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CPUC TO HOLD VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON EXPANDING BROADBAND ACCESS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15, 2020 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold a virtual 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 and participation at this public workshop.

WHAT: California Advanced Services Fund Public Workshop

WHEN: Thursday, April 23, 2020, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

WHERE: Online via webcast or conference call-in number

- Webcast: www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc/workshop/20200423
- Conference call-in number: 1-888-606-9535, passcode: 1360070 (this option allows for caller questions)
- Remote participants may email questions during the workshop to:
 CASF Workshop@cpuc.ca.gov

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 1665, the goal of the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) was extended from 2015 to 2022 and revised to provide funding for broadband infrastructure projects that will provide broadband access to no less than 98 percent of California households in each consortia region. The CASF is funded by a surcharge rate on revenues collected by telecommunications carriers from end-users for intrastate telecommunications services. This workshop is a forum for the CPUC, regional consortia, stakeholders, local governments, the federal

government, existing facility-based broadband providers, and consumers to collaborate on strategies for expanding broadband access to unserved areas.

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.

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