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To: BAMC Executive Committee and Board of Supervisors

Subject: April 2017 Broadband Summary of Activities

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Broadband Goals and Strategies

- In April I made official presentations on our Broadband Goals document to the Municipal Advisory Councils in Hopland and Laytonville. Presentations went well, and both will bring it back at their next meeting for more discussion and possible approval. I have also met with lots of groups informally (Chambers of commerce, Sheriff, Farm Bureau, etc)
- Current endorsements are: MCOE, EDFC, Community Foundation, Mendocino Coast District Hospital, and Westport MAC. In May I make presentations to the 4 city councils (Ukiah, Willits, Point Arena, and Fort Bragg) and Fire Chiefs Association. The plan is to bring to the BoS in July.
- Our next Broadband Working Group meeting will be May 12th to start talking about updating our county infrastructure design.
- Info is posted on our website.

PUC, Rural Call Completion and High-Impact White Paper

- The PUC released their Scoping Memo for Phase 2; Mendocino did not submit comments on the memo, but the county did submit "reply-comments" in response to the comments from others.
- No decision from the PUC yet on whether the carrier's request for a "stay" or re-hearing in the Rural Call Completion proceeding will be granted. (The 6-month delay request was granted)
- The Alliance and Supervisor Hamburg also submitted comments to the PUC in response to their "Staff White Paper" on high-impact areas. Reading the comments, they are "all over the map." The PUC is still in the process of review, and no decision has been made.
- At the end of March I had the opportunity to meet with the new Commissioner Rechtschaffen in San Francisco; I then had a chance to personally meet and talk with CPUC Commissioner Peterman and new Commissioner Guzman-Aceves after the PUC meeting that was held in Santa Rosa on 4/6/17. I invited them all to visit Mendocino, and specifically to participate in the "Water Tours" that are hosted by the Farm Bureau (Peterman had mentioned that she was participating in some southern Ca water tours). Guzman-Aceves' telecom director is from Elk,

so that was also an immediate connection. I also spoke at the public comments portion of the meeting and thanked the Commission for their support of the NBNCBC.

NBNCBC

- The OverSight Committee held their Q1 meeting on 4/27 and Supervisor Hamburg was elected Chair. The meeting focused on current legislation for the re-authorization of the CASF program. Notes should be posted soon.

Legislation

- I was part of a CalTrans stakeholder group that met in Sacramento on 4/4 to develop a framework for guidelines for the AB 1549, the Broadband Conduit Bill that Assemblymember Wood passed last year. At the time, there was some disappointment because the bill was considerably weaker than we had hoped. However, this meeting gives me cause for hope. Caltrans seems sincere in wanting to work to develop a “dig-once” policy, and good input and suggestions was provided by the many stakeholders. They want to have 2 more meetings, and I plan to continue participation. Because of this progress, Jim Wood withdrew AB 980 as it was no longer needed.
- The language for AB 1665 - The Internet for All Now (IFAN) was finally made available to the public. Unfortunately language was added the evening before a committee hearing that causes doubt as to whether the NBNCBC will be able to support this bill. For updates on this situation, please watch this link.
- At the federal level, the FCC has an upcoming meeting on the 17th where they will consider issuing a Notice for Proposed Rulemaking on the Open Internet. Basically, they want to repeal 2015 Open Internet Order when Internet was re-classified from an unregulated “information service” to a regulated “telecommunications service” under title 2. Net Neutrality will also be discussed at this same meeting. These are 2 big topics getting a lot of attention nationally.
- See our website for a summary of broadband-related legislation

Outreach

- As mentioned under Broadband Goals, outreach to share this document is one priority for both April and May.
- On 4/25/17 I was part of a panel of participants on a press release call on the release of the Haas Institute Report entitled “AT&T Fiber Deployment in California Leaves Middle and Low-income Communities Behind.” Other participants included Regina (TURN), CWA Vice-President for CA, and others. I shared how the Digital Divide impacts people on the ground in rural areas like Mendocino, and specifically shared the story of Lark in the Morning (with his permission of course). There have been some statewide articles written on the report (LA times, Sac Bee, etc) and some local stories as well.

- While in Sacramento I attended the California Broadband Council meeting on 4/5/17. There was a presentation about broadband and economic development that I found particularly valuable, and when it is public I will be sharing the link with everyone and posting on the website. Basically, the study found that every Mbps increase in speed could be correlated with an increase in GDP.
- Our next meeting is tomorrow, Friday May 5th at the Community Foundation. Please join us if you can.
- Follow the Broadband Alliance on [Facebook](#) if you don't already!

April Meeting Summary

04/04/17	Caltrans stakeholders meeting	Sacramento
04/05/17	Meeting with Senator McGuire's Legislative Director	Sacramento
04/05/17	California Broadband Council meeting	Sacramento
04/06/17	California Public Utilities Commission meeting in Santa Rosa	Santa Rosa City Hall
04/18/17	Regional Broadband summit	Livestreamed
04/19/17	Access Sonoma Broadband Meeting	Santa Rosa
04/19/17	Hopland Municipal Advisory Council presentation	Hopland
04/21/17	Meeting with SeaKay and Lake County Broadband Solutions	Ukiah
04/25/17	Press release call with Communication Workers of America (CWA)	Conference line
04/26/17	Laytonville Municipal Advisory Council presentation	Laytonville
04/27/17	Q1 Oversight Committee Meeting	Conference Call