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To: BAMC Executive Committee and Board of Supervisors

Subject: June 2017 Broadband Summary of Activities

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Broadband Goals and Strategies

- This project is moving along. I am on the Board of Supervisors agenda for a presentation/discussion of County Broadband Goals on July 11th. (I don't know the time yet). Please attend and show support for this presentation if you can.
- As reported last month, I made presentations for all four city councils, and 3 of them passed a resolutions in support of the goals. The larger list of current endorsements is on the [website](#).

PUC White Paper on CASF Reform

- Several months back CPUC staff produced a white paper on proposed CASF reforms, and last month I reported that we were working on comments. Supervisor Hamburg and Supervisor Hopkins (Sonoma) submitted [joint comments](#), and the Alliance also submitted comments.
- I had encouraged all our smaller local providers to submit comments as well to explain the barriers to their participation in the program, and 2 providers did.
- About 15 comments were submitted total, and recommendations were all over the map (although the bigger providers were generally in agreement for recommendations that benefited them).

BAMC Outreach

- There was no public outreach meeting in June, and our next meeting is on July 14th. It would be great if members of the BAMC Executive Committee could attend, as our last meeting (May 5th) had low participation. (I also had issues with the announcement email.)
- I have been posting a lot of content on the website, so please check it regularly. There are over 60 "[Crossing the Digital Divide](#)" articles, and lots of reports. You can read the CASF 2016 Annual Report for example, and lots of articles about Fiber networks.
- Having broadband available isn't enough - people have to know it's available and understand it's value. I have started an outreach campaign in the Westport area, and will meeting with the Municipal Advisory Council on July 11th to discuss their needs, challenges, options, and to brainstorm ideas to increase the adoption rate.

- I have helped promote AT&T's "It can wait" campaign for the safe use of technology. I am using my contacts to help them bring this very good campaign to high schools and Family Resource Centers in the county. I have also been helping to promote both AT&T and Comcast's low cost internet program and have met with MCOE to discuss how to reach eligible families with information.
- I volunteered to chaperone kids for a day at a large, multi-tribal week long event at the coast as a way to get to know leaders from the various tribes in the county. I made a few connections, but it wasn't as successful as I had hoped it would be.
- The Mendocino Coast Broadband Alliance will be "closing their doors." President Shirley Freriks will be moving out of county and there is not enough interest from anyone else to keep the non-profit group active.
- Follow the Broadband Alliance on [Facebook](#).

Legislation

- AB 1665 This bill continues to get worse with more industry amendments as it moves through the Senate, and the NBNCBC is very much opposed at this point. Even CETF, who has been pushing for the bill, is on the verge of opposition unless some of the amendments can be changed. The bill has a hearing date of July 10th in the Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communication Committee. There will likely be a Board of Supervisors letter of opposition in their July 11th consent agenda.
- Congressman Huffman's HR 2425 (Public Lands Telecommunications Act) was expected to pass out of committee on 6/27 and go to the full floor, but it didn't, and is instead going back into committee for amendments. I have asked for an update from Huffman's office and haven't heard back yet, but I'm concerned about harmful amendments being inserted so close to passing.
- Senator McGuire's Warren-911 Emergency Assistance Act (SB566) for notification of rural outages failed to come out of the Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communication committee hearing, and so was made into a 2-year bill.
- SB 649 (the small cell bill) has opposition from some city governments because of concerns about the loss of local control, but it is moving strongly along. It passed out of the Senate on May 31st and on June 28th passed out of the first Assembly committee with amendments.
- This month President Trump unveiled his infrastructure plan and supposedly there is money for rural broadband. However, no details are available so it's hard to know anything more.

Other kind of interesting items

- Last month I was part of a CalTrans stakeholder group that met in Sacramento to develop a framework for guidelines for the AB 1549, the Broadband Conduit Bill that Assemblymember Wood passed last year that moves us towards "dig once." The next meeting is July 7th, which

unfortunately conflicts with another meeting for me. As part of this project they have a draft [CalTrans map](#) which provides a clear visual where they are doing projects in the state. Click the Layer List icon to bring up the layers for the map. You might have to zoom in until the specific layer becomes active/turned on. Clicking on any active layers inside the map will bring up an information pop-up. Let me know if you have any feedback on this map.

- FirstNet has submitted all their state plans to all the Governors, and now each governor has to decide whether to opt “in or out” of the program. This is the national wireless public safety network which AT&T won the contract for. If a state “opts out” then they have to have their own plan as a replacement. I have no idea what Gov. Brown might do. The actual plan is not available for public viewing, however but here’s a link if you want to read an article about it - www.govtech.com/public-safety/State-Territory-Plans-Next-Step-in-FirstNet-Build-Out-Arrive-Ahead-of-Schedule

June Meeting Summary

06/16/2017	Senator McGuire’s Legislative Director	Call for discussion of current legislation
06/20/2017	Myron Curtis, Deputy Sector Navigator, ICT & Digital Media, Butte College	Discussion of respective broadband efforts
06/21/2017	Broadband USA webinar	Funding for Broadband Networks
06/28/2017	CPUC Wireline division	Conference call re: discussion of pole attachment requirements
06/29/2017	Tribal day on the coast	Connecting with Mendocino County tribal leaders