

CPUC hosts broadband hearing in Ukiah

Public urged to attend, voice concerns

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Local broadband issues will be the subject of a California Public Utilities Commission hearing July 15 in the Mendocino County board of supervisors chambers.

The hearing, titled “Order Instituting Investigation to Address Intrastate Rural Call Completion Issues,” will be at 2:30 p.m. in the supervisor chambers, 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah.

In an email urging county residents to attend the hearing and express their concerns, Trish Steel of the Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County, said, “This is your time to speak, and we need you to speak.”

Steel added: “I know there are many people in this county who experience problems with their landlines on a chronic basis, and I know there are many people who lost access to 911 during the outages. We were lucky in that these outages did not happen during an emergency, but we have to be better prepared.”

According to the CPUC agenda, Commissioner Catherine J. K. Sandoval and/or Administrative Law Judge Robert Mason will preside. Although other commissioners could be present but no voting will occur.

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