

NBNCBC OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING-Via Conference Call
Friday December 14, 2018
1:00 PM- 2:00 PM

Locations:

- Marin County Civic Center, 3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 326, San Rafael, CA (Supervisor Rodoni, Staff & Public)
- Napa County, 1195 Third Street, Suite 310, Napa CA 94559 (Supervisor Ramos, Staff & Public)
- County of Sonoma EDB, 141 Stony Circle, Ste 110, Santa Rosa, CA 95401 (Supervisor Hopkins, Staff & Public) and Supervisor Diane Dillon from Napa County
- Mendocino Co.-Rm. 1010, Conference Room B, 501 Low Gap Road. Ukiah, CA (Supervisor Hamburg, Staff & Public)

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, Mendocino; Anthony Halstead, Jon Gjestvang, and Nelson Cortez, Napa; and, Mike Nicholls, Steve Sharpe, and Calvin Sandeen, Sonoma.

I. Welcome and Call to Order (5 min) Hamburg
• Roll Call of Members and Alternates Sandeen

ATTENDED: Supv. Dennis Rodoni, Supv. Diane Dillon, Supv. Belia Ramos, Supv. Lynda Hopkins, Tom West (Chair), Calvin Sandeen (Recording Secretary).

ABSENT: Supv. Dan Hamburg (Chair)

NOTE: Supv. Dan Hamburg was absent. Supv. Diane Dillon took place as NBNCBC Chair for meeting.

- Introduction of NBNCBC Management Team Sandeen

ATTENDED: Bruce Bagnoli, Lorenzo Cordova, Diann Simmons, Jon Gjestvang, Nelson Cortez, Mike Nicholls, Steve Sharpe, Calvin Sandeen, Liza Massey

ABSENT: Anthony Halstead; Peter Pratt.

- Introduction of Guests Sandeen & Guests

ATTENDED: Liza Massey, Marin County CIO. Ted Williams, Mendocino County. Jim Moorehead, Mendocino County. Katie Gibbs, Mendocino County. Kathy Wylie, Mendocino County, Jeff Tyrrell, Mendocino County (BAMC Website Manager).

II. CASF Program -- Infrastructure Account Guidelines (5min) Sandeen

DISCUSSION: NBNCBC continues to participate in the CASF Program proceeding and has provided comments to the CPUC. The CPUC is implementing programmatic changes to the CASF's broadband Infrastructure and introduce the Line Extension Grant Account, as required by Assembly Bill 1665 Grant Account. Revisions to the Infrastructure Grant Account include, among other items, the following subjects: project eligibility, application challenges, determining funding levels, reimbursing grantees, a new ministerial review process whereby staff may approve certain projects and establishing additional minimum performance standards for grantees. This proceeding remains open.

Where it stands, NBNCBC finds the programmatic changes to be fair for the consortium region and consistent with its goals. A link to the CPUC's most current decision is available here:

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?docformat=ALL&DocID=250281851>

ACTION ITEMS: NBNCBC will continue to participate in the CPUC Proceeding R.12-10-012 "Order Instituting Rulemaking to Consider Modifications to the California Advanced Services Fund. "

III.	Outline of Proposed NBNCBC 2019-2023 Action Plan	(20 min)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft Table of Contents• V. 2019 Plan of Action• Part I—County CASF Grant Work Plans• Part II---Advocacy--• Part III---NBNCBC Middle-Mile Infrastructure Access• Discussion and Follow-up Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(See Exhibit #1)(See Exhibit #2)(See Exhibit #3)(See Exhibit #4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">WestCounty ManagersSandeenWestHamburg

DISCUSSION: The outline for the NBNCBC 2019-2023 Action Plan is based on previous discussions and action items covered in the 9/26/18 NBNCBC Oversight Committee meeting. At the previous meeting, the consortium determined it is best to move forward together as a 4-member County consortium rather than dividing. As discussed, the reason to stay together would be to maintain higher credibility as the consortium refocuses its efforts on legislative advocacy, which has proven to be effective in the past year.

