

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**Communications Division
Broadband Regional Initiatives Branch**

**RESOLUTION T-17835
August 22, 2024**

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION T-17835: Approves 12 applications for grants for up to \$143,305,987 from the Last Mile Federal Funding Account in Mono, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Mateo, and Riverside counties, providing service to 15,435 unserved locations.

I. SUMMARY

This Resolution recommends approval of 12 Last Mile Federal Funding Account grants in the amount of up to \$143,305,987.

This Resolution is the fourth 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 12 projects in this Resolution propose to make investments bringing the social, economic, civic, and public safety benefits of high-speed broadband to 15,435 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 59,349 in Mono, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Mateo, and Riverside counties. An estimated total population of 169,733 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 and the publicly-funded open-access middle-mile infrastructure set forth in Decision (D.) 21-03-006. An estimated 70 percent of the locations that would receive service are located in low-income areas and 14 percent are located in disadvantaged areas.

Staff recommends grant awards to seven entities (listed in the order in which they appear in this Resolution): AT&T, the Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA), Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications (PST), Nevada County Fiber, Placer County, the City of Sacramento, Frontier, and Colorado River Indian Tribes.

AT&T and Frontier are incumbent telecommunication companies offering service throughout California. Golden State Connect Authority is a Joint Powers Authority formed by member counties, including Mono County. Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications is an Internet Service Provider owned by Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative, operating in parts of Plumas, Lassen, Sierra and Nevada counties. Nevada County Fiber is an independent Internet Service Provider operating in Nevada County. The County of Placer is a county government of California. The City of Sacramento is an incorporated city located in Sacramento County. Colorado River Indian Tribes is a sovereign Tribal nation and the Colorado River Indian Reservation is located in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.

Staff recommends the following 12 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
Mono				
Golden State Connect Authority	GSCA Town of Mammoth Lakes Broadband Network	511	226	\$4,158,014
Golden State Connect Authority	GSCA Mono County Broadband Network	644	174	\$6,074,134
Subtotal		1,155	400	\$10,232,148
Nevada				
Plumas Sierra Telecommunications	PST Truckee	649	188	\$8,061,025
Nevada County Fiber	Banner Mountain Area Community	456	215	\$6,679,247
Subtotal		1,105	403	\$14,740,272
Placer				
Placer County	Foothills – Broadband Expansion in Placer County	6,778	2,960	\$23,752,674

Subtotal	6,778	2,960	\$23,752,674
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Sacramento				
City of Sacramento	Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity Project	21,681	2,703	\$38,696,843
Subtotal		21,681	2,703	\$38,696,843

San Bernardino				
Frontier	San Bernardino 1A	904	444	\$412,920
Frontier	San Bernardino 1C	2,258	1,049	\$1,028,027
Frontier	San Bernardino 1B	6,156	3,038	\$21,455,520
AT&T	San Bernardino - 1	7,530	1,532	\$7,736,291
Subtotal		16,848	6,063	\$30,632,758

San Mateo				
AT&T	San Mateo - 1	11,298	2,031	\$10,424,710
Subtotal		11,298	2,031	\$10,424,710

Multiple Counties				
Colorado River Indian Tribes	Colorado River Indian Tribe Californian Broadband Network	484	875	\$14,826,582 ¹
Subtotal		484	875	\$14,826,582
Grand Total		59,349	15,435	\$143,305,987

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 156² 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,

¹ The \$14,826,582 recommended grant for Colorado River Indian Tribe Californian Broadband Network is for locations in both Riverside County and San Bernardino County. \$2,281,013 will be subtracted from Riverside County's allocation, and \$12,545,569 will be subtracted from San Bernardino County's allocation.

² Statute 2021, Chapters 84 and 112.

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 D. 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.³ The CPUC made available on the Federal Funding Account Public Map,⁴ the Applicant Tool,⁵ and data downloads locations and census blocks meeting these

³ 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>

⁴ The Federal Funding Account Public Map is available at: <https://federalfundingaccountmap.vetro.io/>

⁵ Registration for the Federal Funding Account Applicant Tool is available at: [FFA Applicant Tool Registration](#)

definitions.⁶ 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.⁷

Staff also evaluated how applications and groups of applications compared to competing applications in the same county.

III. APPLICATION SUMMARIES, DISCUSSION, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mono County Summary

The allocation for projects in Mono County in D. 22-04-005 is \$10,598,618. This Resolution recommends awarding two grants to Golden State Connect Authority for projects in Mono County. The recommended grant amount for projects in Mono County is \$10,232,148, which leaves a remainder of \$366,470 of the allocation for Mono County.

⁶ 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>.

⁷ 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."

Mono County Awards

1. Golden State Connect Authority, GSCA Town of Mammoth Lakes Broadband Network

Staff recommends the Commission approve Golden State Connect Authority's application for a grant of up to \$4,158,014 for the GSCA Town of Mammoth Lakes Broadband Network.

The GSCA Town of Mammoth Lakes Broadband Network proposes to serve an estimated 226 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 511. An estimated total population of 9,502 will benefit from these investments in the town of Mammoth Lakes. The last-mile fiber project will provide up to 10 gigabits per second symmetrical service to consumers.

The GSCA Town of Mammoth Lakes Broadband Network will benefit disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities; 13 percent of the unserved locations are low-income. Golden State Connect Authority has committed to maintaining its prices for at least ten years.

The proposed project will cost an estimated \$38,268,014, of which the Federal Funding Account will fund approximately 11 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 the Golden State Connect Authority responded to the objection. Staff verified that the locations in the project area are not reliably served as defined in D.22-04-055. Staff has not modified Golden State Connect Authority's proposed project area.

No Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in Mono County.⁸ The GSCA Town of Mammoth Lakes Broadband Network 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 changed from 260 to 226, the project area is unchanged, and the total grant amount is unchanged.

⁸ See Federal Funding Account Public Map, <https://federalfundingaccountmap.vetro.io/> (visited June 25, 2024).

Mammoth Lakes Acting Town Manager Robert Patteson submitted a letter of support for this project.

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. 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 Town of Mammoth Lakes Broadband Network project 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 \$4,158,014 for the GSCA Town of Mammoth Lakes Broadband Network.

2. Golden State Connect Authority, GSCA Mono County Broadband Network

Staff recommends the Commission approve Golden State Connect Authority's application for a grant of up to \$6,074,134 for the GSCA Mono County Broadband Network.

The GSCA Mono County Broadband Network project proposes to serve an estimated 174 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 644. An estimated total population of 1,315 will benefit from these investments in unincorporated Mono 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 \$9,849,134, of which the Federal Funding Account will fund approximately 62 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 the Golden State Connect Authority responded to the objection. Staff verified that the locations in the project area are not reliably served as defined in D.22-04-055. Staff has not modified Golden State Connect Authority's proposed project area.

No Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in Mono County.⁹ The GSCA Mono County Broadband Network 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 and objection, the number of unserved locations is changed from 207 to 174, the project area is unchanged, and the total grant amount is unchanged.

