

# CPUC Public Agenda 3560

Thursday, March 13, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

## **Commissioners:**

Alice Reynolds, President

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John Reynolds

Karen Douglas

Matthew Baker

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California Public  
Utilities Commission

# CPUC Mission

We Empower California through:

- Assuring utility services are clean and safe.
- Providing for critical services and infrastructure.
- Designing rates that are fair and reasonable.
- Protecting the interests of consumers and ratepayers

# CPUC Core Values



**Accountability**



**Excellence**



**Integrity**



**Open  
Communication**



**Stewardship**

# Commissioner Code of Conduct

- I. Commissioners should conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates respect for the public, for fellow Commissioners, and for Commission staff.
- II. Commission meetings should be opportunities for a full and respectful exchange of ideas and the responsible execution of Commission duties.
- III. Serving on the Commission is an honor and Commissioners should treat their colleagues at the Commission with respect for the varied backgrounds, skills and interests that each one brings.
- IV. Commissioners are public officials who should uphold the integrity of their office at all times.

# Public Comment

- Per Resolution ALJ-252, any member of the public (excluding parties and their representatives) who wishes to address the CPUC about matters before the Commission may comment in person at the Commission Meeting or may call in to the toll-free number:



**1-800-857-1917**

Passcode: 9899501

- ***Para escuchar esta reunión en español, por favor llame: (800) 857-1917, código de acceso: 3799627.***
- Once called, each speaker has 1 minute at the discretion of the Commission President. If there are a large number of callers wishing to speak, the time limit may be changed to accommodate all callers.
- A bell will ring when time has expired.
- **Written comments on a specific proceeding can be submitted via the CPUC's docket card. Please visit [www.cpuc.ca.gov/docket](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/docket), input the proceeding number, then click on the public comment tab. You can also visit the Public Advisor's Office webpage at [www.cpuc.ca.gov/pao](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/pao) for further information.**
- Public Comment is not permitted on the following items:
  - 23, 25

# Public Agenda Changes

Items shown on the Consent Agenda will be taken up and voted on as a group in one of the first items of business of each CPUC meeting.

- Items on Today's Consent Agenda 1 are: **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, and 26.**
- Items on Today's Consent Agenda 2 are: **11, 20, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43, and 44.**
- Any Commissioner, with consent of the other Commissioners, may request an item from the Regular Agenda be moved to the Consent Agenda prior to the meeting.
- **No Item** from the Regular Agenda has been added to the Consent Agenda.
- Any Commissioner may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion on the Regular Agenda prior to the meeting.
- **No Item** has been withdrawn.
- **No Item** has been moved to the Regular Agenda.
- The following items have been held to future Commission Meetings:

**Held to 4/3/2025: 23, 39, and 45.**

# Regular Agenda

- Each item on the Regular Agenda (and its alternate if any) will be introduced by the assigned Commissioner or CPUC staff and discussed before it is moved for a vote.
- For each agenda item, a summary of the proposed action is included on the agenda; the CPUC's final decision may, however, differ from that proposed.
- The complete text of every Proposed Decision or Draft Resolution is available for download on the CPUC's website: [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov)
- Late changes to agenda items are available on the Virtual Escutia Table; or in paper format or via QR Code at the Commission Meeting site.

# Regular Agenda | Energy Resolutions and Written Reports

## Item #46 [23270] – Modification of General Order 167

### Res ESRB-13

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#### PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Adopts General Order 167-C to: (1) implement the Senate Bill (SB) 1383 (Hueso, 2022) mandate to establish standards for the maintenance and operation of Energy Storage Systems; (2) apply SB 38 (Laird, 2023) requirements for Emergency Response and Emergency Action Plans to Energy Storage System Owners; (3) require Generating Asset Owners to coordinate with local authorities in developing their emergency plans; (4) establish Logbook Standards for Energy Storage Systems and Renewable Generating Assets and revise Logbook Standards for each Generating Asset; (5) modify Maintenance and Operation Standards for Generating Assets; (6) add provisions to enhance safety and effectiveness of Generating Assets and Energy Storage Systems operation and maintenance; (7) update procedures, references, and definitions; (8) remove obsolete references and add relevant language; and (9) update applicable industry codes, standards, and organizations.

#### SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Will improve the safety and reliability of California electric generation facilities and energy storage facilities.

#### ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated with this resolution.



# Management Reports



# Regular Agenda | Management Reports and Resolutions

Item #47 [23293] –

## **Management Report on Administrative Actions and Consumer Protection and Safety Activities**

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**Federal Funding Account Breaking Ground on Broadband Deployment and Round 2**

# New Broadband for California

## *Federal Funding Account | Success and Status*

Communications Division  
March 13, 2025



California Public  
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# Governor Newsom Signs Historic Broadband Legislation to Help Bridge the Digital Divide

## *Senate Bill 156*



### **Middle Mile \$3.25 billion**

- Open access, state-owned middle mile network

### **Last Mile nearly \$2 billion**

- Broadband that will connect homes and businesses

### **Local Agency Technical Assistance \$50 million**

- Local governments to prepare for broadband implementation

### **Loan Loss Reserve**

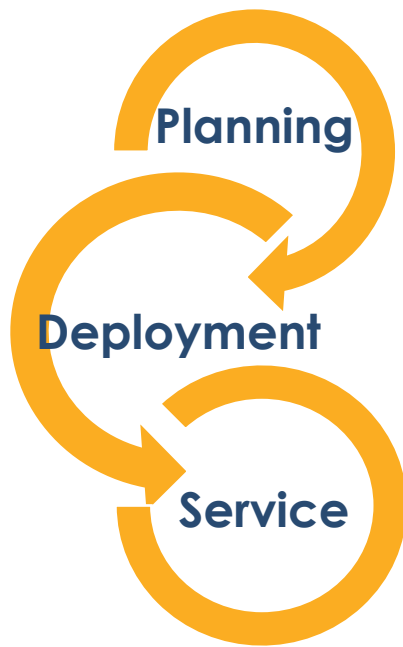
- Enable local governments and nonprofits to secure financing

# Last Mile Federal Funding Account



- 🎯 Legislative Leadership Enacting **Senate Bill 156**
- 🎯 **\$2 Billion Allocated** and \$1.45 Billion Appropriated
- 🎯 Allocations per County for **Rural / Urban Parity**
- 🎯 Early **Technical Assistance** for Broadband Planning
- 🎯 **Caseworker Outreach** to Public and Tribal Entities

# Broadband Programs Ecosystem



# Federal Funding Account Awards Overview

## 113 Projects Across California

- **\$1.1 billion** in grants awarded
- **52** counties with awarded grants
- **2 million** Californians benefiting from these investments
- **1,900** Community Anchor Institutions



*As of February 20, 2025*

# Investments Where They are Most Needed

## *Federal Funding Account Awards Address Affordability*



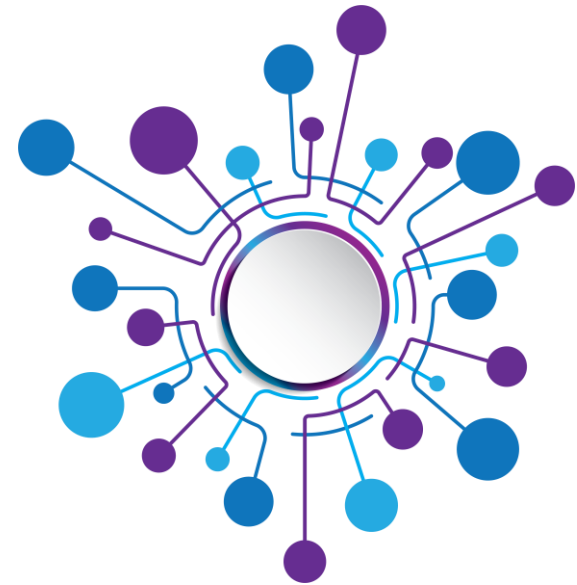
- 73 Projects Serve Primarily **Disadvantaged Areas**
- 94 Projects Offer an **Affordable Plan** for Low-Income Customers
- 74 Projects Offer a **Low-Cost Plan**



