eligible uses of funds include:

- ☆ Planning for deployment of Internet
- ☆ Deploying or upgrading Internet
- ☆ Installing Internet in multi-tenant buildings
- ☆ Implementing adoption and digital equity programs
- ☆ Workforce and job training

ESTIMATED TIMELINE

Timeline approximate unless exact date specified



Public Comment

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Thank You!