Mono County Information Technology Interim Director Milan Salva submitted a letter of support for this project.

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. 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 Mono County Broadband Network project 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 \$6,074,134 for the GSCA Mono County Broadband Network.

Nevada County Summary

The allocation for projects in Nevada County in D. 22-04-005 is \$74,866,198. This Resolution recommends awarding two grants for projects in Nevada County: one grant to Plumas Sierra Telecommunications and one grant to Nevada County Fiber. The

⁹ See Federal Funding Account Public Map, <https://federalfundingaccountmap.vetro.io/> (visited June 25, 2024).

recommended grant amount for projects in Nevada County is \$14,740,272, which leaves a remainder of \$60,125,926 of the allocation for Nevada County.

Nevada County Awards

1. Plumas Sierra Telecommunications, PST Truckee

Staff recommends the Commission approve Plumas Sierra Telecommunications' application for a grant of up to \$8,061,025 for the PST Truckee project.

The PST Truckee project area includes an estimated 188 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 649. An estimated total population of 835 will benefit from these investments in and around the community of Truckee. The last-mile fiber project will provide up to one gigabit per second symmetrical service to consumers.

The PST Truckee project will benefit disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities; 50 percent of the unserved locations are in disadvantaged communities. Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications has committed to maintaining its prices for at least 10 years and will provide a low-cost plan that meets the standards set in D.22-04-055.

The proposed project will cost an estimated \$8,061,025, 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 received one objection and Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications responded to the objection. Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications provided survey results from the project area, and staff verified that the locations in the project area are not reliably served as defined in D.22-04-055. Staff has not modified Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications' proposed project area.

Two Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in Nevada County.¹⁰ The PST Truckee 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 220, the project area is unchanged, and the total grant amount is unchanged.

¹⁰ See Federal Funding Account Public Map, <https://federalfundingaccountmap.vetro.io/> (visited June 25, 2024).

State Senator Brian Dahle submitted a letter of support for this project.

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 Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications' open-access middle-mile infrastructure, which utilized funds from the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the California Advanced Services Fund.¹¹

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. Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications must comply with the CEQA requirements discussed in the appendices. If Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications 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.

Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications and the PST Truckee project comply with all requirements for approval in D. 22-04-055. The Communications Division recommends that the Commission approve Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications' application for a grant of up to \$8,061,025 for the PST Truckee project.

2. Nevada County Fiber, Banner Mountain Area Community

Staff recommends the Commission approve Nevada County Fiber's application for a grant of up to \$6,679,247 for the Banner Mountain Area Community project.

The Banner Mountain Area Community project proposes to serve an estimated 215 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 456. An estimated total population of 848 will benefit from these investments in and around the Banner Mountain community. The last-mile fiber project will provide up to one gigabit per second symmetrical service to consumers. Nevada County Fiber has committed to maintaining its prices for at least 10 years and will provide a low-cost plan that meets the standards set in D.22-04-055.

The proposed project will cost an estimated \$6,679,247, 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

¹¹ See D.21-03-006, Decision Modifying Data Submission Requirements and Requiring Open Access For California Advanced Services Fund Projects.

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

This application received two objections and Nevada County Fiber responded to the objections. In response to objections, Nevada County Fiber removed 10 served locations from the project area.

Two Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in Nevada County.¹² The Banner Mountain Area Community 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 revised to 215, the project area is narrowed to exclude served locations, and the total grant amount is unchanged.

The following submitted letters of support for this application: The Nevada County Board of Supervisors, The Sierra Business Council, The Gold Country Broadband Consortium, and 33 individuals living in the project area.

The proposed project provides the public safety benefits of reliable broadband infrastructure and will benefit households located in a Tier 3 High Fire Threat District. This project will connect to the open-access Middle Mile Broadband Initiative.

The Banner Mountain Area Community project is subject to CEQA review. The County of Nevada must complete CEQA review, as the lead agency, prior to the Commission disbursing Federal Funding Account funds for construction activities. The initial funding granted in this Resolution may be used for project development and other activities that do not involve construction or any activities that would have any direct or indirect effect on the physical environment.

Pursuant to CEQA and Rule 2.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission examines projects subject to CEQA to determine any potential environmental impacts in order that adverse effects are avoided, and environmental quality is restored or enhanced to the fullest extent possible under CEQA. In this instance, the Commission is the Responsible Agency under CEQA with respect to the environmental review of the Banner Mountain Area Community project. The Commission, as a Responsible Agency, must adopt the County of Nevada's findings and conclusions as set out in the County of Nevada's CEQA determination.

¹² See Federal Funding Account Public Map, <https://federalfundingaccountmap.vetro.io/> (visited June 13, 2024).

Nevada County Fiber and the Banner Mountain Area Community project comply with all requirements for approval in D. 22-04-055. The Communications Division recommends that the Commission approve Nevada County Fiber's application for a grant of up to \$6,679,247 for the Banner Mountain Area Community project.

Placer County Summary

The allocation for projects in Placer County in D. 22-04-005 is \$30,256,810. This Resolution recommends awarding one grant to the County of Placer for a project in Placer County. The recommended grant amount for projects in Placer County is \$23,752,674, which leaves a remainder of \$6,504,136 of the allocation for Placer County.

Placer County Awards

1. County of Placer, Foothills – Broadband Expansion for Placer County

Staff recommends the Commission approve the County of Placer's application for a grant of up to \$23,752,674 for the Foothills – Broadband Expansion for Placer County project.

The Foothills – Broadband Expansion for Placer County project area includes an estimated 2,960 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 6,778. An estimated total population of 8,923 will benefit from these investments in and around the communities of Alta, Applegate, and Cape Horn / Magra. The last-mile fiber project will provide up to two gigabits per second symmetrical service to consumers.

The Foothills – Broadband Expansion for Placer County project will benefit disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities; 56 percent of the unserved locations are low-income. The County of Placer has committed to maintaining its prices for at least ten years and will provide a low-cost plan that meets the standards set in D.22-04-055.

The proposed project will cost an estimated \$25,620,720, of which the Federal Funding Account will fund approximately 93 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 County of Placer 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 Placer County's proposed project area; the Federal Final Rule¹³ and D.22-04-055¹⁴ allow projects serving unserved locations to include served locations to make the project viable.

Five Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in Placer County.¹⁵ The Foothills – Broadband Expansion for Placer County 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 objections, comments, and this data, the number of unserved locations is revised from 3,008 to 2,960, the project area is unchanged, and the total grant amount is unchanged.

The following submitted letters of support for this application: Placer County District 5 Supervisor Cindy Gustafson, the Sierra Business Council, the Gold Country Broadband Consortium, the Applegate Civic Center Club, and the Placer Hills Fire Protection District.

