



California Public Utilities Commission



REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON DEVELOPMENT OF TRIBAL BROADBAND CONSORTIA

The workshop will be held by the CPUC and hosted by the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria at CSU Chico's Colusa Hall. Although the Workshop will have a remote attendance option, in-person attendance is highly encouraged.

The CPUC has established a new grant opportunity for Tribal Broadband Consortia to apply for technical assistance funding for Tribal governments seeking to develop broadband infrastructure. This opportunity is based on the existing grant program for Regional Broadband Consortia, which assists broadband infrastructure grant applicants in developing projects or applying for funding. At the request of the Mechoopda Tribe, the CPUC is holding a Regional Workshop to present on the grant opportunity and receive feedback from Tribes about the development of Tribal Broadband Consortia.

The final agenda for the workshop is forthcoming and will be posted on the following pages:

- [Commissioner Darcie L. Houck](#)
- [CASF Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Account](#)

Contact Information

For questions about the workshop or to request a government-to-government consultation with Commissioner Darcie Houck, please contact the following:

- Caleb Jones, Advisor to Commissioner Houck, Caleb.Jones@Cpuc.Ca.Gov
- Thomas Gates, Office of the Tribal Advisor, Thomas.Gates@Cpuc.Ca.Gov

WORKSHOP LOGISTICS

Date: July 14, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Location: Colusa Hall 100, CSU Chico Campus, Chico, CA, 95928

RSVP Link: [Mechoopda/CPUC Tribal Broadband Consortia Regional Workshop](#)

WebinarLink: <https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=m83905d0c58718c539a4e374cba9de069>

Password: 2026

Join by Phone: 1-855-282-6330

Access Code: 2496 511 8599

Attendees: Tribal Governments, Tribal Associations, Tribal-affiliated organizations, California Public Utilities Commission. Other Regional Broadband Consortia are welcome.

Workshop Agenda Overview:

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- CPUC Communications Division Presentation
- Tribal Broadband Presentations and Panel
- Lunch Break
- Next Steps for Forming Tribal Broadband Consortia
- Q&A and Discussion Session

Post-Workshop Government-to-Government Consultation Opportunity:

After the workshop, CPUC Commissioner Darcie Houck will be available to meet with Tribal Governments from 2:30-4:30pm for Consultation. If a Tribal Government is interested in a consultation, please contact the following:

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