# Statewide Middle Mile Network Connections

- **59 Federal Funding Account** grants connecting to statewide Middle-Mile Broadband Network
- **\$732 million** grant amount total connecting
- **1.6 million** Californians benefiting from Federal Funding Account projects connecting to the statewide Middle Mile Broadband Network

***Statewide Middle Mile Enables Last Mile Affordability***



# Public Safety and Broadband

## FFA Last Mile Investments Bring Public Safety Benefits

- **7,000** miles of fiber to be deployed
- **69** awarded projects in Tiers 2 and 3 High Fire Threat Districts
- **20** awarded projects are 100 percent underground



# Case Studies – Making a Difference



**Alpine County**  
*Golden State Connect Authority*



**Santa Ynez Band of  
Chumash Indians**  
*Santa Barbara County*



**Destination Crenshaw  
with City of Los Angeles**  
*Los Angeles County*

***"These funds will enable us to provide high-speed internet to residents who have been without this essential service for far too long, which will have a profound and lasting impact on our community's future."***

*-ALPINE COUNTY SUPERVISOR*

# Breaking Ground and Building Networks



Nevada County  
*Nevada County Fiber  
Banner Mountain*



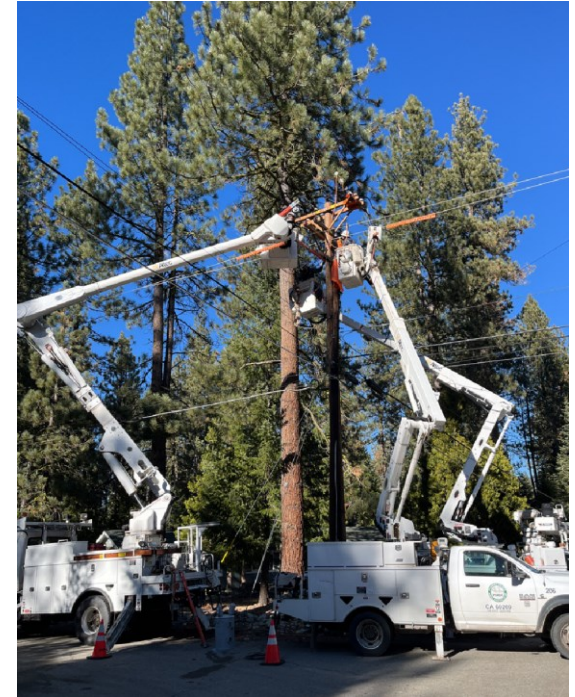
Tulare County  
*Varcomm Terra Bella*



Sacramento County  
*City of Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity*



San Francisco County  
*City and County of San Francisco  
Fair Shake Internet*



Plumas County  
*Plumas-Sierra Telecom  
Plumas Pines*

# Progress on Investments

- Statewide infrastructure investment dashboard with broadband investments at [build.ca.gov](https://build.ca.gov)
- Project map, Spotlight Stories, Featured Projects
- Quarterly updates on project status