The proposed project provides the public safety benefits of reliable broadband infrastructure and will benefit households located in a Tier 3 High Fire Threat District. This project will connect to Astound Broadband'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. The County of Placer must comply with the CEQA requirements discussed in the appendices. If the County of Placer 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 County of Placer and the Foothills – Broadband Expansion for Placer County project comply with all requirements for approval in D. 22-04-055. The Communications Division recommends that the Commission approve the County of Placer's application for a grant of up to \$23,752,674 for the Foothills – Broadband Expansion for Placer County project.

¹³ 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>.

¹⁴ D.22-04-055, Appendix A, Section 2, p. A-5.

¹⁵ See Federal Funding Account Public Map, <https://federalfundingaccountmap.vetro.io/> (visited June 13, 2024).

Sacramento County Summary

The allocation for projects in Sacramento County in D. 22-04-005 is \$38,712,929. This Resolution recommends awarding one grant to the City of Sacramento for a project in Sacramento County. The recommended grant amount for projects in Sacramento County is \$38,696,843, which leaves a remainder of \$16,086 of the allocation for Sacramento County.

Sacramento County Awards

1. City of Sacramento, Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity Project

Staff recommends the Commission approve the City of Sacramento's application for a grant of up to \$38,696,843 for the Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity Project.

The Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity Project proposes to serve an estimated 2,703 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 21,681. An estimated total population of 43,341 will benefit from these investments in the City of Sacramento. The last-mile fiber project will provide up to ten gigabits per second symmetrical service to consumers.

The Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity Project will benefit disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities; 93 percent of the unserved locations are low-income. The City of Sacramento has committed to maintaining its prices for at least ten years.

The proposed project will cost an estimated \$40,797,543, of which the Federal Funding Account will fund approximately 95 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 three objections and the City of Sacramento 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

Sacramento's proposed project area; the Federal Final Rule¹⁶ and D.22-04-055¹⁷ allow projects serving unserved locations to include served locations to make the project viable.

No Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in Sacramento County.¹⁸ The Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity 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 objections and this data, the number of unserved locations has been revised from 3,014 to 2,703, the project area is unchanged, and the total grant amount is unchanged.

The following submitted letters of support for this application: Congressman Doris Matsui; Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg; Sacramento Mayor Pro Tem Mai Vang; Sacramento City Councilmembers Caity Maple, Sean Loloee, Rick Jennings, and Karina Talamantes; Sacramento Police Department; Valley Vision. AT&T, Comcast, and Consolidated Communications submitted letters responding to Sacramento's Request for Proposal regarding potential private Internet Service Provider partners.

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 provided to the Energy Division, Staff confirms the Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity Project meets the following CEQA categorical exemptions: CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 – Existing Facilities – Class 1; and § 15303 – Conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure – Class 3.

The City of Sacramento and the Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity Project comply with all requirements for approval in D. 22-04-055. The Communications Division recommends that the Commission approve the City of Sacramento's application for a grant of up to \$38,696,843 for the Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity Project.

¹⁶ 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>.

¹⁷ D.22-04-055, Appendix A, Section 2, p. A-5.

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

San Bernardino County Summary

The allocation for projects in San Bernardino in D. 22-04-005 is \$59,681,807. This Resolution recommends awarding three grants to Frontier and one grant to AT&T for projects in San Bernardino County. This Resolution also recommends awarding one grant to Colorado River Indian Tribes for a project in San Bernardino County and Riverside County. The recommended grant amount for projects exclusively in San Bernardino County is \$30,632,758 and the grant amount for multi-county project locations in San Bernardino County is \$12,545,569. A further \$65,590 have been recommended for projects in San Bernardino in previous Federal Funding Account Resolutions,¹⁹ which leaves a remainder of \$16,437,890 of the allocation for San Bernardino County.

San Bernardino County Awards

1. Frontier, San Bernardino 1A

Staff recommends the Commission approve Frontier's application for a grant of up to \$412,920 for the San Bernardino 1A project.

The San Bernardino 1A project proposes to serve an estimated 444 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 904. An estimated total population of 909 will benefit from these investments in and around the community of Trona. The last-mile fiber project will provide up to five gigabits per second symmetrical service to consumers.

The San Bernardino 1A project will benefit disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities; 100 percent of the unserved locations are low-income.

The proposed project will cost an estimated \$825,840, 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 Frontier responded to the objection. Staff verified that the locations in the project area are not reliably served as defined in D.22-04-055. Staff has not modified Frontier's proposed project area.

¹⁹ \$65,590 of the \$255,801 grant recommended for AT&T's Riverside/San Bernardino – 1 project in Resolution T-17833 was subtracted from the allocation for San Bernardino County and \$190,211 was subtracted from the allocation for Riverside County.

No Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in San Bernardino County.²⁰ The San Bernardino 1A 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 objections and this data, the number of unserved locations is revised from 449 to 444, the project area is unchanged, and the total grant amount is unchanged.

The following submitted letters of support for this application: State Senator Shannon Grove, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Ted Alejandre, California State University San Bernardino, the Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium, the Southern California Association of Governments, Apple Valley Unified School District, Morongo Unified School District, the California Emerging Technology Fund, and the Inland Empire Economic Partnership.

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 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 San Bernardino 1A 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 \$412,920 for San Bernardino 1A.

2. Frontier, San Bernardino 1C

Staff recommends the Commission approve Frontier's application for a grant of up to \$1,028,027 for the San Bernardino 1C project.

The San Bernardino 1C project proposes to serve an estimated 1,049 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 2,258. An estimated total population of 2,316 will benefit from these investments in and around the community of Needles. The last-

²⁰ See Federal Funding Account Public Map, <https://federalfundingaccountmap.vetro.io/> (visited June 13, 2024).

mile fiber project will provide up to five gigabits per second symmetrical service to consumers.

The San Bernardino 1C project will benefit disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities; 99 percent of the unserved locations are low-income.

The proposed project will cost an estimated \$3,079,688, of which the Federal Funding Account will fund approximately 33 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.

No Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in San Bernardino County.²¹ The San Bernardino 1C 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 objections and this data, the number of unserved locations is revised to 1,049, the project area is unchanged, and the total grant amount is unchanged.

The following submitted letters of support for this application: California Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Ted Alejandre, Apple Valley Unified School District Superintendent Trenae Nelson, Morongo Unified School District, the Southern California Association of Governments, Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium, California State University San Bernardino, the Inland Empire Economic Partnership, and the California Emerging Technology Fund.

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 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

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

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 San Bernardino 1C 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 \$1,028,027 for San Bernardino 1C.

3. Frontier, San Bernardino 1B

Staff recommends the Commission approve Frontier's application for a grant of up to \$21,455,520 for the San Bernardino 1B project.

The San Bernardino 1B project proposes to serve an estimated 3,038 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 6,156. An estimated total population of 6,427 will benefit from these investments in and around the communities of Apple Valley, Hesperia, Lucerne Valley, Victorville, and Rancho Cucamonga. The last-mile fiber project will provide up to five gigabits per second symmetrical service to consumers.

The San Bernardino 1B project will benefit disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities; 95 percent of the unserved locations are low-income.

