

April 6, 2018

The Honorable Miguel Santiago  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Communications and Conveyance  
State Capitol Room 6027  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2910 (Wood) Communications Restoral After Natural Disasters – SUPPORT  
WITH AMENDMENTS**

Assembly Communications and Conveyance Committee – April 11, 2018

Assemblymember Santiago:

On behalf of North Bay North Coast Broadband Consortium (NBNCBC) I am writing to express our support of AB 2910, “Communications Restoral After Natural Disasters,” authored by Assemblymember Jim Wood if, and only if, it is amended as we recommend below.

The NBNCBC membership is comprised of four counties (Marin, Mendocino, Napa and Sonoma), via a representative of each county's Board of Supervisors<sup>1</sup>. Three of these counties (Mendocino, Napa, and Sonoma) experienced significant loss of human life and property during the October 2017 wildfires, as detailed below.

**Required Amendments for Support of AB 2910**

We recommend AB 2910 be modified to reflect the following provisions:

1. Designated wireline and wireless carriers and providers having network facilities in wildfire areas<sup>2</sup>, shall submit a monthly report to the CPUC, for the first six months after a wildfire disaster, and quarterly reports thereafter until network restoration has been completed. Each report shall include:
  - 1.1 Extent of damage to communications network facilities.
  - 1.2 Geographic scope and duration of communications service outages.
  - 1.3 Networking planning, over the planned restoration horizon.
  - 1.4 Type of facilities to be deployed.
  - 1.5 Progress reporting.

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<sup>1</sup> The Consortium itself is authorized, and partially funded for specific purposes, by the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF-Consortia Account) of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

<sup>2</sup> As declared by CalFire.

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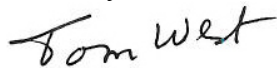
2. The reports shall be public documents, held as such by the Commission.
3. First responders, and incident commanders shall be provided, via CalOES, nearly real-time (NRT) data, supplied to CalOES by applicable wireline and wireless carriers and providers. Such data shall report on location and scope of network outages caused by wildfire, as a wildfire event progresses. CalOES shall issue protocols for the use of such data by first responders and incident commanders, in order to support the provision of the most accurate levels of public alerting and warning to effect evacuations and maintain life safety.
4. The Commission shall engage in rulemaking(s) to achieve these purposes; and shall consult with identified parties and jurisdictions in doing so. At a minimum these stakeholders shall include: Federal Communications Commission (FCC), First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), CalOES, CalFire, the county governments of the '2017 wildfire counties'; and, the wireline and wireless carriers and providers serving said 'wildfire areas.'

**The NBNCBC Wildfire Area**

The October 2017 wild fires (five) in three of the four NBNCBC counties involved: The death of 40 individuals, 198,867 acres burned, over 8,600 structures destroyed (7,983) or severely damaged (619). Overall, 20,402 households existed within the perimeters of these fires, with 50,458 total residents.

We ask you to vote for an amended AB 2910.

Sincerely,



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