

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**Communications Division
Broadband Regional Initiatives Branch**

**RESOLUTION T-17833
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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION T-17833: Approves ten applications for grants for up to \$95,172,296, from the Last Mile Federal Funding Account in Alpine, Modoc, Riverside, Santa Barbara, and Tulare counties, providing service to 14,234 unserved locations.

I. SUMMARY

This Resolution recommends approval of ten Last Mile Federal Funding Account grants in the amount of up to \$95,172,296.

This Resolution is the third in a series of Resolutions approving grants to Federal Funding Account applicants for broadband infrastructure projects serving unserved areas in California. Subsequent Resolutions will be presented for Commission vote as Communications Division Staff completes its analyses of applications.

The ten projects in this Resolution propose to make investments bringing the social, economic, civic, and public safety benefits of high-speed broadband to 14,234 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 84,585 in Alpine, Modoc, Riverside, Santa Barbara, and Tulare counties. An estimated total population of 246,659 people will benefit from these investments as households and businesses that already have service in these communities will benefit from greater customer choice in the broadband market. The last-mile connections funded by these grants build upon the state-owned open-access Middle Mile Broadband Initiative. An estimated 71 percent of the locations that would receive service are located in low-income areas and 76 percent are located in disadvantaged areas.

Staff recommends grant awards to eight entities (listed in the order in which they appear in this Resolution): Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA), the Fort Bidwell Indian Community, AT&T, Frontier, the City of Indio, the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, VARCOMM Broadband Incorporated, and Comcast.

Golden State Connect Authority is a Joint Powers Authority formed by member counties, including Alpine. The Fort Bidwell Indian Community is a sovereign Tribal nation and the Fort Bidwell Reservation is located in Modoc County. The City of Indio is an incorporated city located in Riverside County. The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians is a sovereign Tribal nation and the Santa Ynez Reservation is located in Santa Barbara County. AT&T and Frontier are incumbent telecommunication companies offering service throughout California. Comcast is an incumbent cable company offering service throughout California. VARCOMM Broadband Incorporated is an Internet Service Provider affiliate of Ducor Telephone Company, an independent incumbent telecommunications company serving parts of Tulare, Tehama, and Kern Counties.

Staff recommends the following ten grant applications for Commission approval as shown in Table 1 below. Maps and summaries associated with each project are in the appendices.

Table 1: Summary of Grant Funding

Applicant	Project Name	Estimated Unserved Population	Estimated Unserved Locations	Awarded Amount
Alpine				
Golden State Connect Authority	GSCA Alpine County Broadband Network	818	721	\$6,985,978
Subtotal		818	721	\$6,985,978
Modoc				
Fort Bidwell Indian Community	Fort Bidwell Indian Community Fiber-to-the-Home	951	633	\$23,900,190
Subtotal		951	633	\$23,900,190
Riverside				
AT&T	Riverside - 1	34,450	3,394	\$11,580,196
AT&T	Riverside/San Bernardino - 1	336	39	\$255,801
AT&T	RIVERSIDE - PSA	3,980	331	\$156,949
Frontier	Riverside 1	4,039	962	\$2,008,124
City of Indio	City of Indio Last Mile Infrastructure Project	3,632	479	\$8,944,468
Subtotal		46,437	5,205	\$22,945,538
Santa Barbara				
Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians	Chumash Fiber Network	892	120	\$4,707,693
Subtotal		892	120	\$4,707,693
Tulare				
VARCOMM	Terra Bella	5,175	1,312	\$10,055,847
Comcast	Tulare Agriculture County	30,312	6,243	\$26,577,050
Subtotal		35,487	7,555	\$36,632,897
Grand Total		84,585	14,234	\$95,172,296

II. BACKGROUND

California's multi-year broadband investment package established the last mile Federal Funding Account as part of the Budget Act of 2021 and Senate Bill 156¹ and invested \$2 billion in the program over multiple years. The Federal Funding Account funds the construction of last-mile broadband infrastructure projects in unserved areas of California. The Federal Funding Account encourages the deployment of broadband throughout the State to enable the public to access Internet-based safety applications, telehealth services, emergency services, and to allow first responders to communicate with each other and collaborate during emergencies.

On April 21, 2022, the Commission issued D.22-04-055, Decision Adopting Federal Funding Account Rules. The rules and guidelines adopted in that decision included, among other items, the following: rules about projects to benefit Environmental and Social Justice Communities, affordable offers, five and ten-year price commitments, low-cost plans, project eligibility, application requirements, application objections, implementation of Public Utilities Code section 281(n) allocating funding between "rural counties" and "urban counties," a process to reimburse grantees, a ministerial review process whereby Communications Division Staff may approve certain projects, and minimum performance standards for grantees.

The Federal Funding Account Decision 22-04-055 includes requirements and preference for a number of affordability requirements including:

- Participation in the Affordable Connectivity Program or access to a "broad-based affordability program." Given that the Affordable Connectivity Program has lapsed grantees must participate in a successor program when identified by the Commission.
- A five-year price commitment, and preference for a ten-year commitment.
- Preference for a low-cost plan that is \$40/month or less and provides speeds of at least 50 Mbps down and 20 Mbps up.
- Preference for participation in the California and/or federal Lifeline programs (which may include bundled voice and broadband offerings).

The Federal Funding Account Decision and Appendix specify additional consideration for disadvantaged communities or Environmental and Social Justice communities.²

¹ Statute 2021, Chapters 84 and 112.

² The CPUC Environmental and Social Justice Action plan includes definitions and data indicators for disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities including Disadvantaged Communities defined by the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and low-income households defined as household incomes below 80 percent of the area median income. The CPUC's Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan 2.0 is available at: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/news-and-outreach/documents/news-office/key-issues/esj/esj-action-plan-v2jw.pdf>

The CPUC made available on the Federal Funding Account Public Map,³ the Applicant Tool,⁴ and data downloads locations and census blocks meeting these definitions.⁵ A grant application window was opened on June 30, 2023, and closed at 4 p.m. on September 29, 2023; 484 applications were submitted. Application summaries were posted on October 23, 2023, and a 28-day objection period closed on November 20, 2023. Responses to objections were received until December 20, 2023.

Applications were holistically evaluated; required and supporting documentation and the merits of the applications were compared, and assessed, on a county basis. Following an initial analysis, Staff sent a data request to applicants and requested additional information. Staff's holistic evaluation included project engineering, technical feasibility and design, financial viability, cost, applicant capacity, and community need, among other factors. Staff assessed how to manage overlapping applications and applications planning to include some already-served areas in their project area.⁶ Staff also evaluated how applications and groups of applications compared to competing applications in the same county.

III. APPLICATION SUMMARIES, DISCUSSION, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Alpine County Summary

The allocation for projects in Alpine County in D. 22-04-005 is \$6,989,054. This Resolution recommends awarding one grant to Golden State Connect Authority for a project in Alpine County. The recommended grant amount is \$6,985,978, which leaves a remainder of \$3,076 of the allocation in Alpine County.

³ The Federal Funding Account Public Map is available at: <https://federalfundingaccountmap.vetro.io/>

⁴ Registration for the Federal Funding Account Applicant Tool is available at: [FFA Applicant Tool Registration](#)

⁵ Disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities and individual locations, for purposes of the Federal Funding Account, include those in Disadvantaged Communities census tracts as defined by CalEPA and low-income areas in which the census block group median household income is less than or equal to 80 percent of the higher of the county or state average. This data is available for download on the Federal Funding Account Public Map page (visited June 13, 2024), <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/broadband-implementation-for-california/last-mile-federal-funding-account/ffa-public-map> and the Federal Funding Account Application Resources Page (visited June 13, 2024), <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/broadband-implementation-for-california/last-mile-federal-funding-account/ffa-application-resources-page>.

⁶ D.22-04-055 states that "households and businesses with an identified need for additional broadband infrastructure do not have to be the only ones in the service area served by an eligible broadband infrastructure project. Indeed, serving these households and businesses may require a holistic approach that provides service to a wider area, for example, in order to make ongoing service of certain households or businesses within the service area economical."

Alpine County Awards

1. *Golden State Connect Authority, GSCA Alpine County Broadband Network*

Staff recommends the Commission approve Golden State Connect Authority's application for a grant of up to \$6,985,978 for the GSCA Alpine County Broadband Network.

The GSCA Alpine County Broadband Network proposes to serve 721 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 818 in Alpine County. The last-mile fiber project will provide up to 10 gigabits per second symmetrical service to consumers. Golden State Connect Authority has committed to maintaining its prices for at least ten years.

The proposed project will cost an estimated \$10.7 million, of which the Federal Funding Account will fund approximately 65 percent of costs. Golden State Connect Authority plans to issue tax-exempt bonds to fund the balance.

Staff determined that the applicant and the project are financially viable, and the applicant's engineering meets the program standards. The applicant demonstrated the administrative, technical, and operational capacity to provide broadband service at the scale of this project.

This application did not receive any objections.

No Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in Alpine County.⁷ The GSCA Alpine County project area's unserved locations were evaluated in light of the updated Federal Communications Commission and Federal Funding Account unserved data (as of June 30, 2023). In response to this data, the number of unserved locations has been revised from 718 to 721, the project area is unchanged, and the total grant amount is unchanged.

Alpine County Administrative Officer Nichole S. Williamson submitted a letter of support for this project.

The proposed project will provide the public safety benefits of reliable broadband infrastructure. This project is located in a Tier 2 High Fire Threat District and presents no safety concerns. This project will connect to the open-access Middle Mile Broadband Initiative.

⁷ See Federal Funding Account Public Map, <https://federalfundingaccountmap.vetro.io/> (visited June 13, 2024).

Based on the information received, the Commission's Energy Division has determined that this project has not met the requirements of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) categorical exemption at this time. Golden State Connect Authority must comply with the CEQA requirements discussed in the appendices. If Golden State Connect Authority provides additional documentation sufficient to justify a staff determination of CEQA exemption, then the project can be exempted by letter from the Communications Division Director or the director's delegate or designee.

Golden State Connect Authority and the GSCA Alpine County Broadband Network comply with all requirements for approval in D. 22-04-055. The Communications Division recommends that the Commission approve Golden State Connect Authority's application for a grant of up to \$6,985,978 for the GSCA Alpine County Broadband Network.

Modoc County Summary

The allocation for projects in Modoc County in D. 22-04-005 is \$23,931,241. This Resolution recommends awarding one grant to Fort Bidwell Indian Community for a project in Modoc County. The recommended grant amount for projects in Modoc County is \$23,900,190, which leaves a remainder of \$31,051 of the allocation for Modoc County.

Modoc County Awards

1. Fort Bidwell Indian Community, Fort Bidwell Indian Community Fiber-To-The-Home

Staff recommends the Commission approve Fort Bidwell Indian Community's application for a grant of up to \$23,900,190 for the Fort Bidwell Indian Community Fiber-To-The-Home project.

The Fort Bidwell Indian Community Fiber-To-The-Home project proposes to serve an estimated 633 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 951 in and around the Fort Bidwell Indian Community. The last-mile fiber project will provide up to 1,000 megabits per second symmetrical service to consumers. Fort Bidwell Indian Community's original application requested approximately \$85.9 million, which exceeded Modoc County's allocation. Fort Bidwell Indian Community subsequently modified its application in January and May 2024, reducing the project area, middle mile infrastructure, and funding request.

The Fort Bidwell Indian Community Fiber-To-The-Home project will benefit disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities; 100 percent of the unserved locations are low-income. This project provides service to locations on

Tribal lands. The Fort Bidwell Indian Community will provide a low-cost plan that meets the requirements in D. 22-04-055, Section 3.

The proposed project will cost an estimated \$24.6 million, of which the Federal Funding Account will fund 97 percent of costs.

Staff determined that the applicant and the project are financially viable, and the applicant's engineering meets the program standards. The applicant demonstrated the administrative, technical, and operational capacity to provide broadband service at the scale of this project.

This application did not receive any objections.

No Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in Modoc County.⁸ The Fort Bidwell Indian Community Fiber-To-The-Home project area's unserved locations were evaluated in light of the updated Federal Communications Commission and Federal Funding Account unserved data (as of June 30, 2023). In response to this data, the number of unserved locations is unchanged at 633, the project area is unchanged, and the total grant amount is unchanged.

The following submitted letters of support for this application: President of the Fort Bidwell Indian Community Tribal Council Germain Ruvalcaba, Modoc County Administrative Officer Chester Robertson, and Modoc Harvest.

The proposed project provides the public safety benefits of reliable broadband infrastructure and will benefit households located in Tier 2 High Fire Threat Districts. This project will connect to the open-access Middle Mile Broadband Initiative.

Based on the information received, the Commission's Energy Division has determined that this project has not met the requirements of CEQA categorical exemption at this time. Fort Bidwell Indian Community must comply with the CEQA requirements discussed in the appendices. If Fort Bidwell Indian Community provides additional documentation sufficient to justify a staff determination of CEQA exemption, then the project can be exempted by letter from the Communications Division Director or the director's delegate or designee.

Fort Bidwell Indian Community and the Fort Bidwell Indian Community Fiber-To-The-Home project comply with all requirements for approval in D. 22-04-055. The Communications Division recommends that the Commission approve Fort Bidwell

⁸ See Federal Funding Account Public Map, <https://federalfundingaccountmap.vetro.io/> (visited June 13, 2024).

Indian Community's application for a grant of up to \$23,900,190 for the Fort Bidwell Indian Community Fiber-To-The-Home project.

Riverside County Summary

The allocation for projects in Riverside County in D. 22-04-005 is \$50,635,154. This Resolution recommends awarding five grants for projects in Riverside County: three grants to AT&T, one grant to Frontier, and one grant to the City of Indio. The recommended grant amount for projects in Riverside County is \$22,945,538, which leaves a remainder of \$27,689,616 of the allocation for Riverside County.

