California Broadband Council Meeting

April 26, 2023

Meeting Recap and Transcript

The California Broadband Council (CBC) met on Wednesday, April 26th, 2023 at 9:30am via virtual conference.

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome

Madame Chair Liana Bailey-Crimmins welcomed Council members and attendees.

Roll Call

A quorum was established for the meeting.

Name	Organization	Member / Designee	Present
Chair Director Liana Bailey-Crimmins	**California Department of Technology**	Member	X
Ms. Sarah Smith	**Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee Appointment by Senator Bradford**	Designee	X
Commissioner Darcie Houck	**California Public Utilities Commission**	Member	X
Deputy Director Marvin Green	**California Office of Emergency Services, Logistics Management**	Designee	X
Director Jerry Winkler	**California Department of Education, Educational Data Management Division**	Designee	X
Deputy Director Brent Jamison	**Department of General Services**	Designee	x
Deputy Secretary Lori Pepper	**California Transportation Agency, Innovative Mobility Solutions**	Designee	X
President and CEO Sunne McPeak	**California Emerging Technology Fund**	Member	X

Deputy Secretary Michael Flores	**Department of Food and Agriculture**	Designee	X
Program Manager Josh Chisom	**California State Library**, Broadband Opportunities	Designee	X
Secretary Christina Snider	**Office of Tribal Affairs**	Member	X
Chief of Staff Emmanuel Aguayo	**Assembly Member Mike A. Gipson**	Designee	X

Agenda Item 2 – Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy Executive Report

Deputy Director Scott Adams provided a high-level recap of various Broadband for All programs and initiatives, including the Action Plan, Broadband for All Engagement, Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) enrollment efforts, including the participation of a number of state entities in FCC ACP Outreach grants, and the development of the State Digital Equity Plan and Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) plan. He briefly reviewed CDT's continued focus on engagement, and highlighted collaborations and engagements between OBDL and other various state agencies and stakeholders.

Agenda Item 3 – Broadband for All Updates

Deputy Director Scott Adams highlighted several coordinated initiatives to achieve Broadband for All, including the Middle Mile Broadband Initiative, the suite of Last Mile programs and initiatives overseen by the CPUC, and the statewide Affordable Connectivity Program mobilization overseen by CETF and supported by the Department of Technology, California State Libraries, the Department of Education, the Department of Aging, and other regional and local entities.

Agenda Item 4 – Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative Update

Deputy Director Mark Monroe provided a Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative update, focusing on frameworks for network architecture under consideration and Caltrans' progress for pre-construction and construction work, along with updated project assumptions and phasing.

The following CBC members made additional comments:
- Sarah Smith

- Lori Pepper
- Liana Bailey Crimmins

Agenda Item 5 – Last-Mile Program Update

Commissioner Darcie Houck from the California Public Utilities Commission provided updates on the various Last-Mile Programs, including Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA), Federal Funding Account Priority Areas, and California Advanced Services Fund Grants.

Agenda Item 6 – Affordable Connectivity Program

Sunne Wright McPeak from the California Emerging Technology Fund provided an update on enrollment in the Affordable Connectivity Program. As of Monday April 24, California reached 2,085,482 enrollments, the highest of any state. She highlighted the partnerships that were involved in the Get Connected! CA Mobilization effort, and shared a list of all California grantees of the FCC ACP Outreach grant, which amounted to almost $6 million in funding.

The following CBC members made additional comments:
- Darcie Houck

Agenda Item 7 – NTIA IIJA Programs – State Digital Equity Planning and BEAD

Deputy Director Scott Adams from CDT and Director Robert Osborn from CPUC provided updates of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Programs. In particular, he highlighted progress and coordinated collaborations between CDT and CPUC regarding the State Digital Equity Plan (SDEP) and Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD).

The following CBC members made additional comments:
- Liana Bailey Crimmins
- Sunne McPeak

Agenda Item 8 – Public Comment

Staff proceeded to address public comments, starting with online public comments, then those with their hands raised on Zoom, and then comments from participants calling in via phone. No written public comments were submitted ahead of the meeting. The following members of the public made comments:

- Priscilla Nichols (online via Zoom)

- Shelby Arthur (online via Zoom)

Closing

Director Bailey-Crimmins thanked Council members, presenters, and attendees and noted the next meeting is Wednesday, July 26. The meeting adjourned at 10:55a.m.

(Meeting recording and presentation slides from the meeting will be posted to the Council's website)