The proposed project will cost an estimated \$28,380,318, of which the Federal Funding Account will fund approximately 76 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.

No Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in San Bernardino County.²² The San Bernardino 1B 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 objections and this data, the number of unserved locations is revised to 3,038, the project area is unchanged, and the total grant amount is unchanged.

The following submitted letters of support for this application: State Senators Shannon Grove, Scott Wilk, and Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh; San Bernardino County Superintendent of

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

Schools Ted Alejandre; the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors; California State University San Bernardino; the Southern California Association of Governments; Apple Valley Unified School District; Morongo Unified School District; the California Emerging Technology Fund; the Newberry Community Services District Board of Supervisors; the Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium; Inland Empire Economic Partnership; and an individual living in the proposed project area.

The proposed project provides the public safety benefits of reliable broadband infrastructure. This project is located in a Tier 2 High Fire Threat District and does not present safety concerns. 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 San Bernardino 1B 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 \$21,455,520 for San Bernardino 1B.

4. AT&T, San Bernardino - 1

Staff recommends the Commission approve AT&T's application for a grant of up to \$7,736,291 for the San Bernardino - 1 project.

The San Bernardino - 1 project proposes to serve 1,532 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 7,530. An estimated total population of 27,073 will benefit from these investments in unincorporated San Bernardino County. The last-mile fiber project will provide up to five gigabits per second symmetrical service to consumers.

The San Bernardino - 1 project will benefit disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities; 66 percent of the unserved locations are low-income.

The proposed project will cost an estimated \$15,473,212, 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 Rule²³ and D.22-04-055²⁴ allow projects serving unserved locations to include served locations to make the project viable.

No Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in San Bernardino County.²⁵ The San Bernardino - 1 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 the objection and this data, the number of unserved locations is revised to 1,532, the project area is unchanged, and the total grant amount is unchanged.

The following submitted letters of support for this application: the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, San Bernardino County Superintendent Ted Alejandre, City of Colton Mayor Frank Navarro, City of Fontana Mayor Acquanetta Warren, the Southern California Association of Governments, the San Bernardino Council of Governments, California State University San Bernardino, High Desert Community Foundation, and the Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium.

The proposed project will provide the public safety benefits of reliable broadband infrastructure. This project is located in Tier 2 and Tier 3 High Fire Threat Districts and presents no safety concerns. This project will use AT&T's private infrastructure for middle-mile access.

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.

²³ 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>.

²⁴ D.22-04-055, Appendix A, Section 2, p. A-5.

²⁵ See Federal Funding Account Public Map, <https://federalfundingaccountmap.vetro.io/> (visited June 13, 2024).

AT&T and the 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 \$7,736,291 for the San Bernardino - 1 project.

San Mateo County Summary

The allocation for projects in San Mateo in D. 22-04-005 is \$10,424,711. This Resolution recommends awarding one grant to AT&T for a project in San Mateo County. The recommended grant amount for projects in San Mateo County is \$10,424,710.

1. AT&T, San Mateo -1

Staff recommends the Commission approve AT&T's application for a grant of up to \$10,424,710 for the revised San Mateo - 1 project.

The San Mateo - 1 project proposes to serve 2,031 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 11,298. An estimated total population of 67,474 will benefit from these investments in unincorporated San Mateo County. The last-mile fiber project will provide up to five gigabits per second symmetrical service to consumers.

The San Mateo - 1 project will benefit disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities; 17 percent of the unserved locations are low-income.

The proposed project will cost an estimated \$19,010,014, of which the Federal Funding Account will fund an estimated 55 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.

AT&T originally submitted three applications exceeding San Mateo's county allocation, which all received objections and AT&T responded to the objections. In response to valid objections, Staff merged the three applications into one and narrowed AT&T's proposed project area to focus on high fire threat areas where local government has advocated for communications upgrades. 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.

The Federal Final Rule²⁶ and D.22-04-055²⁷ allow projects serving unserved locations to include served locations to make the project viable.

No Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in San Mateo County.²⁸ The San Mateo - 1 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 the objection and this data, the number of unserved locations is revised to 2,031, the project area is unchanged, and the total grant amount is unchanged.

This project did not receive letters of support.

The proposed project will provide the public safety benefits of reliable broadband infrastructure. This project is located in Tier 2 and Tier 3 High Fire Threat Districts and presents no safety concerns. This project will use AT&T's private infrastructure for middle-mile access.

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 San Mateo - 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 \$10,424,710 for the San Mateo - 1 project.

San Bernardino / Riverside Counties

1. *Colorado River Indian Tribes, Colorado River Indian Tribe Californian Broadband Network*

Staff recommends the Commission approve Colorado River Indian Tribes' application for a grant of up to \$14,826,582 for the Colorado River Indian Tribe Californian

²⁶ 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>.

²⁷ D.22-04-055, Appendix A, Section 2, p. A-5.

²⁸ See Federal Funding Account Public Map, <https://federalfundingaccountmap.vetro.io/> (visited June 13, 2024).

Broadband Network. Of the \$14,826,582 recommended grant, \$2,281,013 is for locations in Riverside County and \$12,545,569 is for locations in San Bernardino County.

The Colorado River Indian Tribe Californian Broadband Network project proposes to serve an estimated 875 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 484. An estimated total population of 770 will benefit from these investments in communities on the west bank of the Colorado River, on and adjacent to the Colorado River Indian Tribes' reservation, and near Blythe. This project includes approximately \$14,042,632 to deploy approximately 23 miles of open-access middle-mile fiber and backhaul fiber, and to connect it to the Middle Mile Broadband Initiative. The last-mile fiber project will provide up to one gigabit per second symmetrical service to consumers.

The Colorado River Indian Tribe Californian Broadband Network will benefit disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities; 92 percent of the unserved locations are low-income.

The proposed project will cost an estimated \$14,826,582, 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 received one objection and Colorado River Indian Tribes responded to the objection. Staff verified that the served locations in the project area are necessary to make service in unserved areas financially viable. Staff has not modified Colorado River Indian Tribes' proposed project area; the Federal Final Rule²⁹ and D.22-04-055³⁰ allow projects serving unserved locations to include served locations to make the project viable.

No Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in San Bernardino County and two comments were submitted in Riverside County.³¹ The Colorado River Indian Tribe Californian Broadband Network project area's unserved locations and any objection locations were evaluated in light of updated Federal Communications

²⁹ 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>.

³⁰ D.22-04-055, Appendix A, Section 2, p. A-5.

³¹ See Federal Funding Account Public Map, <https://federalfundingaccountmap.vetro.io/> (visited June 13, 2024).

Commission and Federal Funding Account unserved data (as of June 30, 2023). In response to objections and comments and this data, the number of unserved locations is revised to 875, the project area is unchanged, and the total grant amount is unchanged.

The following submitted letters of support for this application: The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, Colorado River Indian Tribes Homeland Security Department, The Colorado River Indian Tribes Fire Department, Palo Verde Community College District, the City of Blythe Interim City Manager, and GoldenStateNet.