Riverside County Awards

1. AT&T, Riverside – 1

Staff recommends the Commission approve AT&T's application for a grant of up to \$11,580,196 for the Riverside – 1 project.

The Riverside – 1 project area includes an estimated 3,394 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 34,450. An estimated total population of 145,533 will benefit from these investments in and around the community of Riverside. The last-mile fiber project will provide up to 5,000 megabits per second symmetrical service to consumers.

The Riverside – 1 project will benefit disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities; 100 percent of the unserved locations are in disadvantaged communities.

The proposed project will cost an estimated \$23.2 million, of which the Federal Funding Account will fund 50 percent of costs.

Staff determined that the applicant and the project are financially viable, and the applicant's engineering meets the program standards. The applicant demonstrated the administrative, technical, and operational capacity to provide broadband service at the scale of this project.

This application received two objections and AT&T responded to the two objections. Staff verified that the application seeks funding only for unserved locations within the project area and that partial funding for fixed infrastructure through served areas is necessary to reach the unserved locations. Staff has not modified AT&T's proposed

project area; the Federal Final Rule⁹ and D.22-04-055¹⁰ allow projects serving unserved locations to include served locations to make the project viable.

Two Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in Riverside County.¹¹ The AT&T Riverside – 1 project area’s unserved locations and any objection locations were evaluated in light of updated Federal Communications Commission and Federal Funding Account unserved data (as of June 30, 2023). In response to objections, comments, and this data, the number of unserved locations is unchanged at 3,394, the project area is unchanged, and the total grant amount is unchanged.

The following submitted letters of support for this application: City of Jurupa Valley Mayor Chris Barajas and City of Jurupa Valley City Council Members Leslie Altamirano, Brian Berkson, and Armando Carmona; City of Corona Mayor Tony Daddario; the Riverside County Director of Broadband Services; the Southern California Association of Governments; the Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium; the High Desert Community Foundation; the City of Riverside City Manager; the City of Eastvale City Manager; the CSU San Bernardino Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; and the Highland Congregational Church Moderator.

The proposed project provides the public safety benefits of reliable broadband infrastructure and will benefit households located in Tier 2 and Tier 3 High Fire Threat Districts. This project will use either AT&T’s private infrastructure or the open-access Middle Mile Broadband Initiative, depending on which option is more cost-effective for AT&T.

Based on the information received, the Commission’s Energy Division has determined that this project has not met the requirements of CEQA categorical exemption at this time. AT&T must comply with the CEQA requirements discussed in the appendices. If AT&T provides additional documentation sufficient to justify a staff determination of CEQA exemption, then the project can be exempted by letter from the Communications Division Director or the director’s delegate or designee.

AT&T and the Riverside – 1 project comply with all requirements for approval in D. 22-04-055. The Communications Division recommends that the Commission approve AT&T’s application for a grant of up to \$11,580,196 for the Riverside – 1 project.

⁹ Department of the Treasury, Final Rule, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, 31 C.F.R. Part 35, 87 FR 4338-4454 (January 27, 2022) (Final Rule), available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/01/27/2022-00292/coronavirus-state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds>.

¹⁰ D.22-04-055, Appendix A, Section 2, p. A-5.

¹¹ See Federal Funding Account Public Map, <https://federalfundingaccountmap.vetro.io/> (visited June 13, 2024).

2. *AT&T, Riverside/San Bernardino – 1*

Staff recommends the Commission approve AT&T's application for a grant of up to \$255,801 for the Riverside/San Bernardino – 1 project.

The Riverside/San Bernardino – 1 proposes to serve an estimated 39 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 336. An estimated total population of 2,005 will benefit from these investments in and around the community of Riverside. The last-mile fiber project will provide up to 5,000 megabits per second symmetrical service to consumers.

The Riverside/San Bernardino – 1 project will benefit disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities; 74 percent of the unserved locations are disadvantaged.

The proposed project will cost an estimated \$500,000, of which the Federal Funding Account will fund 50 percent of costs.

Staff determined that the applicant and the project are financially viable, and the applicant's engineering meets the program standards. The applicant demonstrated the administrative, technical, and operational capacity to provide broadband service at the scale of this project.

This application received one objection and AT&T responded to the objection. Staff verified that the application seeks funding only for unserved locations within the project area and that partial funding for fixed infrastructure through served areas is necessary to reach the unserved locations. Staff has not modified AT&T's proposed project area; the Federal Final Rule¹² and D.22-04-055¹³ allow projects serving unserved locations to include served locations to make the project viable.

Two Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in Riverside County.¹⁴ The AT&T Riverside/San Bernardino – 1 project area's unserved locations and any objection locations were evaluated in light of updated Federal Communications Commission and Federal Funding Account unserved data (as of June 30, 2023). In response to objections, comments, and this data, the number of unserved locations is unchanged at 39, the project area is unchanged, and the total grant amount is unchanged.

¹² Department of the Treasury, Final Rule, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, 31 C.F.R. Part 35, 87 FR 4338-4454 (January 27, 2022) (Final Rule), available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/01/27/2022-00292/coronavirus-state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds>.

¹³ D.22-04-055, Appendix A, Section 2, p. A-5.

¹⁴ See Federal Funding Account Public Map, <https://federalfundingaccountmap.vetro.io/> (visited June 13, 2024).

The following submitted letters of support for this application: City of Corona Mayor Tony Daddario; City of Eastvale City Manager; City of Jurupa Valley City Manager; Southern California Association of Governments; the Riverside County Director of Broadband Services; Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium; the High Desert Community Foundation; the City of Riverside City Manager; the CSU San Bernardino Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; the Highland Congregational Church Moderator.

The proposed project provides the public safety benefits of reliable broadband infrastructure. This project is not located in a High Fire Threat District and does not present safety concerns. This project will use either AT&T's private infrastructure or the open-access Middle Mile Broadband Initiative, depending on which option is more cost-effective for AT&T.

Based on the information that AT&T provided, the Commission's Energy Division has confirmed that the project meets the criteria for the CEQA categorical exemptions under 14 C.C.R. § 15301 (Existing Facilities), 14 C.C.R. § 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and 14 C.C.R. § 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land). Thus, the Riverside/San Bernardino - 1 project is categorically exempt from CEQA review and the CPUC may authorize funds for construction activities.

AT&T and the Riverside/San Bernardino - 1 project comply with all requirements for approval in D. 22-04-055. The Communications Division recommends that the Commission approve AT&T's application for a grant of up to \$255,801 for the Riverside/San Bernardino - 1 project.

3. AT&T, Riverside - PSA

Staff recommends the Commission approve AT&T's application for a grant of up to \$156,949 for the Riverside - PSA project.

The Riverside - PSA proposes to serve an estimated 331 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 3,980. An estimated total population of 43,519 will benefit from these investments in and around the communities of Corona, Jurupa Valley, and Riverside. The last-mile fiber project will provide up to 5,000 megabits per second symmetrical service to consumers.

The Riverside - PSA project will benefit disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities; 74 percent of the unserved locations are disadvantaged.

The proposed project will cost an estimated \$300,000, of which the Federal Funding Account will fund 50 percent of costs.

Staff determined that the applicant and the project are financially viable, and the applicant's engineering meets the program standards. The applicant demonstrated the administrative, technical, and operational capacity to provide broadband service at the scale of this project.

This application received one objection and AT&T responded to the objection. Staff verified that the application seeks funding only for unserved locations within the project area and that partial funding for fixed infrastructure through served areas is necessary to reach the unserved locations. Staff has not modified AT&T's proposed project area; the Federal Final Rule¹⁵ and D.22-04-055¹⁶ allow projects serving unserved locations to include served locations to make the project viable.

Two Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in Riverside County.¹⁷ The Riverside – PSA project area's unserved locations and any objection locations were evaluated in light of updated Federal Communications Commission and Federal Funding Account unserved data (as of June 30, 2023). In response to objections, comments, and this data, the number of unserved locations is unchanged at 331, the project area is unchanged, and the total grant amount is unchanged.

The following submitted letters of support for this application: City of Corona Mayor Tony Daddario; City of Eastvale City Manager; City of Jurupa Valley City Manager; Southern California Association of Governments; the Riverside County Director of Broadband Services; Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium; the High Desert Community Foundation; the City of Riverside City Manager; the California State University (CSU) San Bernardino Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; the Highland Congregational Church Moderator.

The proposed project provides the public safety benefits of reliable broadband infrastructure and will benefit households located in Tier 2 High Fire Threat Districts. This project will use either AT&T's private infrastructure or the open-access Middle Mile Broadband Initiative, depending on which option is more cost-effective for AT&T.

¹⁵ Department of the Treasury, Final Rule, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, 31 C.F.R. Part 35, 87 FR 4338-4454 (January 27, 2022) (Final Rule), available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/01/27/2022-00292/coronavirus-state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds>.

¹⁶ D.22-04-055, Appendix A, Section 2, p. A-5.

¹⁷ See Federal Funding Account Public Map, <https://federalfundingaccountmap.vetro.io/> (visited June 13, 2024).

Based on the information received, the Commission's Energy Division has determined that this project has not met the requirements of CEQA categorical exemption at this time. AT&T must comply with the CEQA requirements discussed in the appendices. If AT&T provides additional documentation sufficient to justify a staff determination of CEQA exemption, then the project can be exempted by letter from the Communications Division Director or the director's delegate or designee.

AT&T and the Riverside – PSA project comply with all requirements for approval in D. 22-04-055. The Communications Division recommends that the Commission approve AT&T's application for a grant of up to \$156,949 for the Riverside – PSA project.

4. Frontier, Riverside 1

Staff recommends the Commission approve Frontier's application for a grant of up to \$2,008,124 for the Riverside 1 project.

The Riverside 1 project proposes to serve an estimated 962 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 4,039 in and around the Salton Sea communities of Indio, Mecca, and Thermal. The last-mile fiber project will provide up to five gigabits per second symmetrical service to consumers.

The Riverside 1 project will benefit disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities; 100 percent of the unserved locations are in a disadvantaged community.

The proposed project will cost an estimated \$4 million, of which the Federal Funding Account will fund 49 percent of costs.

Staff determined that the applicant and the project are financially viable, and the applicant's engineering meets the program standards. The applicant demonstrated the administrative, technical, and operational capacity to provide broadband service at the scale of this project.

This application received no objections.

Two Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in Riverside County.¹⁸ The Riverside 1 project area's unserved locations and any objection locations were evaluated in light of updated Federal Communications Commission and Federal Funding Account unserved data (as of June 30, 2023). In response to objections, comments, and this data, the number of unserved locations is unchanged at 962, the project area is unchanged, and the total grant amount is unchanged.

¹⁸ See Federal Funding Account Public Map, <https://federalfundingaccountmap.vetro.io/> (visited June 13, 2024).

The following submitted letters of support for this application: Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia, the CSU San Bernardino Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, the Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium, the Riverside County Director of Broadband Services, Apple Valley Unified School District Superintendent, Morongo Unified School District Superintendent, Southern California Association of Governments Executive Director, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, the Inland Empire Economic Partnership, and the California Emerging Technologies Fund President and Chief Executive Officer.

The proposed project provides the public safety benefits of reliable broadband infrastructure and will benefit households located in Tier 2 and Tier 3 High Fire Threat Districts. This project will connect to Frontier's private middle mile infrastructure.

Based on the information received, the Commission's Energy Division has determined that this project has not met the requirements of CEQA categorical exemption at this time. Frontier must comply with the CEQA requirements discussed in the appendices. If Frontier provides additional documentation sufficient to justify a staff determination of CEQA exemption, then the project can be exempted by letter from the Communications Division Director or the director's delegate or designee.

Frontier and the Riverside 1 project comply with all requirements for approval in D. 22-04-055. The Communications Division recommends that the Commission approve Frontier's application for a grant of up to \$2,008,124 for the Riverside 1 project.

5. City of Indio, City of Indio Last Mile Infrastructure Project

Staff recommends the Commission approve the City of Indio's application for a grant of up to \$8,944,468 for the City of Indio Last Mile Infrastructure project.

The City of Indio Last Mile Infrastructure Project proposes to serve an estimated 479 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 3,632. An estimated total population of 7,363 will benefit from these investments in the City of Indio. The last-mile fiber project will provide up to 1,000 megabits per second symmetrical service to consumers.

The City of Indio Last Mile Infrastructure Project will benefit disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities; 75 percent of the unserved locations are low-income. The City of Indio has committed to maintaining its prices for at least ten years and will provide a low-cost plan that meets the requirements in D. 22-04-055, Section 3.

The proposed project will cost an estimated \$35.2 million, of which the Federal Funding Account will fund 25 percent of costs.

Staff determined that the applicant and the project are financially viable, and the applicant's engineering meets the program standards. The applicant demonstrated the administrative, technical, and operational capacity to provide broadband service at the scale of this project.

This application received two objections and the City of Indio responded to the objections. Staff verified that the served locations in the project area are necessary for the project to connect unserved locations. Staff has not modified The City of Indio's proposed project area; the Federal Final Rule¹⁹ and D.22-04-055²⁰ allow projects serving unserved locations to include served locations to make the project viable.

Two Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in Riverside County.²¹ The City of Indio Last Mile Infrastructure Project's unserved locations and any objection locations were evaluated in light of updated Federal Communications Commission and Federal Funding Account unserved data (as of June 30, 2023). In response to objections, comments, and this data, the number of unserved locations is revised from 498 to 479, the project area is unchanged, and the total grant amount is unchanged.

The following submitted letters of support for this application: Riverside County Director of Broadband Services, The Coachella Valley Association of Governments, The Indio Police Department, Indio Fire Services, One Future Coachella Valley, Coachella Valley Economic Partnership, and Desert Valley Builders' Association,

The proposed project provides the public safety benefits of reliable broadband infrastructure. This project is not located in a High Fire Threat District and does not present safety concerns. This project will connect to the open-access Middle Mile Broadband Initiative.