- **Part I** of the Action Plan represents projects and work to be pursued by individual Counties using CASF funds, which each County staff are to determine how to best prioritize and move forward. See more in <http://www.mendocinobroadband.org/wp-content/uploads/Exh.-2-NBNCBC-Plan-Part-I-County-CASF-Program-Work-Plans.pdf>.
- **Part II** of the Action Plan represents the advocacy efforts the consortium may pursue. Example advocacy efforts are presented in Exhibit #3; By January 31 each Member County is to suggest advocacy efforts they would like to prioritize and have NBNCBC pursue. As new advocacy efforts come up, member Counties will propose them on a frequent basis to NBNCBC staff and the Oversight Committee for approval to move forward and include in the NBNCBC Advocacy Action Plan. Advocacy will not be funded by CASF, but is allowed at each County's own expense. See more in <http://www.mendocinobroadband.org/wp-content/uploads/Exh.-3-NBNCBC-Plan-Part-II-Advocacy.pdf>.

After the 2017 wildfires, Napa and Sonoma Counties jointly hired a third party attorney to help with CPUC advocacy efforts. NBNCBC staff agreed that the consortium should provide the attorney with the NBNCBC Broadband Advocacy chart to make them aware of and to advocate on behalf of regional legislative issues. Marin County suggested introducing and collaborating each County Counsel's legislative efforts.

Mendocino County discussed local advocacy requiring battery backup at cell-tower sites for residents to use during an emergency.

- **Part III** of the Action Plan represents a statewide initiative administered by California Transportation Commission. NBNCBC is collaborating with the regional consortia across California to identify strategic corridors to incorporate broadband infrastructure into Caltrans State Highway roads projects. NBNCBC recognizes this effort as a major solution to California's middle-mile issues, which could in turn result in providing last mile access to many unserved communities. Please see a list of the

strategic corridors identified in the NBNBC region here: <http://www.mendocinobroadband.org/wp-content/uploads/Exh.-5-V3.2-List-of-Recommended-Strategic-Broadband-Corridors-11-1-18-copy.pdf>

A map of the corridors is viewable here: <http://www.mendocinobroadband.org/wp-content/uploads/Exh.-4-NBNBC-Strategic-Corridors-no-Marin-V2.pdf>

ACTION ITEMS:

- Part I: Each member County will create a work plan to include in the NBNBC’s resubmission to the CASF Consortia Account to renew and extend the continuation of the consortium.
- Part II: Each Member County will review the Advocacy chart prepared in Exhibit 3 and add advocacy efforts on a rolling basis. County staff will send advocacy additions to either Tom West or Calvin Sandeen to include in the advocacy chart and distribute for approval by Oversight Committee. Supv. Lynda Hopkins offered to connect Marin County with Bruce Goldstein.

IV. Regional Consortia Coalition

(5 min)

- Strategic Broadband Corridors Project (See Exhibit #5) West
- Proposed Outcome Objectives for 2019 (See Exhibit #6) West
- Discussion and Follow-up Action Hamburg

DISCUSSION: NBNBC aims to align goals and objectives of regional consortia to add weight to statewide efforts. These efforts could also be strengthened by partnering with organizations such as Rural County Representatives of California. NBNBC chair Tom West presented CTC strategic corridors at the California Economic Summit on behalf of the regional consortia in which Greg Norton, President and CEO of RCRC was in attendance. NBNBC staff agrees to continue creating partnerships in 2019 with additional stakeholders that hold similar values and objectives to NBNBC and its region.

ACTION ITEMS: Set up a meeting with Greg Norton (RCRC CEO), Tracy Rhine (RCRC Broadband Governmental Affairs), & regional consortia to establish a statewide broadband coalition.

V. County Team-Final Year 2 Reports

(20 min)

- Marin Rodoni/Pratt
- Mendocino Hamburg/Simmons
- * Napa Dillon/Halstead
- Sonoma Hopkins/Nicholls

DISCUSSION: NBNBC Member Counties presented final 2nd year reports.

