

**NOTES FROM THE**  
**NBNCBC OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING-In Person**  
**Wednesday September 26, 2018**  
**1:00 PM- 3:00 PM**  
**Sonoma County Administration Center**  
**575 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa, CA**  
**Administration Building-CAO Conference Room**

**CALL IN NUMBER**

**641-715-3341**

**PARTICIPANT CODE—825-567 #**

**Committee Members and Alternates:** County Supervisors-Dennis Rodoni, Marin; Dan Hamburg, Mendocino (Chair); Diane Dillon and Belia Ramos (Alt.) Napa; Lynda Hopkins, Sonoma; and Tom West, Non-Voting member, NBNCBC. **Recording Secretary:** Calvin Sandeen. **NBNCBC Management:** Peter Pratt, Bruce Bagnoli, Laurie Childers and Lorenzo Cordova, Marin; Diann Simmons and Steve Dunncliff, Mendocino; Anthony Halstead, Jon Gjestvang, and Nelson Cortez, Napa; and, Mike Nicholls, Steve Sharpe, and Calvin Sandeen, Sonoma. **Invited Guests:** Kathy Wylie, Chair, Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County, (BAMC).

**I. Welcome and Call to Order**

- Roll Call of Members and Alternates
- Introduction of NBNCBC Management Team
- Introduction of Guests

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**PRESENT:**

**County Supervisors:**

Dennis Rodoni, Marin;  
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**Invited Guests:**

Kathy Wylie, Chair, Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County, (BAMC)  
Marissa Montenegro, Legislative Analyst - County of Sonoma  
Sheba Brown, Congressman Huffman's Office

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| II. | <b>Proposed Changes for the CASF Rural and Regional Urban Consortia Account</b>  | Hamburg<br><b>(SEE EXHIBIT #1)</b>  |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed Changes (Under Development by CPUC)</li> <li>• Potential Options           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marin County’s Exploring becoming a single county consortium</li> <li>* Mendocino/Sonoma Potential Exploration to Use SMEDD</li> <li>• Continue NBNCBC with All Four Counties</li> <li>• Continue NBNCBC with subset of the four counties</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Open Discussion</li> <li>• Follow-up Actions</li> </ul> | Rodoni/Pratt<br>Sharpe<br><br>Group |

**DISCUSSION:** The attendees discussed the continuation of the consortium and how to strategically best move forward. The consortium agreed to remain a four member county consortium and restructure the member County work plans to focus significantly on legislative issues, both at the state and federal level. As broadband issues become more and more relevant in state and federal legislature, the consortium realized it is pertinent to remain together and leverage the reputability of a 4 county consortium where each Member County represents varying topography and demographics.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Some of the main action items are for the NBNCBC member Counties to:

1. Share and coordinate broadband language for each County’s legislative platform.
2. Update work plans to
  - a. Assess wildfire damage
  - b. How to improve telecom resiliency from fires and
  - c. Identify funding recommendations.

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| III. | <b>USDA’s Broadband Report and e-Connectivity Pilot Program</b>   | Sandeen/Pratt<br><b>(SEE EXHIBIT #2)</b> |
|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scope of the Program and Request for Comments</li> <li>• Synopsis of NBNCBC’s Response</li> <li>• The Value of NBNCBC Joining the Public Knowledge Coalition on this Topic?</li> </ul> |  |

**DISCUSSION:** Calvin Sandeen from Sonoma County and Peter Pratt from Marin County gave an overview of the comments NBNCBC submitted to the USDA on the e-Connectivity Program. They emphasized the importance of submitting comments so that California is included as a beneficiary of the new pilot program and is also recognized as a state having many agricultural/rural areas in need of broadband funding. They later went into more detail on specific comments submitted in response to initial comments requested by the USDA. The group continued to discuss joining the Public Knowledge Coalition to assist NBNCBC and its regions needs in being more effectively represented in future federal broadband programs and legislation.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1.) Join Public Knowledge Coalition
- 2.) Continue to respond to future federal broadband programs and legislation

**IV. Work Plan Status Reports of County Teams**

- Marin Rodoni/Pratt/Cordova
- Mendocino Hamburg/Simmons
- Napa Dillon/Halstead
- Sonoma Hopkins/Sandeen/Sharpe

**DISCUSSION:** Each County gave an update on broadband related progress each has been making.

Marin County is working on broadband infrastructure projects in Bolinas and Nicasio. Nicasio is 85% complete, and there are 320 poles under study in Bolinas. Lastly, there is an adoption project to bring affordable services to low income communities and students in the Canal area.

Mendocino County is working with providers to serve additional communities in Mendocino County – working west side of Willits, Laytonville, and Brooktrails. There have been staff and organizational changes being dealt with. Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County has replaced Trish steel with their new director, Kathy Wylie.

Napa County had two updates. First, they are expanding broadband to three farmworker houses with Mifi at each center. Second, Napa County is contracting work with Magellan Advisors to assess 1.) Telecommunications damage, 2.) Areas of resiliency and improvement, 3.) Recommendations on funding.

Sonoma County is working on its Broadband Strategic Plan, contracted with Magellan Advisors. The BSP is nearing completion, receiving final guidance from County departments before presenting to the Board of Supervisors. In addition, Sonoma County is applying for a Design and Engineering study from the Economic Development Administrations Disaster Recovery grant to deploy broadband infrastructure in Dry Creek Valley.

**V. Other Pertinent Information Included as Exhibits (Questions only if time permits)**

**A. Status/Summary of Significant 2018 California Legislation (SEE EXHIBIT #3)**

- SB 833-(McGuire)--- Emergency Alerts: Evacuation Orders: Operators
- SB 822-(Weiner)--- Net Neutrality
- AB 1999-(Chau)---Local Government: Public Broadband Networks
- SB 901—(Dodd)---Wildfires and Funding
- AB 2910-(Wood)--- Communications Restoration After Natural Disasters

**DISCUSSION:** Mike Nicholls gave a brief overview over the current status of the legislation bills above.

**B. NTIA’s Improving the Quality and Accuracy of Broadband Availability Data (SEE EXHIBIT #4)**

- NTIAs Request for Comments
- Synopsis of NBNCBC’s Response

**C. Revised CASF Program Rulemaking Guidelines (SEE EXHIBIT #5)**

1. Interim Order
  - Adoption Account
  - Public Housing Account
  - Loan Account

- 2. **Under Development**
- Infrastructure Account
- Line Extension Program

(SEE EXHIBIT #6)

**VI. Public Comments (2 minutes person)**

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**VII. Adjournment of Meeting**

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- Future Meetings- December—TBD

#### Agenda and Exhibits available: <http://www.mendocinobroadband.org/nbncbc-oversight-committee-meetings/>