Based on the information received, the Commission's Energy Division has determined that this project has not met the requirements of CEQA categorical exemption at this time. The City of Indio must comply with the CEQA requirements discussed in the appendices. If The City of Indio provides additional documentation sufficient to justify

¹⁹ Department of the Treasury, Final Rule, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, 31 C.F.R. Part 35, 87 FR 4338-4454 (January 27, 2022) (Final Rule), available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/01/27/2022-00292/coronavirus-state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds>.

²⁰ D.22-04-055, Appendix A, Section 2, p. A-5.

²¹ See Federal Funding Account Public Map, <https://federalfundingaccountmap.vetro.io/> (visited June 13, 2024).

a staff determination of CEQA exemption, then the project can be exempted by letter from the Communications Division Director or the director's delegate or designee.

The City of Indio and the City of Indio Last Mile Infrastructure Project comply with all requirements for approval in D. 22-04-055. The Communications Division recommends that the Commission approve The City of Indio's application for a grant of up to \$8,944,468 for the City of Indio Last Mile Infrastructure Project.

Santa Barbara County Summary

The allocation for projects in Santa Barbara County in D. 22-04-005 is \$15,870,746. This Resolution recommends awarding one grant to the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians for a project in Santa Barbara County. The recommended grant amount for projects in Santa Barbara County is \$4,707,693, which leaves a remainder of \$11,163,053 of the allocation for Santa Barbara County.

Santa Barbara County Awards

1. Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, Chumash Fiber Network

Staff recommends the Commission approve the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians' application for a grant of up to \$4,707,693 for the Chumash Fiber Network.

The Chumash Fiber Network project area includes an estimated 120 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 892. An estimated total population of 1,710 will benefit from these investments in and around the Tribal Lands of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. The last-mile fiber project will provide up to five gigabits per second symmetrical service to consumers.

The Chumash Fiber Network will benefit disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities; 100 percent of the unserved locations are disadvantaged. This project provides service to locations on Tribal lands. The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians has committed to maintaining its prices for at least ten years and will provide a low-cost plan that meets the requirements in D. 22-04-055, Section 3.

The proposed project will cost an estimated \$6.4 million, of which the Federal Funding Account will fund 74 percent of costs.

Staff determined that the applicant and the project are financially viable, and the applicant's engineering meets the program standards. The applicant demonstrated the

administrative, technical, and operational capacity to provide broadband service at the scale of this project.

This application did not receive any objections.

Two Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in Santa Barbara County.²² The Chumash Fiber Network project area's unserved locations were evaluated in light of updated Federal Communications Commission and Federal Funding Account unserved data (as of June 30, 2023). In response to comments and this data, the number of unserved locations is unchanged at 120, the project area is unchanged, and the total grant amount is unchanged.

The following submitted letters of support for this application: The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Business Committee, Santa Barbara County District Supervisor Joan Hartmann, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, and EconAlliance.

The proposed project provides the public safety benefits of reliable broadband infrastructure and will benefit households located in Tier 2 High Fire Threat Districts. This project will connect to the open-access Middle Mile Broadband Initiative.

Based on the information received, the Commission's Energy Division has determined that this project has not met the requirements of CEQA categorical exemption at this time. The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians must comply with the CEQA requirements discussed in the appendices. If the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians provides additional documentation sufficient to justify a staff determination of CEQA exemption, then the project can be exempted by letter from the Communications Division Director or the director's delegate or designee.

The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians and the Chumash Fiber Network comply with all requirements for approval in D. 22-04-055. The Communications Division recommends that the Commission approve the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians' application for a grant of up to \$4,707,693 for the Chumash Fiber Network.

Tulare County Summary

The allocation for projects in Tulare County in D. 22-04-005 is \$45,128,425. This Resolution recommends awarding one grant to VARCOMM Broadband Incorporated and one grant to Comcast for projects in Tulare County. The recommended grant amount for projects in Tulare County is \$36,632,897, which leaves a remainder of \$8,495,528 of the allocation for Tulare County.

²² See Federal Funding Account Public Map, <https://federalfundingaccountmap.vetro.io/> (visited June 13, 2024).

Tulare County Awards

1. VARCOMM Broadband Incorporated, Terra Bella

Staff recommends the Commission approve VARCOMM Broadband Incorporated's application for a grant of up to \$10,055,847 for the Terra Bella project.

The Terra Bella project proposes to serve an estimated 1,312 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 5,175. An estimated total population of 5,226 will benefit from these investments in and around the community of Terra Bella. The last-mile fiber project will provide up to one gigabit per second symmetrical service to consumers.

The Terra Bella project will benefit disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities; 100 percent of the unserved locations are disadvantaged. VARCOMM Broadband Incorporated has committed to maintaining its prices for at least ten years and will provide a low-cost plan that meets the requirements in D. 22-04-055, Section 3.

The proposed project will cost an estimated \$10.1 million, of which the Federal Funding Account will fund 100 percent of costs.

Staff determined that the applicant and the project are financially viable, and the applicant's engineering meets the program standards. The applicant demonstrated the administrative, technical, and operational capacity to provide broadband service at the scale of this project.

This application did not receive any objections.

No Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in Tulare County.²³ The Terra Bella project area's unserved locations were evaluated in light of updated Federal Communications Commission and Federal Funding Account unserved data (as of June 30, 2023). In response to this data, the number of unserved locations is unchanged at 1,312, the project area is unchanged, and the total grant amount is unchanged.

²³ See Federal Funding Account Public Map, <https://federalfundingaccountmap.vetro.io/> (visited June 13, 2024).

The following submitted letters of support for this application: American Legion Post 779 and 22 individuals residing in the project area.

The proposed project provides the public safety benefits of reliable broadband infrastructure. This project is not located in a High Fire Threat District and does not present safety concerns. This project will connect to the open-access Middle Mile Broadband Initiative.

Based on the information received, the Commission's Energy Division has determined that this project has not met the requirements of CEQA categorical exemption at this time. VARCOMM Broadband Incorporated must comply with the CEQA requirements discussed in the appendices. If VARCOMM Broadband Incorporated provides additional documentation sufficient to justify a staff determination of CEQA exemption, then the project can be exempted by letter from the Communications Division Director or the director's delegate or designee.

VARCOMM Broadband Incorporated and the Terra Bella project comply with all requirements for approval in D. 22-04-055. The Communications Division recommends that the Commission approve VARCOMM Broadband Incorporated's application for a grant of up to \$10,055,847 for the Terra Bella project.

2. Comcast, Tulare Agriculture County

Staff recommends the Commission approve Comcast's application for a grant of up to \$26,577,050 for the Tulare Agriculture County project.

The Tulare Agriculture County project proposes to serve an estimated 6,243 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 30,312. An estimated total population of 35,255 will benefit from these investments in and around the communities of Alpaugh, Cutler, Dinuba, Earlimart, Kingsburg, Pixley, Sultana, Traver, Tulare, Visalia, and Tipton. The last-mile fiber project will provide up to 1,250 megabits per second symmetrical service to consumers.

The Tulare Agriculture County project will benefit disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities; 100 percent of the unserved locations are disadvantaged. Comcast will provide a low-cost plan that meets the requirements in D. 22-04-055, Section 3, and has committed to maintaining the price of that plan for at least ten years. The program requires all applicants to commit to serve customers in the project area at prices not exceeding those provided in the application for five years after project completion (See Federal Funding Account Appendix A, section 7. "Performance Criteria"). Comcast's application proposes to freeze the price for one plan for 10 years and does not request a waiver of the requirement to freeze all other plans offered. Accordingly, this grant is awarded with the understanding that Comcast serve

customers in the project area at prices not exceeding those in the application for all plans in the application for five years. If Comcast cannot satisfy this requirement Comcast may request a waiver including an explanation of why a waiver is being requested and a rationale for why a waiver should be granted.

The proposed project will cost an estimated \$33.4 million, of which the Federal Funding Account will fund 80 percent of costs.

Staff determined that the applicant and the project are financially viable, and the applicant's engineering meets the program standards. The applicant demonstrated the administrative, technical, and operational capacity to provide broadband service at the scale of this project.

This application received four objections and Comcast responded to the objections. Staff determined that two objections were valid and requested that Comcast modify the grant funding request to remove the costs associated with locations that are already served by competing service providers. The Federal Final Rule²⁴ and D.22-04-055²⁵ allow projects serving unserved locations to include served locations.

No Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in Tulare County.²⁶ The Tulare Agriculture County project area's unserved locations and any objection locations were evaluated in light of updated Federal Communications Commission and Federal Funding Account unserved data (as of June 30, 2023). In response to objections and this data, the number of unserved locations is unchanged at 6,243, the project area is unchanged, and the total grant amount is revised from \$26,799,510 to \$26,577,050.

The following submitted letters of support for this application: Tulare County Supervisor Dennis Townsend on behalf of the Tulare County Board of Supervisors, The San Joaquin Valley Rural Development Center, the Visalia Chamber of Commerce, the Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project, the College of the Sequoias, Equality California, the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County, the Fresno State Connect Initiative, the Central Valley Women's Entrepreneur Center, the San Joaquin Valley Regional Broadband Consortium, the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, and the Fresno State Office of Community and Economic Development.

²⁴ Department of the Treasury, Final Rule, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, 31 C.F.R. Part 35, 87 FR 4338-4454 (January 27, 2022) (Final Rule), available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/01/27/2022-00292/coronavirus-state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds>.

²⁵ D.22-04-055, Appendix A, Section 2, p. A-5.

²⁶ See Federal Funding Account Public Map, <https://federalfundingaccountmap.vetro.io/> (visited June 13, 2024).

The proposed project provides the public safety benefits of reliable broadband infrastructure and will benefit households located in Tier 2 High Fire Threat Districts. This project will connect to Comcast's private middle mile infrastructure.

Based on the information provided to the Energy Division, the Tulare Agriculture County project is categorically exempt from CEQA review, under 14 C.C.R. § 15301 (Existing Facilities), 14 C.C.R. § 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), 14 C.C.R. § 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and 14 C.C.R. § 15304 (Minor Alteration to Land). Comcast must comply with the CEQA requirements discussed in the appendices. Comcast must comply with the CEQA requirements discussed in the appendices.

Comcast and the Tulare Agriculture County project comply with all requirements for approval in D. 22-04-055. The Communications Division recommends that the Commission approve Comcast's application for a grant of up to \$26,577,050 for the Tulare Agriculture County project.

Comments

In compliance with Public Utilities Code Section 311(g)(1), a Notice of Availability of this draft resolution was e-mailed on June 28, 2024, informing all parties on the CASF Distribution List and the R. 20-09-001 Service List of the availability of the draft of this Resolution, and of the opportunity to comment, at the Commission's website at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/>.

IV. COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Awardees are required to comply with all the guidelines, requirements, and conditions associated with the grant of Federal Funding Account awards as specified in D.22-04-055. All Awardees are also required to sign a consent form agreeing to the terms and conditions of the Federal Funding Account. Such compliance includes, but is not limited to, the items noted below.

A. Deployment Schedule: All CEQA-exempt projects must be completed within 18 months, and all other projects shall be completed within 24 months after receiving authorization to construct.

B. Pricing: By accepting these awards, the Awardees commit to serve customers in the project area at prices not exceeding those provided in the application for five years after project completion. Awardees who committed not to increase prices for a period of ten years in their application commit to serve customers in the project area for ten years after project completion. Should the need arise for grant recipients to adjust prices due to externalities outside their control (*e.g.* inflation), grant recipients may file and serve,

on the R. 20-09-001 proceeding service list, a request to modify this requirement with the Communications Division.

C. Speed and Latency: All households in the proposed project areas must be offered a broadband Internet service plan with speeds of at least 100 megabits per second (Mbps) download and 100 Mbps upload, with not more than 100 milliseconds of latency.

D. Affordability: All projects shall participate in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) or otherwise provide access to a broad-based affordability program to low-income customers in the proposed service area of the broadband infrastructure that provides benefits to households commensurate with those provided under the ACP. Should the ACP program end, the Commission will identify a successor low-income subsidy program in which participants must participate. Awardees must participate in a successor to the ACP identified after the grant is awarded.

E. Project Audit: The Commission has the right to conduct any necessary audit, verification, and discovery during project implementation/construction to ensure that Federal Funding Account funds are spent in accordance with Commission approval. All recipients of federally funded grants exceeding \$750,000 will need to include a budget for a federal audit.²⁷

F. Reporting Requirements: Numerous post-award reports are required. In summary, these include monthly contractor reports (if applicable), quarterly progress reports, and a final completion report.²⁸

G. Prevailing Wage: Section 1720 of the California Labor Code requires Federal Funding Account projects be subject to prevailing wage requirements.²⁹ Applicants accepting Federal Funding Account awards are committing to follow state prevailing wage requirements with regards to their projects.

H. Payments to Federal Funding Account Recipients: The Commission may reimburse Awardees' expenses in accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 281(n)(2), D.22-04-055, and the Appendix. Requests for payments may be submitted as the project is progressively deployed. The prerequisite for first payment is the submittal of a progress report to the Commission showing that a minimum of ten percent of the

²⁷ Treasury, Compliance and Reporting Guidance State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (November 15, 2021 Version 2.1), available at <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>.

²⁸ D. 22-04-055, Appendix A, Section 14.