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. This project includes approximately \$14,042,632 to deploy approximately 23 miles of open-access middle-mile fiber and backhaul fiber, and to connect them to the 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. Colorado River Indian Tribes must comply with the CEQA requirements discussed in the appendices. If Colorado River Indian Tribes 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.

Colorado River Indian Tribes and Colorado River Indian Tribe Californian Broadband Network comply with all requirements for approval in D. 22-04-055. The Communications Division recommends that the Commission approve Colorado River Indian Tribes' application for a grant of up to \$14,826,582 for the Colorado River Indian Tribe Californian Broadband Network.

Comments

In compliance with Public Utilities Code Section 311(g)(1), a Notice of Availability of this draft resolution was e-mailed on July 22, 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.³²

³² 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>.

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.³³

G. Prevailing Wage: Section 1720 of the California Labor Code requires Federal Funding Account projects be subject to prevailing wage requirements.³⁴ 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 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

³³ D. 22-04-055, Appendix A, Section 14.

³⁴ D.22-054-055, Section 13.2, page 57.

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 applications for GSCA Town of Mammoth Lakes Broadband Network and GSCA Mono County Broadband Network on September 27, 2023.
5. Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications (PST) submitted an application for PST Truckee on September 28, 2023.
6. Nevada County Fiber submitted an application for Banner Mountain Area Community on September 29, 2023.
7. The County of Placer submitted an application for the Foothills – Broadband Expansion in Placer County project on September 28, 2023.
8. The City of Sacramento submitted an application for the Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity Project on September 29, 2023.
9. Frontier submitted applications for the San Bernardino 1A, San Bernardino 1C, and San Bernardino 1B projects on September 28, 2023.
10. Colorado River Indian Tribes submitted an application for the Colorado River Indian Tribe Californian Broadband Network on September 28, 2023.
11. AT&T submitted applications for the San Bernardino – 1 and San Mateo – 1 projects on September 28, 2023.
12. The Commission has determined that the Golden State Connect Authority’s GSCA Town of Mammoth Lakes Broadband Network and GSCA Mono County Broadband Network projects are not categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review at this time.
13. The Commission has determined that Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications’ PST Truckee project is not categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review at this time.
14. The Commission has determined that the Banner Mountain Community Area project is not categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review.
15. The County of Nevada will act as the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act for the environmental review of the Banner Mountain

Area Community project.

16. The Commission has determined that the County of Placer's Foothills – Broadband Expansion in Placer County project is not categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review at this time.
17. The City of Sacramento as the Lead Agency determined the Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity Project is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and provided supporting project information in its CEQA Attestation to the Commission.
18. The Commission is the Responsible Agency for compliance with California Environmental Quality Act with respect to the environmental review of the City of Sacramento's Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity Project.
19. The proposed route of Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity Project is fully within city-limits of the City of Sacramento in Sacramento County.
20. The Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity Project proposes that new fiber optic cable will be installed on existing utility poles. New poles will be installed if required, if any existing poles need to be replaced, as part of the project; however, no heavy equipment is planned to be used in any areas on or outside the city limits.
21. According to the State California Environmental Quality (CEQA) Guidelines, "Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA," [State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)]. The Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity Project complied with the requirements set forth in the CEQA Section of the Resolution.
22. Staff has reviewed the documents submitted by the City of Sacramento and recommends that the Commission approve and fund the Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity Project, which therefore may be constructed relying on the following California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) categorical exemptions: CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 – Existing Facilities – Class 1; and § 15303 – Conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure – Class 3.
23. The City of Sacramento may proceed with construction of the Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity Project without any further California Environmental Quality Act review.

24. The Commission has determined that the Frontier's San Bernardino 1A, San Bernardino 1C, and San Bernardino 1B projects are not categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review at this time.
25. The Commission has determined that the Colorado River Indian Tribes' Colorado River Indian Tribe Californian Broadband Network is not categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review at this time.
26. The Commission has determined that AT&T's San Bernardino - 1 and San Mateo - 1 projects are not categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review at this time.
27. Communications Division staff analyzed the applications for compliance with Commission and Federal rules, reviewed local feedback, and conducted fiscal and technical analysis.
28. All applications listed above met minimum eligibility requirements provided in Decision 22-04-055.
29. 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.
30. Draft Resolution T-17835 was emailed to the CASF Distribution List and the R. 20-09-001 Service List on July 19, 2024, in compliance with Public Utilities Code Section 311(g)(1).

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Commission shall award up to \$4,158,014 in Federal Funding Account funds to Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) in order to complete the GSCA Town of Mammoth Lakes Broadband Network, as described in the appendices.
2. The Commission shall award up to \$6,074,134 in Federal Funding Account funds to Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) in order to complete the GSCA Mono County Broadband Network, as described in the appendices.
3. The Commission shall award up to \$8,061,025 in Federal Funding Account funds to Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications (PST) in order to complete the PST Truckee project, as described in the appendices.

4. The Commission shall award up to \$6,679,247 in Federal Funding Account funds to the Nevada County Fiber in order to complete the Banner Mountain Area Community project, as described in the appendices.
5. The Commission shall award up to \$23,752,674 in Federal Funding Account funds to the County of Placer in order to complete the Foothills – Broadband Expansion in Placer County project, as described in the appendices.
6. The Commission shall award up to \$38,696,843 in Federal Funding Account funds to the City of Sacramento in order to complete the Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity Project, as described in the appendices.
7. The Commission shall award up to \$412,920 in Federal Funding Account funds to Frontier in order to complete the San Bernardino 1A project, as described in the appendices.
8. The Commission shall award up to \$1,028,027 in Federal Funding Account funds to Frontier in order to complete the San Bernardino 1C project, as described in the appendices.
9. The Commission shall award up to \$21,455,520 in Federal Funding Account funds to Frontier in order to complete the San Bernardino 1B project, as described in the appendices.
10. The Commission shall award up to \$7,736,291 in Federal Funding Account funds to AT&T to complete the San Bernardino – 1 project, as described in the appendices.
11. The Commission shall award up to \$10,424,710 in Federal Funding Account funds to AT&T to complete the San Mateo – 1 project, as described in the appendices.
12. The Commission shall award up to \$14,826,582 in Federal Funding Account funds to the Colorado River Indian Tribes in order to complete the Colorado River Indian Tribe Californian Broadband Network, as described in the appendices.
13. 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.
14. As a condition of this award and prior to receiving Federal Funding Account grant funds, the Golden State Connect Authority shall provide the Commission with its

draft documents describing a potential Internet Service Provider (ISP) partnership, as well as the signed operating agreement with that ISP partner.

