



California Public Utilities Commission



CPUC and CDT Announce Broadband for All, Digital Equity, and BEAD Regional Planning Workshops



The internet is now an essential part of everyday life. Yet one out of five Californians lack access to affordable, reliable broadband service, devices, and the skills to use them.

Millions in our state are unable to access essential government services and realize other social and economic benefits that most others enjoy due to the impact of digital equity barriers. This gap is referred to as the “digital divide,” and most affects those in low-income households, seniors, the disabled,

veterans, incarcerated individuals, members of racial and ethnic minority groups, those with language barriers and low levels of literacy, tribal communities, and rural residents.

Broadband for All is the state’s overarching program to close the digital divide and foster digital equity in our communities. The state has invested billions of dollars to achieve Broadband for All and ensure that every resident has access to economical and dependable internet, devices, and skills training. However, more needs to be done.

The State Digital Equity team led by the [California Department of Technology \(CDT\)](#), the [California Public Utilities Commission \(CPUC\)](#), and other state agencies and local partners are hosting 20 [Broadband for All, Digital Equity, and Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment \(BEAD\)](#) Regional Planning Workshops across the state.

At each workshop, community members and local organizations are invited to take part in the development of the State’s Digital Equity and BEAD Five-Year Action Plans that will determine how future federal dollars are allocated to address digital inequities in each community.

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Attend a workshop near you

All events are free and open to the public. Register for a workshop in your area and do your part to close the digital divide today. As timing for individual workshops may change, please visit this [website](#) for the most up-to-date information.

Date	Location	Registration Link
April 14	Merced (Merced College - Library)	Register
April 15	Fresno (Fresno City College, Old Administration Building – Cafeteria)	Register
April 21	San Diego (San Diego Central Library)	Register
April 27	Chico (Chico Masonic Family Center)	Register
April 28	Santa Rosa (Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building)	Register
May 3	Eureka (Jefferson Community Center)	Register
May 5	San Jose (Santa Clara County Office of Education, Ridder Park Site)	Register
May 11	Sacramento (Sacramento Central Library)	Register
May 12	Grass Valley (Grass Valley Veterans Memorial Building)	Register
May 16	Inland Empire (CSU San Bernardino)	Register
May 19	Los Angeles (LA Trade Tech Campus)	Register
May 20	Long Beach (Veterans Park Social Hall)	Register
May 24	Santa Ana (Orange County Administration South Building)	Register
May 30	Tuolumne (Tuolumne County Resiliency Center)	Register
June 1	Santa Maria (Allan Hancock College)	Register
June 2	Seaside (CSU Monterey Bay Student Center)	Register

For additional events in your area, visit BroadbandforAll.cdt.ca.gov/events.

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