²⁹ D.22-054-055, Section 13.2, page 57.

project (as determined by budget spent) has been completed. Subsequent payments may be made upon at least 25-percent intervals, with the final 15 percent payment request (from 85 to 100 percent) not eligible for payment without an approved completion report. Payments are based on submitted receipts, invoices and other supporting documentation showing expenditures incurred for the project in accordance with the approved Federal Funding Account budget included in the awardee's application.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. California's multi-year broadband infrastructure investments in the Budget Act of 2021 and Senate Bill 156 (Statutes 2021, Chapters 84 and 112) provided \$2 billion over multiple years to the Last Mile Federal Funding Account to facilitate, via reimbursement, construction of last-mile broadband infrastructure projects to connect unserved Californians.
2. On April 21, 2022, the Commission approved Decision 22-04-055, which along with the Federal Final Rule, established the Last Mile Federal Funding Account and set program rules.
3. The Communications Division opened an application window for the Federal Funding Account on June 30, 2023, and closed it on September 29, 2023. Applicants submitted 484 applications before the deadline. Application summaries were posted on October 23, 2023, and a 28-day objection window closed on November 20, 2023. Responses to objections were received until December 20, 2023.
4. Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) submitted an application for the GSCA Imperial County Broadband Network project on September 27, 2023.
5. Fort Bidwell Indian Community submitted an application for the Fort Bidwell Indian Community Fiber-to-the-Home project on September 28, 2023.
6. AT&T submitted applications for the Riverside - 1, Riverside/San Bernardino - 1, and the RIVERSIDE - PSA projects on September 28, 2023.
7. Frontier submitted an application for the Riverside 1 project on September 28, 2023.
8. The City of Indio submitted an application for the City of Indio Last Mile Infrastructure Project on September 29, 2023.

9. The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians submitted an application for the Chumash Fiber Network on September 29, 2023.
10. VARCOMM Broadband Incorporated submitted an application for the Terra Bella project on September 29, 2023.
11. Comcast submitted an application for the Tulare Agriculture County project on September 29, 2023.
12. The Commission has determined that the Golden State Connect Authority's GSCA Alpine County Broadband Network project is not categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review at this time.
13. The Commission has determined that Fort Bidwell Indian Community's Fort Bidwell Indian Community Fiber-to-the-Home project is not categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review at this time.
14. The Commission has determined that AT&T's Riverside - 1 and RIVERSIDE - PSA projects are not categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review at this time.
15. The Commission has determined that AT&T's Riverside/San Bernardino - 1 project is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review, under 14 C.C.R. § 15301 (Existing Facilities), 14 C.C.R. § 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), and 14 C.C.R. § 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures).
16. The Commission has determined that Frontier's Riverside 1 project is not categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review at this time.
17. The Commission has determined that the City of Indio's City of Indio Last Mile Infrastructure Project is not categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review at this time.
18. The Commission has determined that the Chumash Fiber Network Project is not categorically exempt from CEQA review.
19. The Commission has determined that VARCOMM Broadband Incorporated's Terra Bella Project is not categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review at this time.
20. The Commission has determined that Comcast's Tulare Agriculture County project is categorically exempt from CEQA review, under 14 C.C.R. § 15301

(Existing Facilities), 14 C.C.R. § 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), 14 C.C.R. § 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and 14 C.C.R. § 15304 (Minor Alteration to Land).

21. Communications Division staff analyzed the applications for compliance with Commission and Federal rules, reviewed local feedback, and conducted fiscal and technical analysis.
22. All applications listed above met minimum eligibility requirements provided in Decision 22-04-055.
23. Staff recommends approval of the applications in this resolution, as they comply with program rules as stated and contribute to the Federal Funding Account's goal of building broadband Internet infrastructure to communities without access to Internet service at sufficient and reliable speeds.
24. Draft Resolution T-17833 was emailed to the CASF Distribution List and the R. 20-09-001 Service List on June 28th, 2024, in compliance with Public Utilities Code Section 311(g)(1).

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Commission shall award up to \$6,985,978 in Federal Funding Account funds to the Golden State Connect Authority to complete the GSCA Alpine County Broadband Network project, as described in the appendices.
2. The Commission shall award up to \$23,900,190 in Federal Funding Account funds to Fort Bidwell Indian Community in order to complete the Fort Bidwell Indian Community Fiber-to-the-Home project, as described in the appendices.
3. The Commission shall award up to \$11,580,196 in Federal Funding Account funds to AT&T in order to complete the Riverside – 1 project, as described in the appendices.
4. The Commission shall award up to \$255,801 in Federal Funding Account funds to AT&T in order to complete the Riverside/San Bernardino – 1 project, as described in the appendices.
5. The Commission shall award up to \$156,949 in Federal Funding Account funds to AT&T in order to complete the RIVERSIDE – PSA project, as described in the appendices.

6. The Commission shall award up to \$2,008,124 in Federal Funding Account funds to Frontier in order to complete the Riverside 1 project, as described in the appendices.
7. The Commission shall award up to \$8,944,468 in Federal Funding Account funds to the City of Indio in order to complete the City of Indio Last Mile Infrastructure Project, as described in the appendices.
8. The Commission shall award up to \$4,707,693 in Federal Funding Account funds to The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians in order to complete the Chumash Fiber Network, as described in the appendices.
9. The Commission shall award up to \$10,055,847 in Federal Funding Account funds to VARCOMM Broadband Incorporated in order to complete the Terra Bella project, as described in the appendices.
10. The Commission shall award up to \$26,575,050 in Federal Funding Account funds to Comcast in order to complete the Tulare Agriculture County project, as described in the appendices.
11. For those projects not determined to be categorically exempt, the Commission cannot release funds for construction activities until California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review is complete. The awardees must comply with the requirements set forth in the CEQA Section of the Resolution. The awardees must provide their Proponent's Environmental Assessment for each project prior to the first payment.
12. Awardee(s) shall comply with all guidelines, requirements, and conditions set forth in this resolution.
13. All construction covered by the grant must be completed within the applicable 18-month or 24-month time frame. In the event of extenuating circumstances jeopardizing this timeline, the Awardee(s) must notify the Communications Division's Director as soon as they become aware of any delay. If such notice is not provided, staff can take corrective actions including reducing payment for failure to satisfy this requirement.
14. If the awardee(s) fail to complete the project(s) in accordance with the terms outlined in Decision 22-04-055 and with the terms of the Commission's approval, as set forth in this resolution, awardees must reimburse some or all the Federal Funding Account grants received or take other corrective action.

15. If staff evaluation finds any of the projects can be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, then the project can be exempted by letter from the Communications Division Director or the director's delegate or designee.
16. The effective date of each award and encumbrance of funds is to be set, in consultation with the Applicant, by letter from the Communications Division Director or the director's delegate or designee. All awards are contingent on available state budget appropriations funding and may be subject to Budget Letter 24-07.³⁰

This resolution is effective today.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, passed, and adopted at a conference of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California held on _____, the following Commissioners voting favorable thereon:

Rachel Peterson
Executive Director

³⁰ Department of Finance Budget Letter 24-07, "Onetime Appropriation(s) Expenditure Freeze Pursuant to Section 21 of the Budget Act of 2023 (As Amended by Section 74 of AB 106 (Chapter 9, Statutes of 2024))," available at: <https://dof.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/352/2024/04/BL-24-07.pdf>

APPENDIX A

Golden State Connect Authority California Environmental Quality Act Compliance Requirements

The following Golden State Connect Authority project is subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review:

- GSCA Alpine County Broadband Network

The Commission must complete CEQA review prior to disbursing Federal Funding Account funds for construction activities. The initial funding granted in this Resolution may be used for project development and other Golden State Connect Authority activities that do not involve construction or any activities that would have any direct or indirect effect on the physical environment.

Prior to any construction activity for the listed projects, Golden State Connect Authority is required to seek further authority from the Commission for such activity by filing a Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) pursuant to Commission Rule of Practice and Procedure 2.4; and must undergo an environmental review pursuant to CEQA (California Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.).

Golden State Connect Authority should contact the Supervisor of the Commission's Energy Division CEQA Unit well in advance of a contemplated filing to (a) consult with staff regarding the process of developing and filing a PEA; (b) provide for cost recovery per Rule of Practice and Procedure 2.5; and (c) enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the Energy Division to initiate the retention of an environmental contractor to perform the environmental review.

Golden State Connect Authority's listed applications are subject to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review, as acknowledged in its application. Golden State Connect Authority should make every effort to ensure that the Commission's CEQA Unit is aware of and included in the NEPA process. Golden State Connect Authority must provide a PEA prior to the first payment. The Commission cannot release funds for the construction project until the Commission has completed CEQA review.

If staff evaluation finds the projects can be exempt from CEQA, then the project can be exempted by letter from the Commission.

APPENDIX B

Fort Bidwell Indian Community California Environmental Quality Act Compliance Requirements

The following Fort Bidwell Indian Community project is subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review:

- Fort Bidwell Indian Community Fiber-To-The-Home

The Commission must complete CEQA review prior to disbursing Federal Funding Account funds for construction activities. The initial funding granted in this Resolution may be used for project development and other Fort Bidwell Indian Community activities that do not involve construction or any activities that would have any direct or indirect effect on the physical environment.

Prior to any construction activity for the listed project, Fort Bidwell Indian Community is required to seek further authority from the Commission for such activity by filing a Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) pursuant to Commission Rule of Practice and Procedure 2.4; and must undergo an environmental review pursuant to CEQA (California Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.).

Fort Bidwell Indian Community should contact the Supervisor of the Commission's Energy Division CEQA Unit well in advance of a contemplated filing to (a) consult with staff regarding the process of developing and filing a PEA; (b) provide for cost recovery per Rule of Practice and Procedure 2.5; and (c) enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the Energy Division to initiate the retention of an environmental contractor to perform the environmental review.

Fort Bidwell Indian Community's listed application is subject to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review, as acknowledged in its application. Fort Bidwell Indian Community should make every effort to ensure that the Commission's CEQA Unit is aware of and included in the NEPA process. Fort Bidwell Indian Community must provide a PEA prior to the first payment. The Commission cannot release funds for the construction project until the Commission has completed CEQA review.

APPENDIX C

AT&T California Environmental Quality Act Compliance Requirements

The following AT&T projects are subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review:

- Riverside - 1
- RIVERSIDE - PSA

The Commission must complete CEQA review prior to disbursing Federal Funding Account funds for construction activities. The initial funding granted in this Resolution may be used for project development and other Riverside's activities that do not involve construction or any activities that would have any direct or indirect effect on the physical environment.

Riverside - 1 Fiber-To-The-Home installations would take place near several areas in Riverside County. The locations within the project area are located in Corona, Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, and Riverside. The length of the project is expected to be 18 months. Major roadways include Border Avenue, El Cerrito Road., Chandler Street, Limonite, Indiana Avenue, Multiview Drive, Idaleona Road., and Mount Vernon Avenue. Although AT&T plans to upgrade its fiber network by deploying approximately 114 miles of underground or aerial fiber on existing poles, a preliminary design of the project is not currently available. AT&T stated that the preliminary design will be completed as part of the system design and detailed engineering work process.

Prior to any construction activity for the project, AT&T is required to seek further authority from the Commission for such activity by filing a Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) pursuant to Commission Rule of Practice and Procedure 2.4; and must undergo an environmental review pursuant to CEQA (California Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.).

AT&T should contact the Supervisor of the Commission's Energy Division CEQA Unit well in advance of a contemplated filing to (a) consult with staff regarding the process of developing and filing a PEA; (b) provide for cost recovery per Rule of Practice and Procedure 2.5; and (c) enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the Energy Division to initiate the retention of an environmental contractor to perform the environmental review.

Riverside must provide a PEA prior to the first payment. The Commission cannot release funds for the construction phase of this project until the Commission has completed CEQA review.

AT&T California Environmental Quality Act Compliance Requirements (Continued)

The Commission has determined that the following AT&T project is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review:

- Riverside/San Bernardino – 1

AT&T provided the Commission with its project plans to install fiber and supporting facilities within existing public rights-of-way and primarily on existing poles as well as Best Management Practices to be implemented during construction.

Based on the information that AT&T provided, the Commission's Energy Division has confirmed that the project meets the criteria for the California Environmental Quality Act categorical exemptions under 14 C.C.R. § 15301 (Existing Facilities), 14 C.C.R. § 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), and 14 C.C.R. § 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures). Thus, the Riverside/San Bernardino – 1 project is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review and the Commission may authorize funds for construction activities.

APPENDIX D

Frontier California Environmental Quality Act Compliance Requirements

The following Frontier project is subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review:

- Riverside 1

Riverside 1 Fiber-To-The-Home installations would take place near the communities of North Shore, Mortmar, and Desert Beach and surrounding areas (Community of Salton).

The Commission must complete CEQA review prior to disbursing Federal Funding Account funds for construction activities. The initial funding granted in this Resolution may be used for project development and other Riverside 1 activities that do not involve construction or any activities that would have any direct or indirect effect on the physical environment.

Prior to any construction activity for the listed project, Frontier is required to seek further authority from the Commission for such activity by filing a Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) pursuant to Commission Rule of Practice and Procedure 2.4; and must undergo an environmental review pursuant to CEQA (California Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.).

Frontier should contact the Supervisor of the Commission's Energy Division CEQA Unit well in advance of a contemplated filing to (a) consult with staff regarding the process of developing and filing a PEA; (b) provide for cost recovery per Rule of Practice and Procedure 2.5; and (c) enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the Energy Division to initiate the retention of an environmental contractor to perform the environmental review.

Frontier's listed application may be subject to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review. Frontier should make every effort to ensure that the Commission's CEQA Unit is aware that the Riverside 1 project is required to go through the NEPA process (USFWS). Frontier must provide a PEA prior to the first payment. The Commission cannot release funds for the construction project until the Commission has completed CEQA review.

APPENDIX E

City of Indio California Environmental Quality Act Compliance Requirements

The following City of Indio project is subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review:

- City of Indio Last Mile Infrastructure Project

The Commission must complete CEQA review prior to disbursing FFA funds for construction activities. The initial funding granted in this Resolution may be used for project development and other City of Indio's activities that do not involve construction or any activities that would have any direct or indirect effect on the physical environment.