15. As a condition of this award and prior to receiving Federal Funding Account grant funds, the City of Sacramento shall provide the Commission with its draft documents describing a potential Internet Service Provider (ISP) partnership, as well as the signed operating agreement with that ISP partner.
16. Awardee(s) shall comply with all guidelines, requirements, and conditions set forth in this resolution.
17. When a successor to the Affordable Connectivity Program is identified by the Commission, all awardees shall participate in that program.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. 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 24-07.³⁵

³⁵ 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>

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 August 22, 2024, the following Commissioners voting favorable thereon:

Rachel Peterson
Executive Director

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 Town of Mammoth Lakes Broadband Network
- GSCA Mono 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 project, 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 § 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 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 B
Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications California Environmental Quality Act
Compliance Requirements

The following Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications project is subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review:

- PST Truckee

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 Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications 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, Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications 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.).

Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications 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.

Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications 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 C
Nevada County Fiber California Environmental Quality Act Compliance
Requirements

The following Nevada County Fiber project is subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review:

- Banner Mountain Area Community

Nevada County Fiber's Banner Mountain Area Community project is subject to CEQA review. 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 Nevada County Fiber'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, Nevada County Fiber 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.).

Nevada County Fiber 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.

Nevada County Fiber 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.

Nevada County Fiber 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 D

Placer County California Environmental Quality Act Compliance Requirements

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

- Foothills - Broadband Expansion in Placer County

Foothills - Broadband Expansion in Placer County's Fiber Network project is subject to CEQA review. 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 Foothills - Broadband Expansion in Placer County 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, involving the Foothills - Broadband Expansion in Placer County, it 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 expediter for Foothills - Broadband Expansion in Placer County 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.

County of Placer staff representing Foothills - Broadband Expansion in Placer County project 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 E

City of Sacramento California Environmental Quality Act Compliance Requirements

The City of Sacramento is the Lead Agency and is seeking Last Mile Infrastructure Project FFA funding for the Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity Project. The City of Sacramento currently has limited broadband infrastructure in certain portions of its parameters. The Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity was awarded a Local Agency Technical Assistance Grant from the Commission to assess the City of Sacramento's infrastructure, analyze the market, and create a fiber master plan as a roadmap for improving broadband availability and access within the city. Delineated on the Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity map, the proposed route is fully within Sacramento city-limits.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is a statute intended to inform government decisionmakers and the public about the potential environmental effects of proposed activities and to prevent significant, avoidable environmental damage. The City of Sacramento will file a Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse as the lead agency, per CEQA Section §15062 - (b).

- o §15062 - (b): A notice of exemption may be filled out and may accompany the project application through the approval process. The notice shall not be filed with the county clerk or OPR until the project has been approved. This review was completed prior to the City of Sacramento submitting an application to the California Public Utilities Commission's Federal Fund Account Program to receive grant funds for construction activities.

The project area is dispersed across the City of Sacramento and a couple small unincorporated areas near the city limits. The City of Sacramento's public works will deploy a total of 68.25 miles of new fiber in the project area; much of it will be upgrading and replacing cables in existing conduit along the City of Sacramento's right-of-way. All infrastructure will be placed in rights-of-way that have been previously disturbed. The City of Sacramento's existing fiber network lies along the arterials, so the project will not disrupt those roadways. The majority of the project is along collector streets and local roads in residential communities.

Staff has reviewed the documents submitted by the Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity and confirms that the Project meets the criteria for the following CEQA categorical exemptions: CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 – Existing Facilities – Class 1; and § 15303 - Conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure - Class 3.

The aerial portion will follow existing rights-of-way and easements. When placing fiber on existing poles or replacing poles, the Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity will ensure

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the poles comply with General Order 95. New underground construction, when necessary, would occur in existing public utility easements. Following the installation of conduit and cable, the City contractor will return the site to its original condition.

APPENDIX F

Frontier California Environmental Quality Act Compliance Requirements

The following Frontier projects are subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review:

- San Bernardino 1A
- San Bernardino 1C
- San Bernardino 1B

The Commission must complete CEQA review prior to disbursing Federal Funding Account funds for construction activities. The initial funding granted to Frontier in this Resolution may be used for project development and other 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, 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 § 21000 et seq.).

Frontier staff 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 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
Colorado River Indian Tribes California Environmental Quality Act Compliance
Requirements

The following Colorado River Indian Tribes project is subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review:

- Colorado River Indian Tribe Californian 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 Colorado River Indian Tribes 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, Colorado River Indian Tribes 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.).

Colorado River Indian Tribes 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.

Colorado River Indian Tribes 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 H

AT&T California Environmental Quality Act Compliance Requirements

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

- San Bernardino – 1
- San Mateo - 1

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 AT&T 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, 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.

AT&T 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 I
GSCA Town of Mammoth Lakes Broadband Network
Key Information

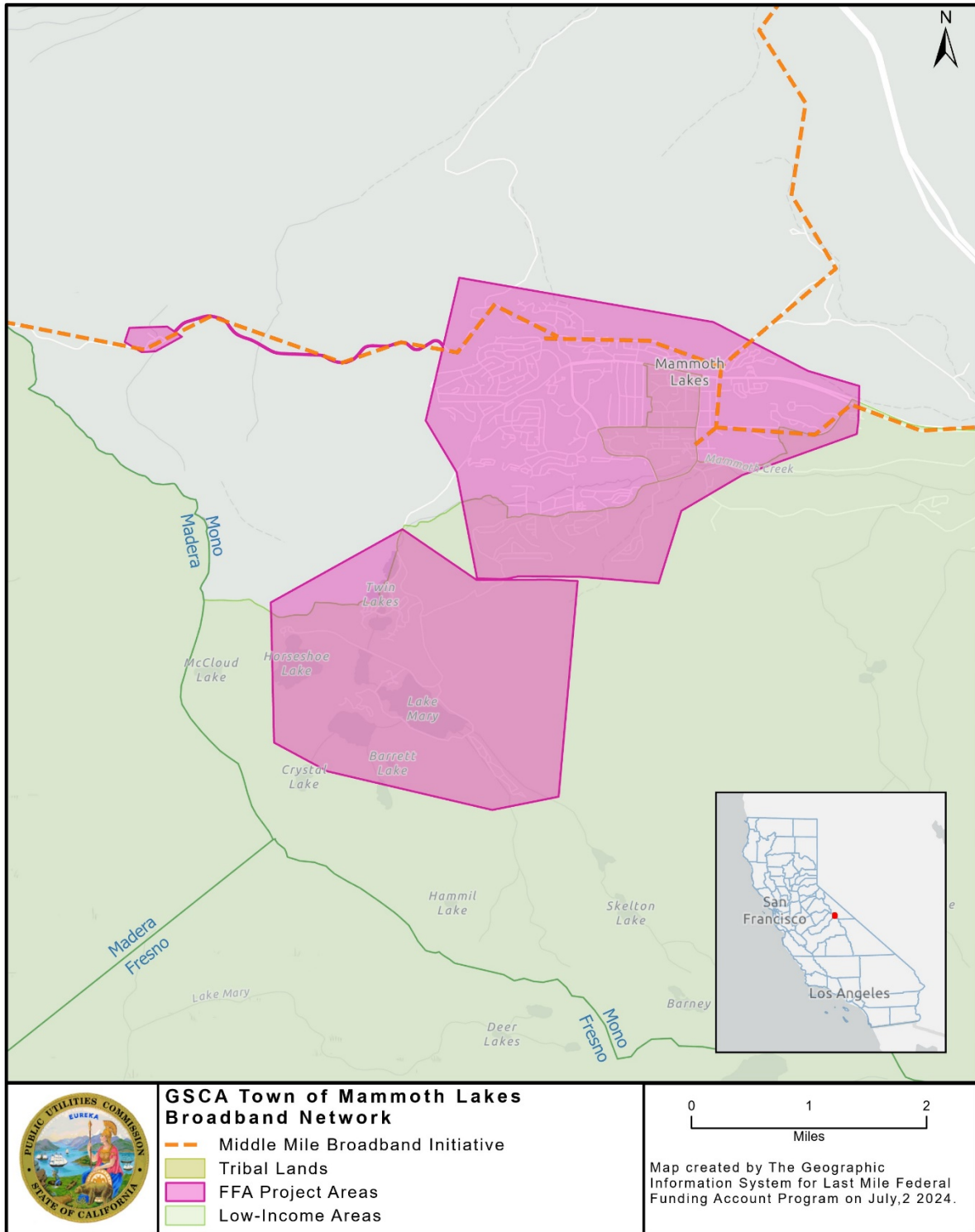
Project Name	GSCA Town of Mammoth Lakes Broadband Network
Applicant Name	Golden State Connect Authority
Community Names	Incorporated Town of Mammoth Lakes
County	Mono County
County Allocation	\$10,598,618
Project Size (in square miles)	16
Maximum Download/Upload speed	10,000 Mbps/10,000 Mbps
Lowest cost 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	13 percent
Median Household Income (weighted)	\$67,973
Area Households	3,657
Area Population	9,502
Estimated locations within 1000 feet of the project area (location passings)	4,057
Estimated units within 1000 feet of the project area (unit passings)	11,088
Unserved locations in the project area	226
Unserved units in the project area	503
Estimated unserved population in the project area	511