About Building for All Maps Progress

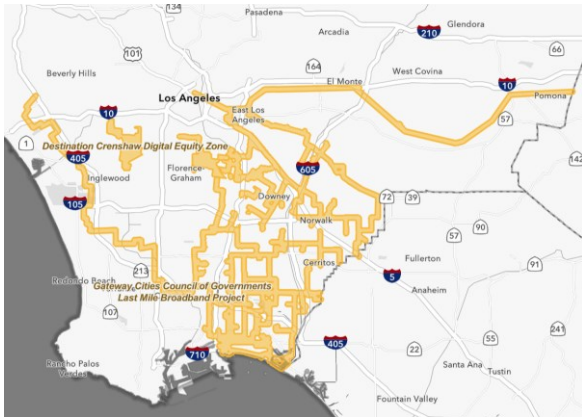


All Spotlight Stories Featured Projects



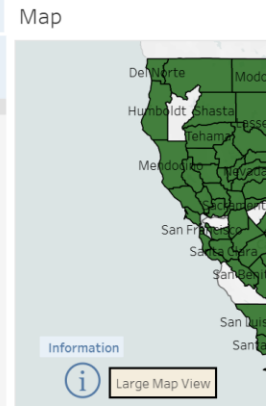
# Information on Investments

## Awards Map



## Awards Dashboard

Federal Funding Account Awards					
County	Amount Awarded (\$)	Status	Grantee	Project Name	Award Document and Date
Alameda	\$7,690,056	Awarded	City of Fremont	City of Fremont Last Mile Broadband Project	T-17829, 2024-07-11
	\$14,026,946	Awarded	The City of Oakland	Oakland Connect - Last Mile Connectivity for Oaklanders	T-17829, 2024-07-11
Alpine	\$6,985,978	Awarded	Golden State Connect Authority	GSCA Alpine County Broadband Network	T-17833, 2024-08-22
Amador	\$57,180,300	Awarded	Golden State Connect Authority	GSCA Amador County Broadband Network	T-17853, 2024-11-07
Butte	\$5,193,657	Awarded	Comcast	Butte Silver Bar	T-17866, 2024-12-19

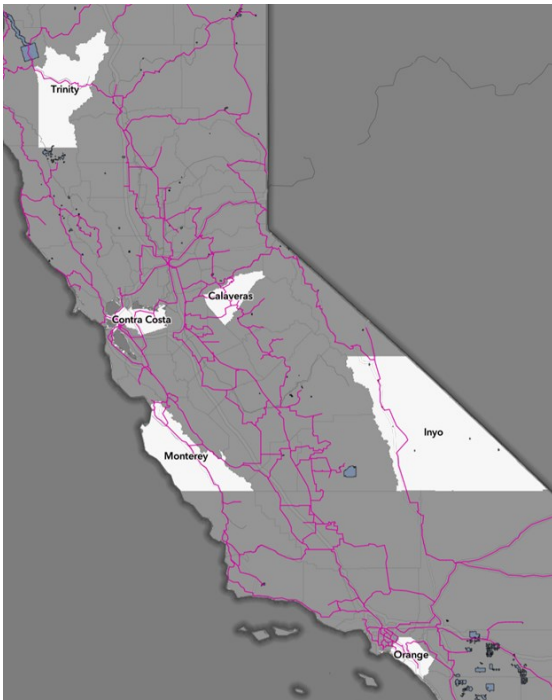


Visualize, filter and summarize by project, County, and Legislative District. [Federal Funding Account Awards page](#) with visualizations and award documents.

# What's Next?

	Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD)	California Advanced Services Fund (CASF)	Last Mile Federal Funding Account (FFA)
Amount	~\$1.86 billion	\$136 million for 2024-25	~\$2 billion (\$1.45 billion appropriated through Fiscal Year 2024-2025)
Summary	Funds for planning, infrastructure and adoption starting in 2024.	Funds broadband infrastructure and adoption in low-income housing, Tribal communities, and unserved areas.	Funds for last-mile broadband infrastructure projects in every county.
Next	Application and prequalification windows opens March 25, 2025.	Adoption, Public Housing, Line Extension, Infrastructure and Tribal Tech Assistance application cycles in 2025.	Application materials for an expedited, limited second round late March 2025.

# Limited and Expedited Round 2



- Expedited, limited solicitation for six Counties without Round 1 awards: **Calaveras, Contra Costa, Inyo, Monterey, Orange, and Trinity**
- Applications encouraged from entities that previously applied and first-time applicants
- Eligible locations [map and data](#) available
- Application materials available late March 2025
- Additional [application resources](#) available
- [Sign-up for updates!](#)



# Management Reports



# Commissioner's Reports



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The CPUC thanks you for participating in today's meeting

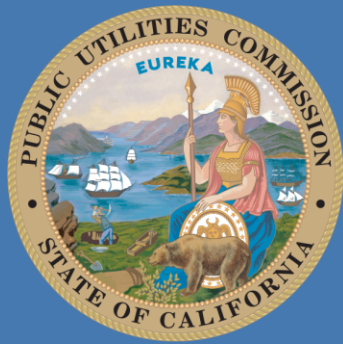
The next Public Meeting will be:

**April 3, 2025**

**11:00 a.m.**

**San Francisco, CA**





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