Prior to any construction activity for the project, the City of Indio is required to seek further authority from the Commission for such activity by filing a Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) pursuant to Commission Rule of Practice and Procedure 2.4; and must undergo an environmental review pursuant to CEQA (California Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.).

The City of Indio should contact the Supervisor of the Commission's Energy Division CEQA Unit well in advance of a contemplated filing to (a) consult with staff regarding the process of developing and filing a PEA; (b) provide for cost recovery per Rule of Practice and Procedure 2.5; and (c) enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the Energy Division to initiate the retention of an environmental contractor to perform the environmental review.

The City of Indio must provide a PEA prior to the first payment. The Commission cannot release funds for the construction phase of this project until the Commission has completed CEQA review.

APPENDIX F
Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians California Environmental Quality Act
Compliance Requirements

The following Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians project is subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review:

- Chumash Fiber Network

The Commission must complete CEQA review prior to disbursing Federal Funding Account funds for construction activities. The initial funding granted in this Resolution may be used for project development and other Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians activities that do not involve construction or any activities that would have any direct or indirect effect on the physical environment.

Prior to any construction activity for the project, the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians is required to seek further authority from the Commission for such activity by filing a Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) pursuant to Commission Rule of Practice and Procedure 2.4; and must undergo an environmental review pursuant to CEQA (California Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.).

The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians should contact the Supervisor of the Commission's Energy Division CEQA Unit well in advance of a contemplated filing to (a) consult with staff regarding the process of developing and filing a PEA; (b) provide for cost recovery per Rule of Practice and Procedure 2.5; and (c) enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the Energy Division to initiate the retention of an environmental contractor to perform the environmental review.

The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians must provide a PEA prior to the first payment. The Commission cannot release funds for the construction phase of this project until the Commission has completed CEQA review.

APPENDIX G
VARCOMM Broadband Incorporated California Environmental Quality Act
Compliance Requirements

The following VARCOMM Broadband Incorporated project is subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review:

- Terra Bella

The Commission must complete CEQA review prior to disbursing Federal Funding Account funds for construction activities. The initial funding granted in this Resolution may be used for project development and other VARCOMM Broadband Incorporated activities that do not involve construction or any activities that would have any direct or indirect effect on the physical environment.

Prior to any construction activity for the listed project, VARCOMM Broadband Incorporated is required to seek further authority from the Commission for such activity by filing a Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) pursuant to Commission Rule of Practice and Procedure 2.4; and must undergo an environmental review pursuant to CEQA (California Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.).

VARCOMM Broadband Incorporated should contact the Supervisor of the Commission's Energy Division CEQA Unit well in advance of a contemplated filing to (a) consult with staff regarding the process of developing and filing a PEA; (b) provide for cost recovery per Rule of Practice and Procedure 2.5; and (c) enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the Energy Division to initiate the retention of an environmental contractor to perform the environmental review.

VARCOMM Broadband Incorporated must provide a PEA prior to the first payment. The Commission cannot release funds for the construction project until the Commission has completed CEQA review.

If staff evaluation finds the project can be exempt from CEQA, then the project can be exempted by letter from the Commission.

APPENDIX H

Comcast California Environmental Quality Act Compliance Requirements

The following Comcast project is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review:

- Tulare Agriculture County

Comcast provided the Commission with its project plans to install new aerial and underground fiber. Existing utility poles would be used for the aerial installation of new fiber where attachments are permitted by the pole owner. New underground fiber would be installed in new conduit within existing rights-of-way and utility easements and not on previously undisturbed ground adjacent to existing roadways.

The project alignment runs between the unincorporated community of Pixley in the north, through the unincorporated community of Teviston, and then to and throughout the unincorporated community of Earlimart in the south. These communities and the project alignment generally parallels State Route 99. New fiber would be placed underground in new conduit and overhead on existing utility poles. The underground portions of the project would be located along existing roadways. Comcast would ensure the poles comply with General Order 95.

Based on the information that Comcast provided, the Commission's Energy Division has confirmed that the project meets the criteria for the CEQA categorical exemptions under 14 C.C.R. § 15301 (Existing Facilities), 14 C.C.R. § 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), 14 C.C.R. § 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and 14 C.C.R. § 15304 (Minor Alteration to Land).

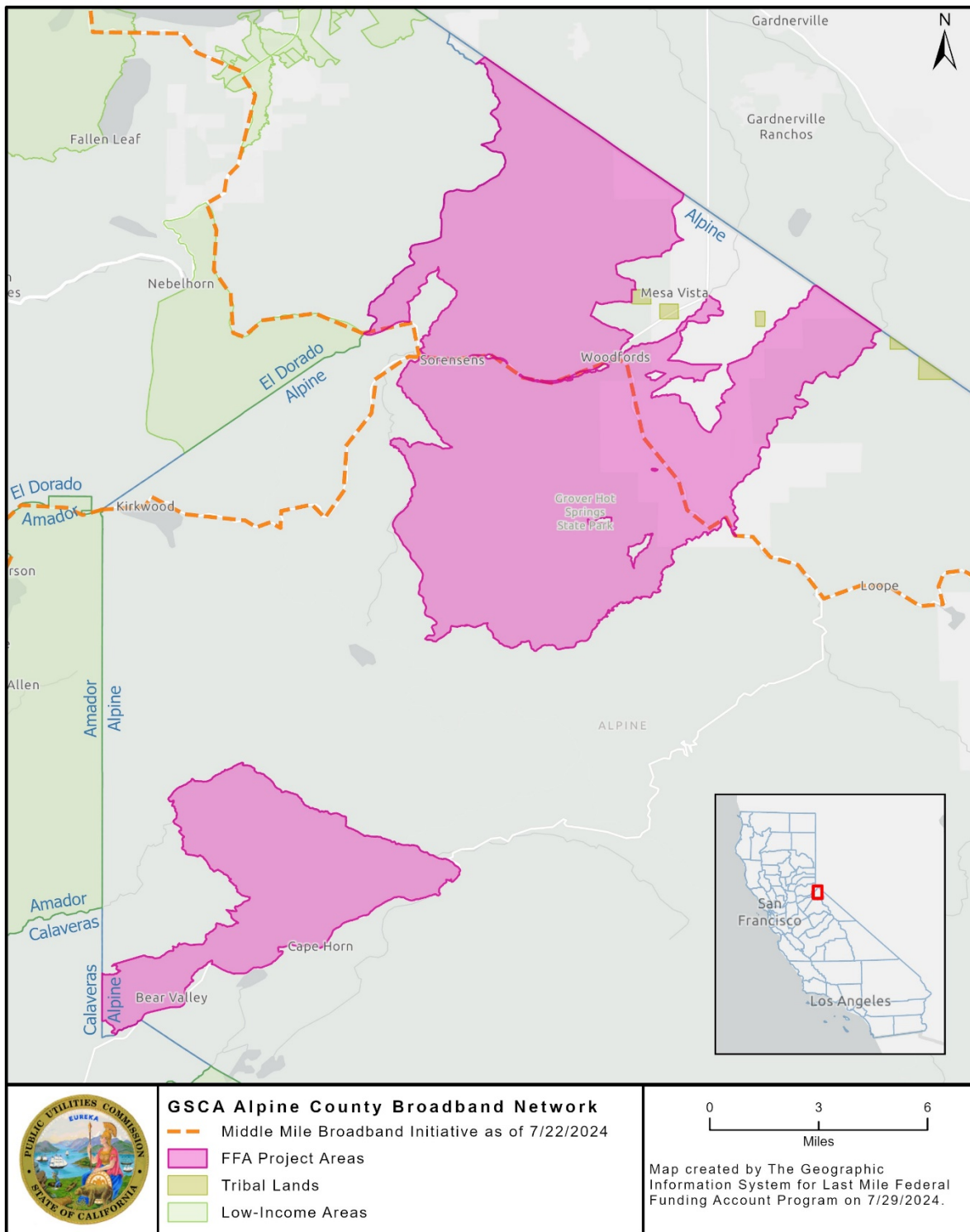
Thus, the Tulare Agriculture County project is categorically exempt from CEQA review and the Commission may authorize funds for construction activities.

APPENDIX I
GSCA Alpine County Broadband Network
Key Information

Project Name	GSCA Alpine County Broadband Network
Applicant Name	Golden State Connect Authority
Community Names	Unincorporated Alpine County
County	Alpine County
County Allocation	\$6,989,054
Project Size (in square miles)	251
Maximum Download/Upload speed	10Gbps/10Gbps
Lowest Cost Plan	\$70/month for 100 Mbps/100 Mbps
Low-income Plan	No
Low-cost Plan	No
LifeLine Participation	No
Percent Disadvantaged Communities	0 Percent
Percent Low-Income Areas	0 Percent
Median Household Income (weighted)	\$85,750
Area Households	426
Area Population	818
Estimated Unserved locations in the project area	721
Estimated Unserved population in the project area	818
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	Yes
Deployment Schedule	18 Months
Total Project Cost	\$10,676,488
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$6,985,978
Applicant funded	\$3,690,510
Grant per unserved location passed	\$9,689

Map of GSCA Alpine County Broadband Network

GSCA- GSCA Alpine County Broadband Network- Alpine County

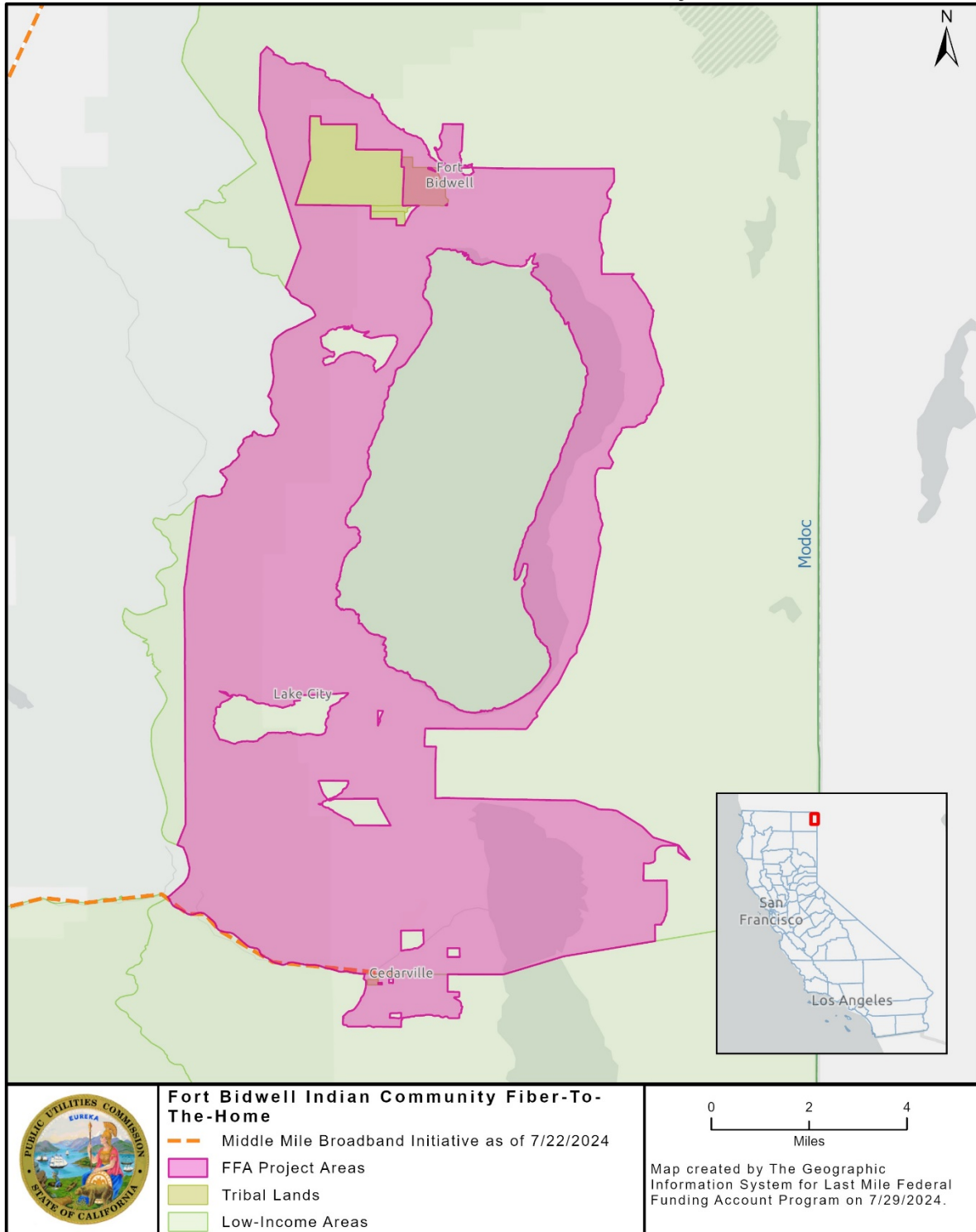


APPENDIX J
Fort Bidwell Indian Community Fiber-to-the-Home
Key Information

Project Name	Fort Bidwell Indian Community Fiber-To-The-Home
Applicant Name	Fort Bidwell Indian Community
Community Names	Fort Bidwell Indian Community
County	Modoc County
County Allocation	\$23,931,241
Project Size (in square miles)	251
Maximum Download/Upload speed	1000Mbps/1000Mbps
Lowest Cost Plan	\$40/month for 100 Mbps/100 Mbps
Low-income Plan	Yes, \$40/month for 100 Mbps/100 Mbps
Low-cost Plan	Yes, \$40/month for 100 Mbps/100 Mbps
LifeLine Participation	Yes
Percent Disadvantaged Communities	13 Percent
Percent Low-Income Areas	100 Percent
Median Household Income (weighted)	\$44,583
Area Households	489
Area Population	951
Estimated Unserved locations in the project area	633
Estimated Unserved population in the project area	951
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	Yes
Deployment Schedule	24 Months
Total Project Cost	\$24,550,190
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$23,900,190
Applicant funded	\$650,000
Grant per unserved location passed	\$37,757