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Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) locations in the project area	70
Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) location units in the project area	307
Community Anchor Institutions benefitting from the project	36
Public safety locations benefitting from the project	8
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	Yes
Distance of middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for last-mile delivery	-
Deployment Schedule	18 Months
Total Project Cost	\$38,268,014
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$4,158,014
Applicant funded	\$34,110,000
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unserved unit in the project area	\$8,266
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unit passing	\$375

Map of GSCA Town of Mammoth Lakes Broadband Network
Golden State Connect Authority- Town of Mammoth Lakes Broadband Network-
Mono County



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GSCA Mono County Broadband Network
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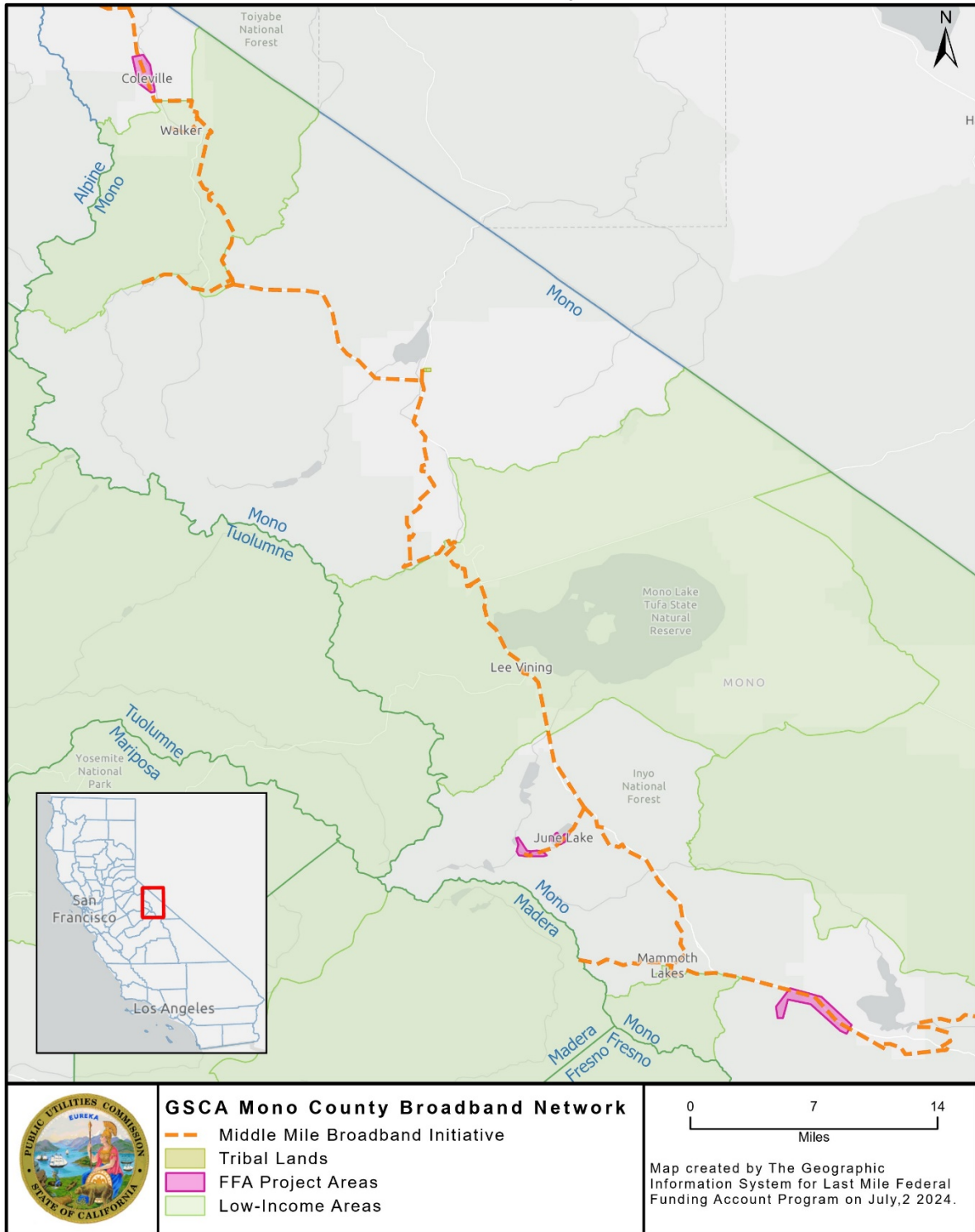
Project Name	GSCA Mono County Broadband Network
Applicant Name	Golden State Connect Authority
Community Names	Unincorporated Mono County
County	Mono County
County Allocation	\$10,598,618
Project Size (in square miles)	12
Maximum Download/Upload speed	10,000 Mbps/10,000 Mbps
Lowest cost plan	\$70/month 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)	\$100,586
Area Households	541
Area Population	1,315
Estimated locations within 1000 feet of the project area (location passings)	830
Estimated units within 1000 feet of the project area (unit passings)	1,301
Unserved locations in the project area	174
Unserved units in the project area	350
Estimated unserved population in the project area	644