Marin

1. In Nicasio, Gigabit fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) subscriber connections are now at 90, with 220 locations to be served with fiber terminals by January 15, 2019.
2. An additional 45 Nicasio locations will be supported with fiber terminals in early 2019, exceeding the CPUC requirement of 220.
3. Construction of 571 locations for Gigabit fiber in Bolinas is scheduled to start in first quarter 2019, with substantial completion expected there by late 2019.
4. We are working to plan and finance expansion areas in Bolinas and Nicasio for another 130 locations.
5. The total: A year from today, we expect to have new fiber networks in place ‘passing’ about 960 locations.
6. When Marin joined the CPUC Consortia program in 2014, we had almost 4,000 locations lacking legally-defined broadband. Thanks to the CPUC funding, and private investments made by existing

providers, we estimate when the 960 locations are completed, by Inyo Networks in a year, Marin will have about 700 locations remaining with substandard broadband.

Mendocino

1. **Ensure Community Involvement:** There have been organizational changes since Mendocino's broadband manager, Trish Steel, left. Mendocino County contracted with the Economic Development & Financing Corp., a previous fiscal sponsor of the Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County (BAMC). EDFC continues to work with BAMC on community outreach efforts and many other initiatives.
2. **Develop Last Mile Community Plans/Projects:** Mendocino County has been working on last mile projects with wireless providers, Seakay and Further Reach, in Willowbrook and Rancho Navarro. Mendocino County staff have also been engaging in introductory meetings with incumbent providers, AT&T and Comcast, looking at opportunities and projects.
3. **Develop County Broadband Plan:** EDFC is putting a significant amount of focus on completing the Mendocino County 5-Year Strategic Broadband Plan, using data from a range of surveys sent out to Residents, Community Organizations, Anchor Institutions and Providers, to gather detailed information of current access, gaps and future needs.
4. **Involve and Work with Telecommunications Providers:** Mendocino County continues to reach out to Telecom Providers on a series of projects where public safety is a major priority.

Napa

1. **Contracted with Magellan Advisors to do a Broadband infrastructure assessment and completed the first part, which was to assess infrastructure systems and damages from recent fires.**
2. **Continue engagement with CPUC Commissioner Rechtschaffen and staff, primarily around wildfire prevention policies.**
3. **Installed cradle points in each of the three Farmworker Centers to provide internet access to 180 farmworkers.**

Sonoma

1. **Lighting up 99% of Giggly Occidental project completed. Remaining homes were delayed due to permitting issues. Line extensions to begin following completion of original project footprint.**
2. **Final Draft of the Strategic Broadband Plan for Sonoma was completed on December 1st and scheduled to be presented to the Board of Supervisors during a board meeting in January.**
3. **Revised priority areas include Jenner, Cazadero, Timber Cove, and a new area, State Highway 1 from Bodega Bay North to Mendocino County border. Information has been presented to CPUC and also California Transportation Commission as a Strategic Corridor.**
4. **Preparation for CPUC/CASF Line Extension Program is underway with several neighborhoods poised for submissions**
5. **Application for EDA grant for an Engineering Study was submitted in October for a County Owned 58 mile fiber network in the Dry Creek Valley region.**

VI. Other Business

(5 min)

- Renewal of MOU
- New Mendocino Committee Member

West
Hamburg

DISCUSSION:

- **NBNBCB is renewing its original MOU with minor changes to align with future goals and action plan covered above. The Sonoma County Economic Development Board will remain the fiscal agent for the consortium.**

- Mendocino County introduced Ted Williams who is expected to be named the new NBNCBC Oversight committee member replacing Dan Hamburg.

VII. Public Comments (2 minutes person) Hamburg

DISCUSSION: Jeff Tyrrell is updating NBNCBC with its own webpage.

VIII. Adjournment of Meeting Hamburg

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