Map of Fort Bidwell Indian Community Fiber-to-the-Home Project

Fort Bidwell Indian Community- Fort Bidwell Indian Community Fiber-To-The-Home- Modoc County



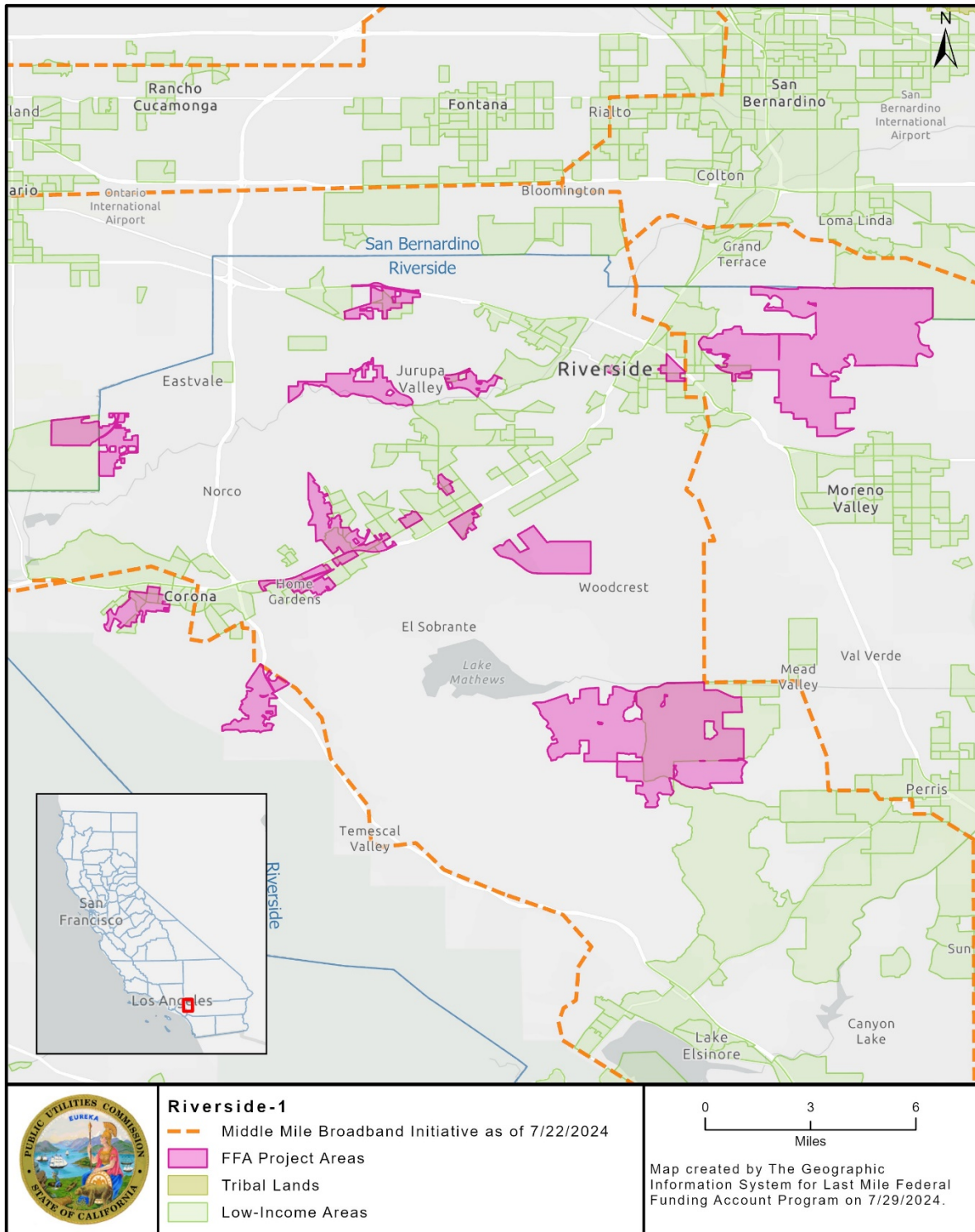
APPENDIX K
Riverside - 1
Key Information

Project Name	Riverside - 1
Applicant Name	AT&T Services, Inc. on behalf of its affiliate Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California
Community Names	Riverside
County	Riverside County
County Allocation	\$50,635,154
Project Size (in square miles)	60
Maximum Download/Upload speed	5 Gbps/5 Gbps
Lowest Cost Plan	\$30/month for 100 Mbps/100 Mbps
Low-income Plan	Yes, \$30/month for 100 Mbps/100 Mbps
Low-cost Plan	No
LifeLine Participation?	Yes
Percent Disadvantaged Communities	41 percent
Percent Low-Income Areas	45 percent
Median Household Income (weighted)	\$77,083
Area Households	42,978
Area Population	145,533
Estimated Unserved locations in the project area	3,394
Estimated Unserved population in the project area	34,450
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	No
Deployment Schedule	18 Months
Total Project Cost	\$23,160,392
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$11,580,196
Applicant funded	\$11,580,196

Grant per unserved location passed	\$3,412
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Map of Riverside - 1

AT&T- Riverside-1- Riverside County



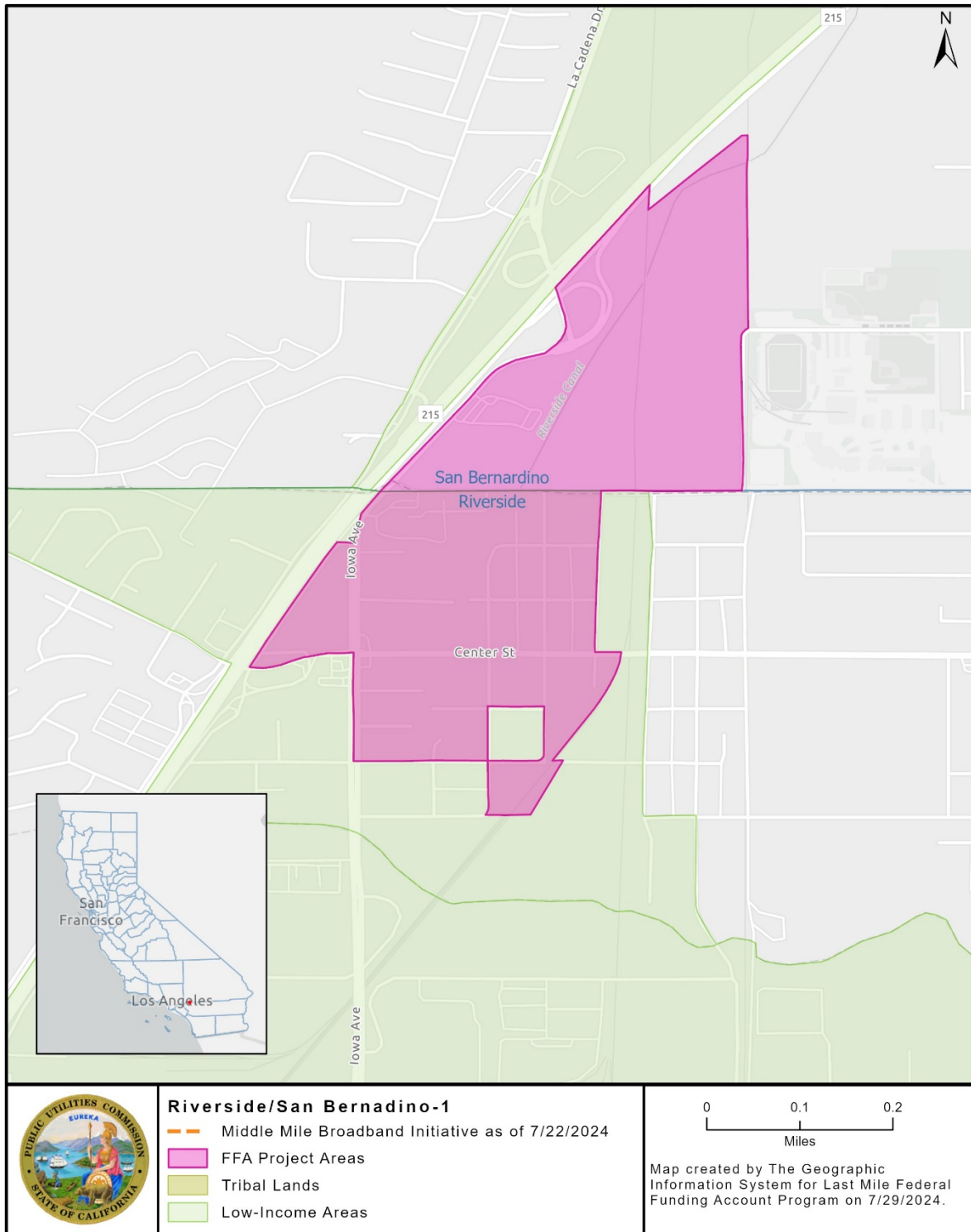
APPENDIX L
Riverside-San Bernardino - 1
Key Information

Project Name	Riverside/San Bernadino - 1
Applicant Name	AT&T Services, Inc. on behalf of its affiliate Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California
Community Names	Riverside
County	Riverside County
County Allocation	\$50,635,154
Project Size (in square miles)	0.41
Maximum Download/Upload speed	5 Gbps/5 Gbps
Lowest Cost Plan	\$30/month for 100 Mbps/100 Mbps
Low-income Plan	Yes, \$30/month for 100 Mbps/100 Mbps
Low-cost Plan	No
LifeLine Participation	Yes
Percent Disadvantaged Communities	74 percent
Percent Low-Income Areas	74 percent
Median Household Income (weighted)	\$45,678
Area Households	590
Area Population	2,005
Estimated Unserved locations in the project area	39
Estimated Unserved population in the project area	336
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	No
Deployment Schedule	18 Months
Total Project Cost	\$511,602
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$255,801
Applicant funded	\$255,801

Grant per unserved location passed	\$6,559
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Map of Riverside-San Bernardino - 1

AT&T- Riverside/San Bernadino-1- Riverside County



APPENDIX M
Riverside - PSA
Key Information

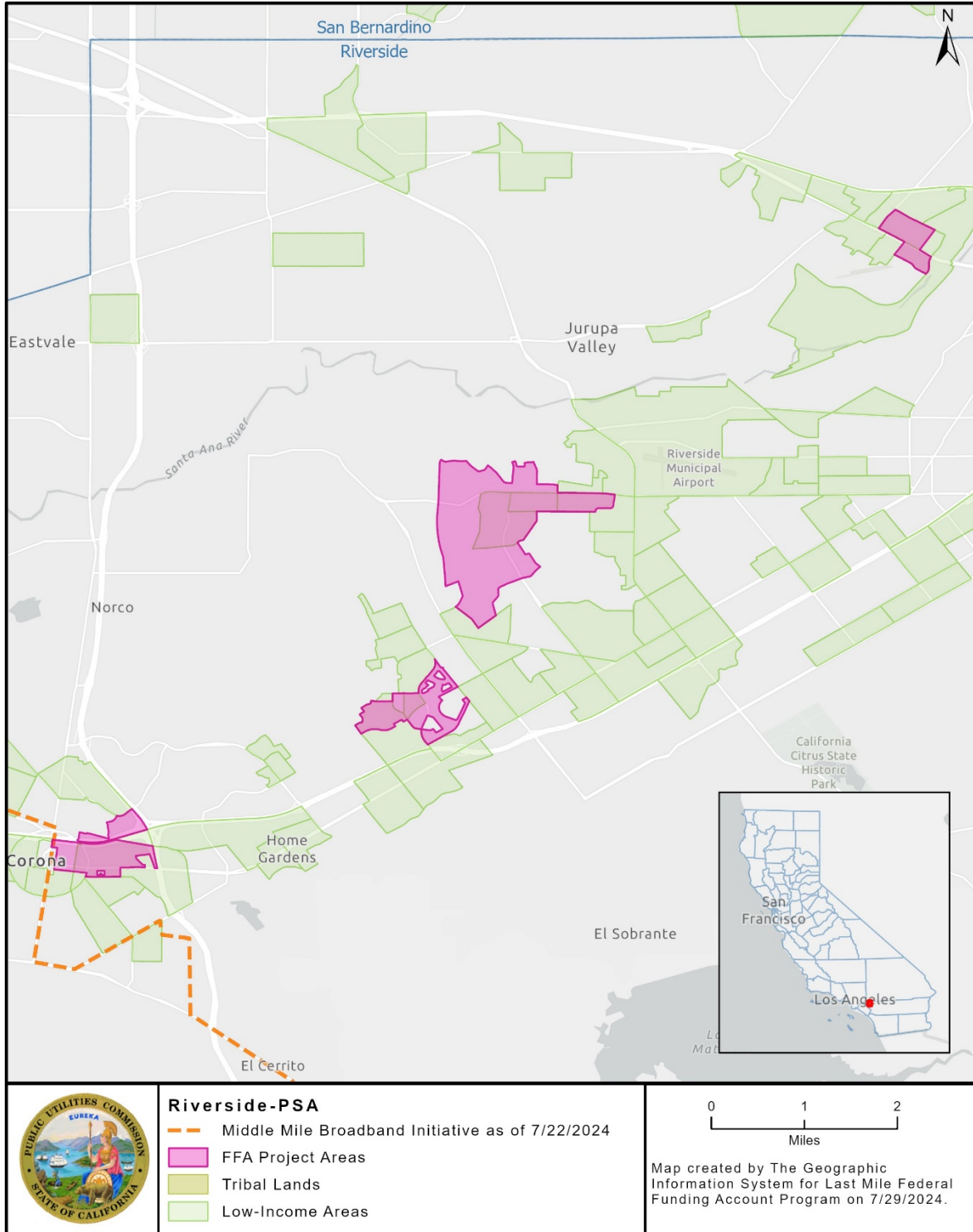
Project Name	Riverside - PSA
Applicant Name	AT&T Services, Inc. on behalf of its affiliate Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California
Community Names	Riverside
County	Riverside County
County Allocation	\$50,635,154
Project Size (in square miles)	5
Maximum Download/Upload speed	5 Gbps/5 Gbps
Lowest Cost Plan	\$30/month for 100 Mbps/100 Mbps
Low-income Plan	Yes, \$30/month for 100 Mbps/100 Mbps
Low-cost Plan	No
LifeLine Participation	Yes
Percent Disadvantaged Communities	43 percent
Percent Low-Income Areas	72 percent
Median Household Income (weighted)	\$70,729
Area Households	12,432
Area Population	43,519
Estimated Unserved locations in the project area	331
Estimated Unserved population in the project area	3,980
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	No
Deployment Schedule	18 Months
Total Project Cost	\$313,898
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$156,949
Applicant funded	\$156,949

