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Docket #: R.12-10-012

**CPUC TO HOLD PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON EXPANDING ACCESS TO BROADBAND**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19, 2019 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), as part of its implementation of The Internet for All Now Act, will hold a workshop to consult with local governments, broadband providers, consumers, and other stakeholders on cost-effective strategies for expanding broadband access in unserved areas of the state. The CPUC welcomes attendance at this public workshop.

**WHAT:** Workshop on Expanding Access to Broadband

**WHEN:** Monday, April 29, 2019, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**WHERE:**

- California Lottery Headquarters, 700 North 10th Street, Sacramento, CA, 95811
- Also available via webcast at [www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc](http://www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc)
- Remote participants may email questions during the workshop to:  
[CASF\\_Application\\_Questions@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:CASF_Application_Questions@cpuc.ca.gov)

**BACKGROUND:**

Assembly Bill (AB) 1665 was passed in October 2017, expanding access to broadband throughout the state of California. The law reforms the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) and requires the Commission to conduct public workshops on cost-effective strategies for providing broadband access to unserved parts of the state. Commissioner Martha Guzman Aceves and staff will focus this workshop on three funding sources available for broadband investment: 1) the CPUC's CASF; 2) the Federal Communications Commission's Connect America Fund; and 3) the U.S. Department of



Agriculture's Rural Development Broadband ReConnect Program. Additionally, the CASF's Adoption Program will facilitate a discussion on maximizing participation in existing low-income broadband subscription offerings.

While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend, no official action will be taken.

Documents related to the proceeding are available at:

[https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5\\_PROCEEDING\\_SELECT:R1210012](https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:R1210012).

Written comments on the proceeding may be submitted to: CPUC Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102, or via email to [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov). Please refer to proceeding number R.12-10-012 on any written or email correspondence about this proceeding. All public comments received are provided to the CPUC's Commissioners and the Administrative Law Judge assigned to the case.

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