Grant per unserved location passed

\$474

Map of Riverside - PSA

AT&T- Riverside-PSA- Riverside County

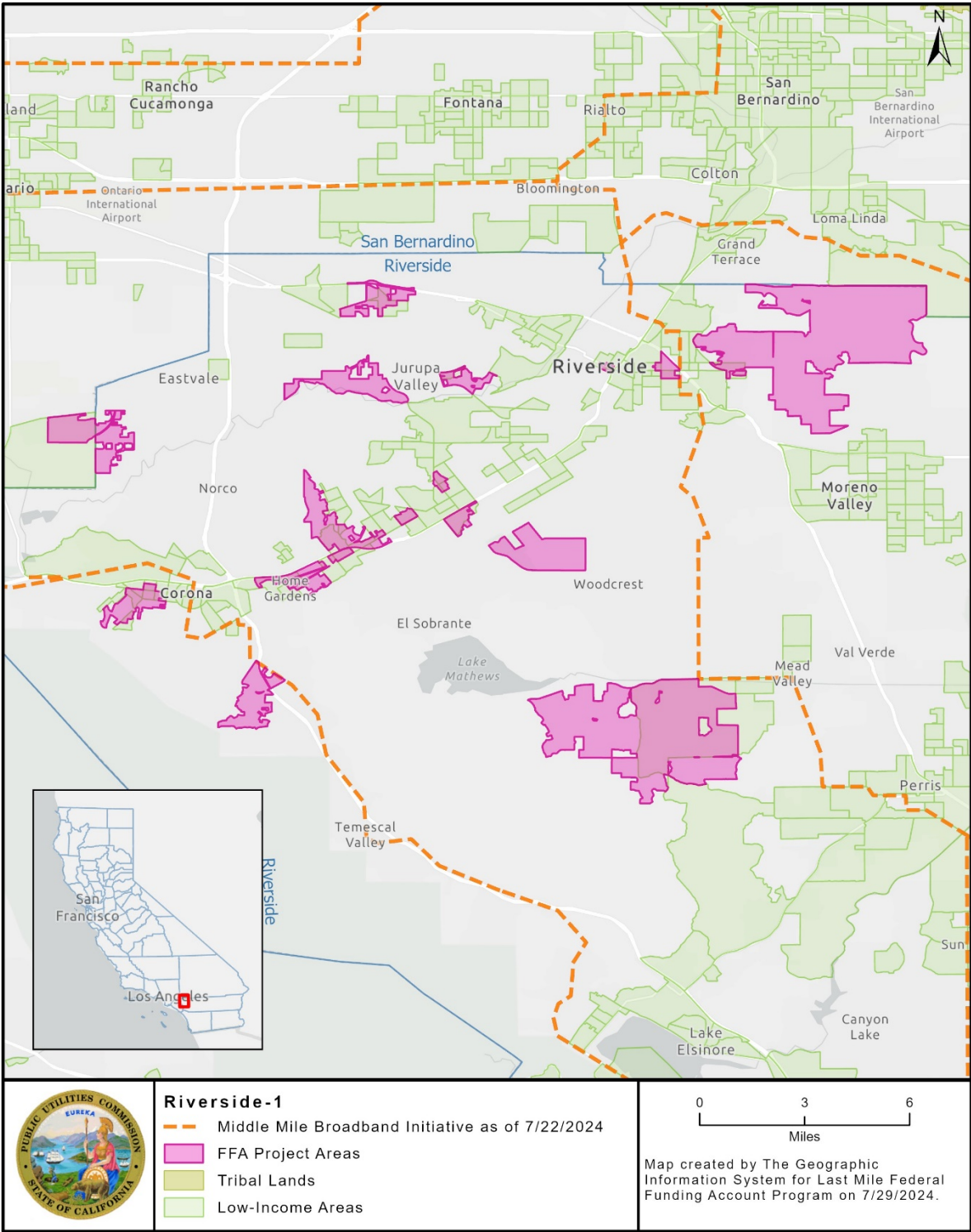


APPENDIX N
Riverside 1
Key Information

Project Name	Riverside 1
Applicant Name	Frontier of California Inc.
Community Names	Indio, Mecca, and Thermal
County	Riverside County
County Allocation	\$50,635,154
Project Size (in square miles)	24
Maximum Download/Upload speed	5 Gbps/5 Gbps
Lowest Cost Plan	\$13.99 (LifeLine bundle with voice), \$19.99 (LifeLine-eligible), or \$29.99 for 50Mbps/50Mbps
Low-income Plan	Yes, \$29.99/month for 100 Mbps/100 Mbps
Low-cost Plan	No
LifeLine Participation	Yes
Percent Disadvantaged Communities	100 percent
Percent Low-Income Areas	89 percent
Median Household Income (weighted)	\$26,412
Area Households	983
Area Population	4,039
Estimated Unserved locations in the project area	962
Estimated Unserved population in the project area	4,039
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	No
Deployment Schedule	33 Months
Total Project Cost	\$4,106,594
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$2,008,124
Applicant funded	\$2,098,470
Grant per unserved location passed	\$2,087

Map of Riverside 1

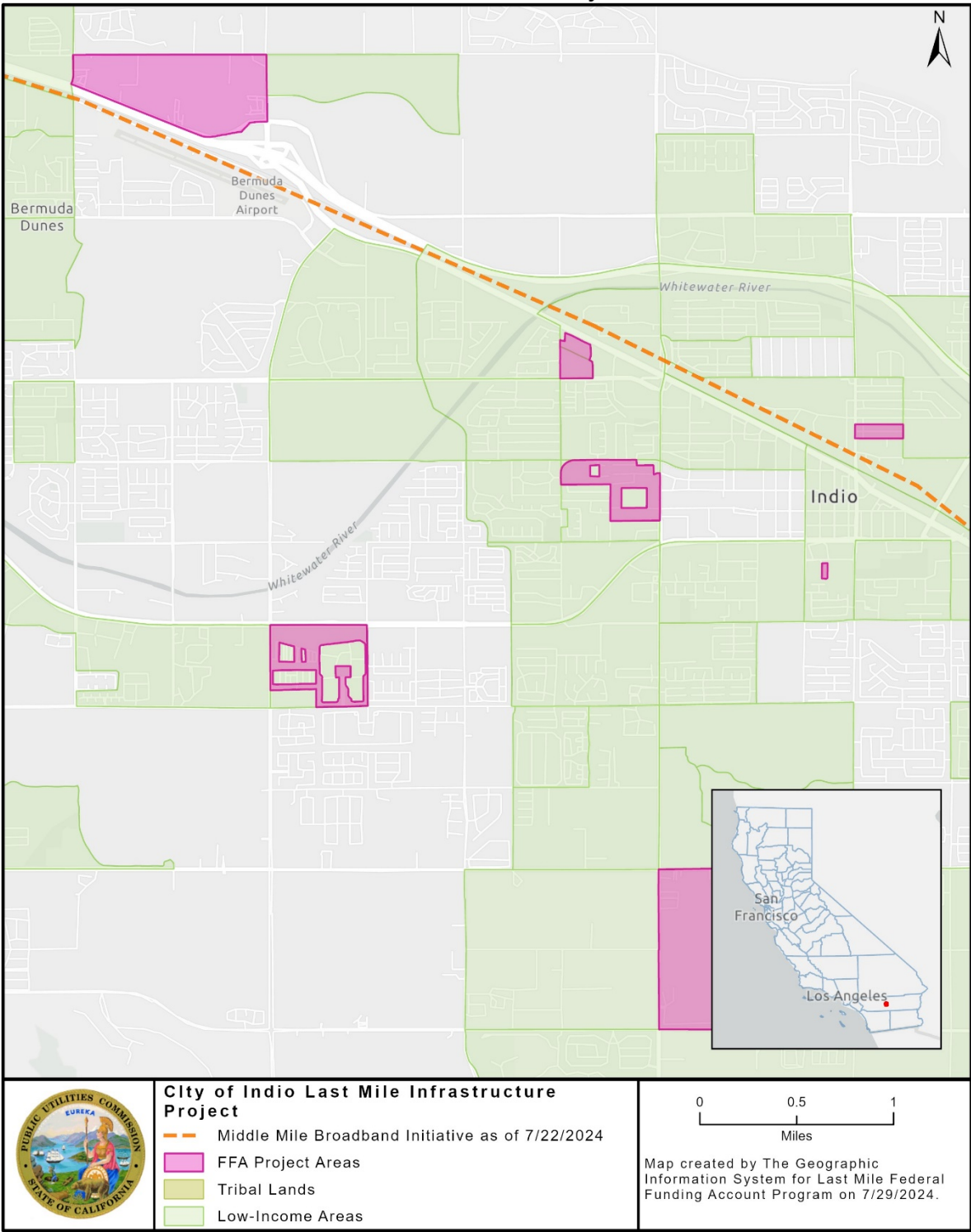
AT&T- Riverside-1- Riverside County



APPENDIX O
City of Indio Last Mile Infrastructure Project
Key Information

Project Name	City of Indio Last Mile Infrastructure Project
Applicant Name	City of Indio
Community Names	City of Indio
County	Riverside
County Allocation	\$50,635,154
Project Size (in square miles)	1
Maximum Download/Upload speed	1000 Mbps/1000 Mbps
Lowest Cost Plan	\$29.95/month for 1000 Mbps/1000 Mbps
Low-income Plan	Yes, \$29.95/month for 1000 Mbps/1000 Mbps
Low-cost Plan	Yes
LifeLine Participation	No
Percent Disadvantaged Communities	6 Percent
Percent Low-Income Areas	75 Percent
Median Household Income (weighted)	\$29,549
Area Households	2,476
Area Population	7,363
Estimated Unserved locations in the project area	479
Estimated Unserved population in the project area	3,632
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	Yes
Deployment Schedule	24 Months
Total Project Cost	\$35,192,224
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$8,944,468
Applicant funded	\$26,247,756
Grant per unserved location passed	\$18,673

Map of City of Indio Last Mile Infrastructure Project City of Indio- Clty of Indio Last Mile Infrastructure Project- Riverside County

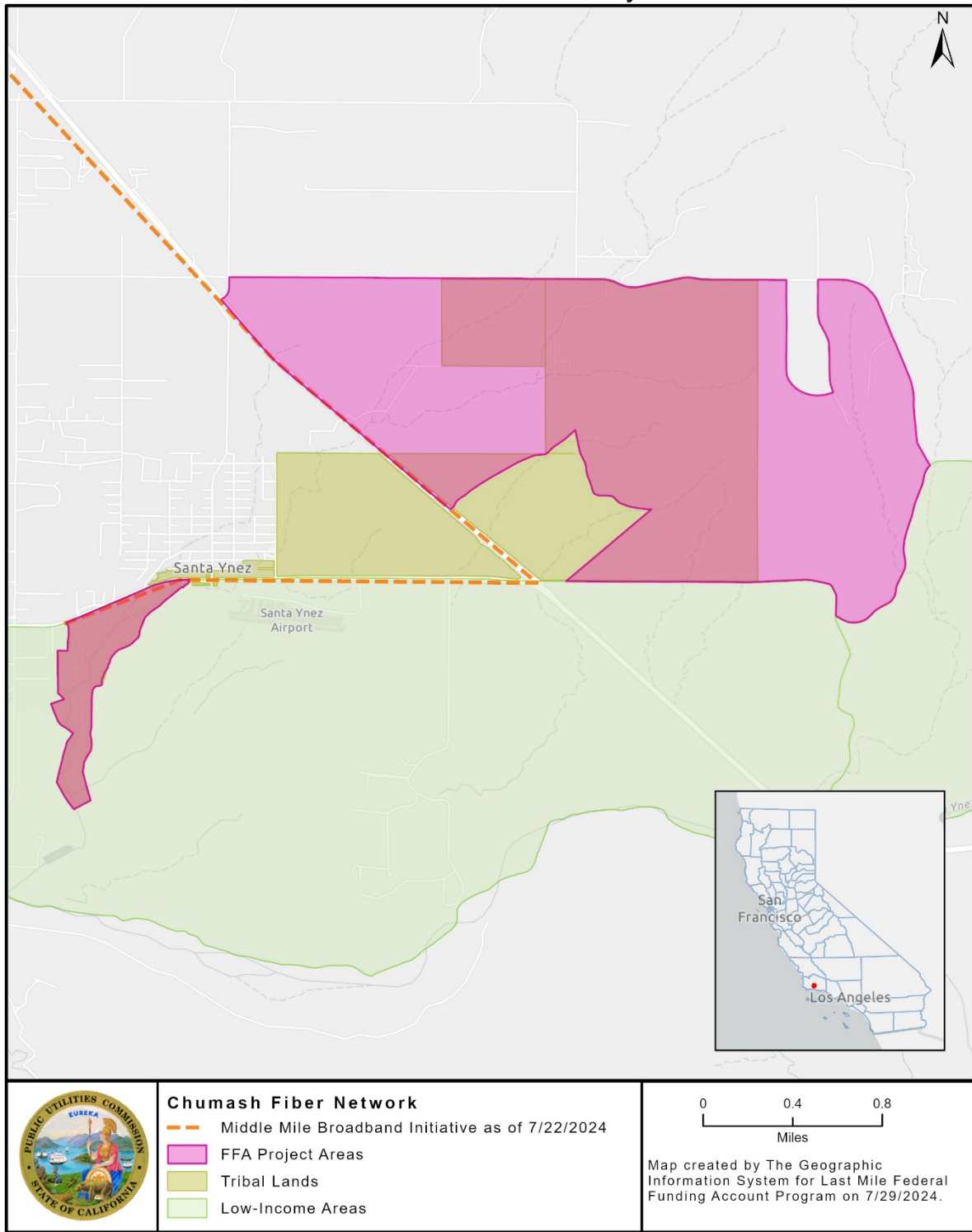


APPENDIX P
Chumash Fiber Network
Key Information

Project Name	Chumash Fiber Network
Applicant Name	Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians
Community Names	Tribal Lands of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians (Chumash)
County	Santa Barbara County
County Allocation	\$15,870,746
Project Size (in square miles)	6
Maximum Download/Upload speed	5 Gbps/5 Gbps
Lowest Cost Plan	\$40/month for 100 Mbps/100 Mbps
Low-income Plan	Yes, \$40/month for 100 Mbps/100 Mbps
Low-cost Plan	Yes, \$40/month for 100 Mbps/100 Mbps
LifeLine Participation	Yes
Percent Disadvantaged Communities	100 percent
Percent Low-Income Areas	100 percent
Median Household Income (weighted)	\$64,284
Area Households	721
Area Population	1,710
Estimated Unserved locations in the project area	120
Estimated Unserved population in the project area	892
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	Yes
Deployment Schedule	12 Months
Total Project Cost	\$6,395,713
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$4,707,693
Applicant funded	\$1,688,020
Grant per unserved location passed	\$39,231

Map of Chumash Fiber Network

Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians- Chumash Fiber Network- Santa Barbara County

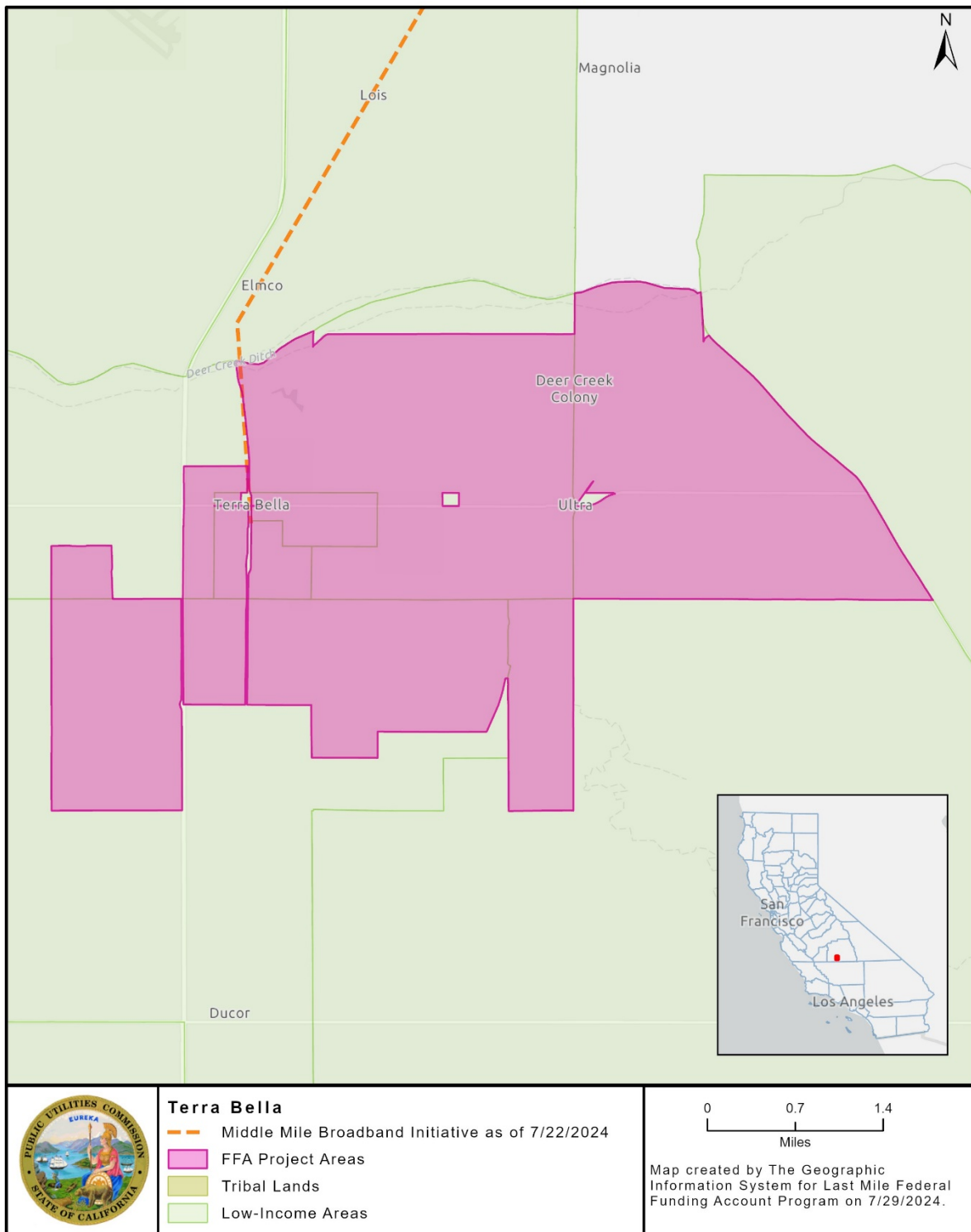


APPENDIX Q
Terra Bella
Key Information

Project Name	Terra Bella
Applicant Name	VARCOMM Broadband Incorporated
Community Names	Terra Bella
County	Tulare County
County Allocation	\$45,128,425
Project Size (in square miles)	28
Maximum Download/Upload speed	1 Gbps/1 Gbps
Lowest Cost Plan	\$69/month for 50 Mbps/20 Mbps
Does the applicant provide a low-income plan?	No
Does the applicant provide a low-cost plan?	No
Does the applicant participate in LifeLine?	Yes
Percent Disadvantaged Communities	100 percent
Percent Low-Income Areas	100 percent
Median Household Income (weighted)	\$50,720
Area Households	1,501
Area Population	5,226
Estimated Unserved locations in the project area	1,312
Estimated Unserved population in the project area	5,175
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	Yes
Deployment Schedule	24 Months
Total Project Cost	\$10,055,847
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$10,055,847
Applicant funded	\$0
Grant per unserved location passed	\$39,231

Map of Terra Bella

VARCOMM Broadband- Terra Bella- Tulare County

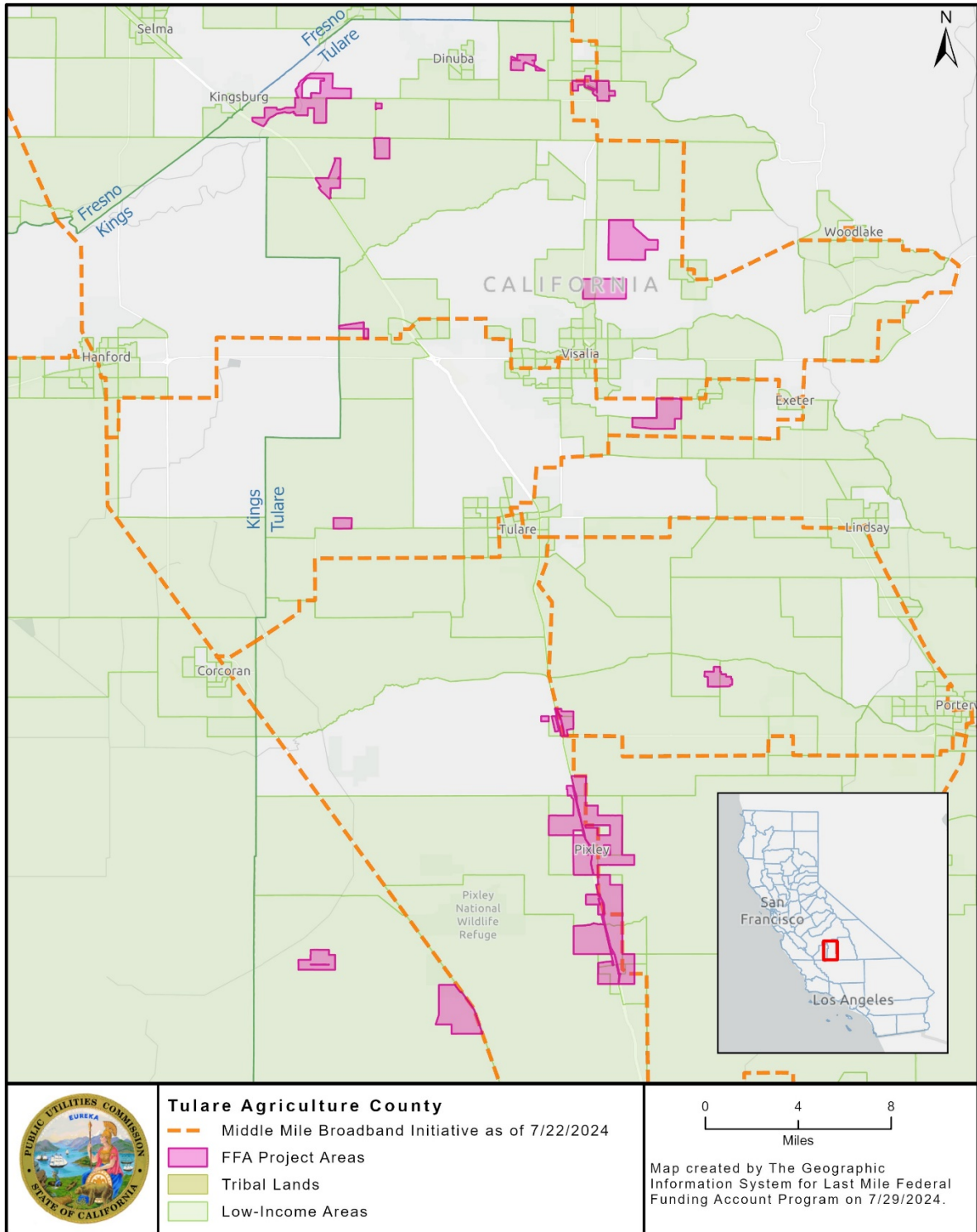


APPENDIX R
Tulare Agriculture County
Key Information

Project Name	Tulare Agriculture County
Applicant Name	Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC
Community Names	Alpaugh, Cutler, Dinuba, Earlimart, Kingsburg, Pixley, Sultana, Traver, Tulare, Visalia, Tipton
County	Tulare County
County Allocation	\$45,128,425
Project Size (in square miles)	53
Maximum Download/Upload speed	100 Mbps / 100 Mbps
Lowest Cost Plan	\$29.95/month for 100 Mbps/20 Mbps or \$9.95/month for 50 Mbps/10 Mbps (below 50/20 standard)
Low-income Plan	Yes, \$9.95/month for 50 Mbps/10 Mbps
Low-cost Plan	No
LifeLine Participation	No
Percent Disadvantaged Communities	100 percent
Percent Low-Income Areas	93 percent
Median Household Income (weighted)	\$41,827
Area Households	9,513
Area Population	35,255
Estimated Unserved locations in the project area	6,243
Estimated Unserved population in the project area	30,312
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	No
Number of expected total customers	4,321
Deployment Schedule	18 Months
Total Project Cost	\$33,368,018
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$26,799,510
Applicant funded	\$6,568,508
Grant per unserved location passed	\$4,293

Map of Tulare Agriculture County

Comcast- Tulare Agriculture County- Tulare County



APPENDIX S
California Public Utilities Commission
Federal Funding Account, Last Mile Program
Guidance to Staff Regarding
CONSENT FORM
Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Terms

Awardee Name: _____

Key Project Contact: _____

The Awardee identified above acknowledges receipt of the California Public Utilities Commission Resolution or Award Letter and agrees to comply with all grant terms, conditions, and requirements set forth in the Resolution or Award Letter including those in the Federal Funding Account, Last Mile Program Rules. Awards are contingent on available state budget appropriations funding and may be subject to Budget Letter 24-07.³¹

Undersigned representative of _____ [Name of Awardee] is duly authorized to execute this Consent Form on behalf of the Awardee and to bind the Awardee to the terms, conditions, and requirements set forth in California Public Utilities Commission Resolution or Award Letter and those in the Federal Funding Account, Last Mile Program Rules.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature of Awardee Representative: _____

Title _____

Printed Name _____

Name of Business, Organization, Local Agency or Tribe:

Business Address (include street address, suite/apt. number, city, state, and ZIP Code):

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

³¹ Department of Finance Budget Letter 24-07, "Onetime Appropriation(s) Expenditure Freeze Pursuant to Section 21 of the Budget Act of 2023 (As Amended by Section 74 of AB 106 (Chapter 9, Statutes of 2024))," available at: <https://dof.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/352/2024/04/BL-24-07.pdf>