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Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) locations in the project area	72
Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) location units in the project area	248
Community Anchor Institutions benefitting from the project	12
Public safety locations benefitting from the project	4
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	Yes
Distance of middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for last-mile delivery	-
Deployment Schedule	18 Months
Total Project Cost	\$9,849,134
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$6,074,134
Applicant funded	\$3,775,000
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unserved unit in the project area	\$17,355
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unit passing	\$4,669

Map of GSCA Mono County Broadband Network
Golden State Connect Authority- Mono County Broadband Network-
Mono County



APPENDIX K
PST Truckee
Key Information

Project Name	PST Truckee
Applicant Name	Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications
Community Names	Truckee
County	Nevada
County Allocation	\$74,866,198
Project Size (in square miles)	0.25
Maximum Download/Upload speed	1000 Mbps/1000 Mbps
Lowest cost plan	\$15/month for 50 Mbps/10 Mbps
Low-income plan	Yes, \$15/month for 50 Mbps/10 Mbps
Low-cost plan	Yes, \$25/month for 100 Mbps/20 Mbps
LifeLine Participation	No
Percent Disadvantaged Communities	0 percent
Percent Low-Income Areas	50 percent
Median Household Income (weighted)	\$57,361
Area Households	263
Area Population	835
Estimated locations within 1000 feet of the project area (location passings)	764
Estimated units within 1000 feet of the project area (unit passings)	1,356
Unserved locations in the project area	188
Unserved units in the project area	306
Estimated unserved population in the project area	649

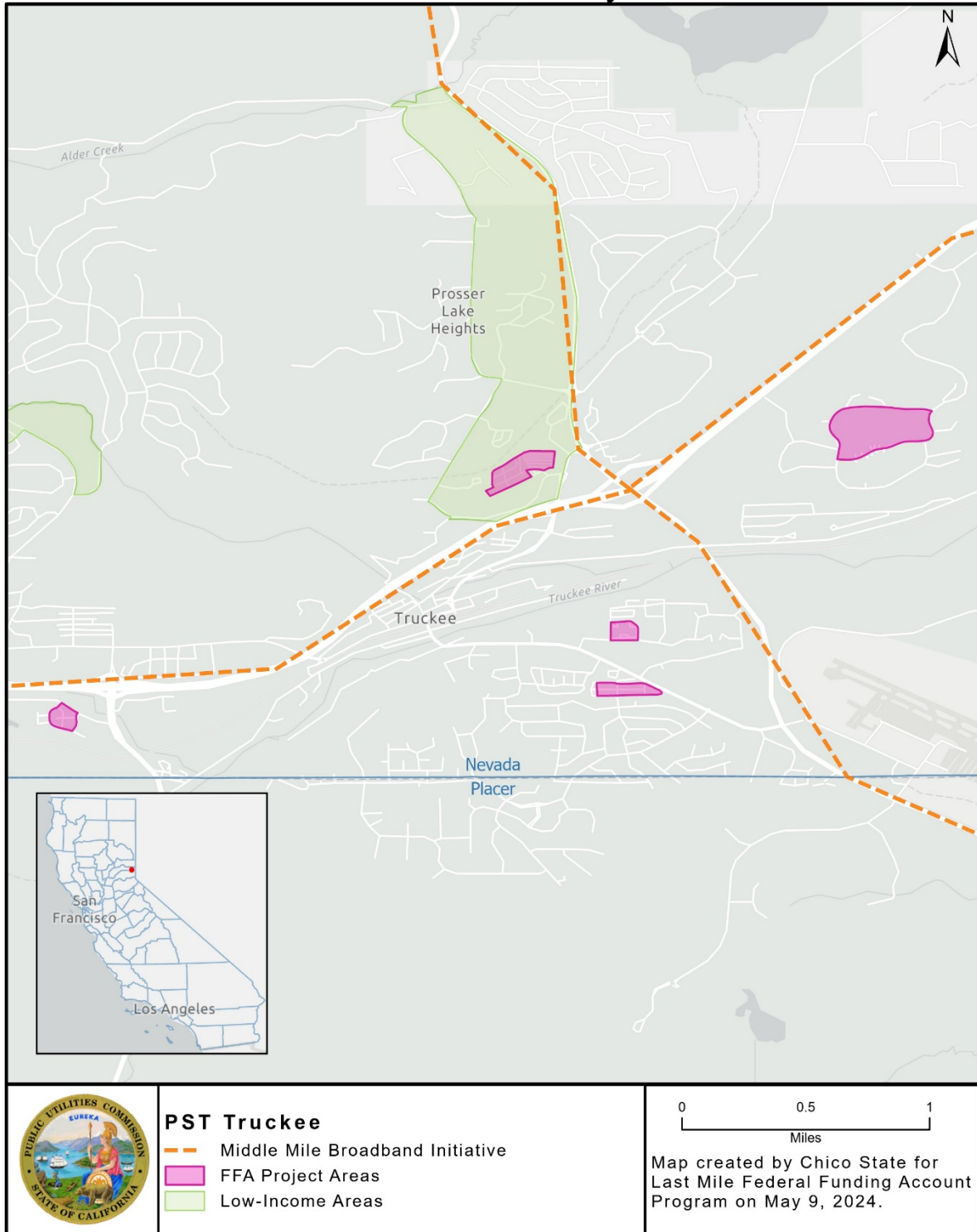
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Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) locations in the project area	55
Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) location units in the project area	173
Community Anchor Institutions benefitting from the project	0
Public safety locations benefitting from the project	0
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	No
Distance of middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for last-mile delivery	-
Deployment Schedule	18 Months
Total Project Cost	\$8,061,025
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$8,061,025
Applicant funded	\$0
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unserved unit in the project area	\$26,343
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unit passing	\$5,945

Map of PST Truckee

Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications- PST Truckee- Nevada County



APPENDIX L
Banner Mountain Area Community
Key Information

Project Name	Banner Mountain Area Community
Applicant Name	Nevada County Fiber
Community Names	Banner Mountain Community
County	Nevada
County Allocation	\$74,866,198
Project Size (in square miles)	12
Maximum Download/Upload speed	1 Gbps/1 Gbps
Lowest cost plan	\$15/month for 10 Mbps/10 Mbps
Low-income plan	Yes, \$15/month for 10 Mbps/10 Mbps
Low-cost plan	Yes, \$40/month for 100 Mbps/20 Mbps
LifeLine Participation	No
Percent Disadvantaged Communities	0 percent
Percent Low-Income Areas	0 percent
Median Household Income (weighted)	\$72,375
Area Households	362
Area Population	848
Estimated locations within 1000 feet of the project area (location passings)	707
Estimated units within 1000 feet of the project area (unit passings)	745
Unserved locations in the project area	215
Unserved units in the project area	221
Estimated unserved population in the project area	456

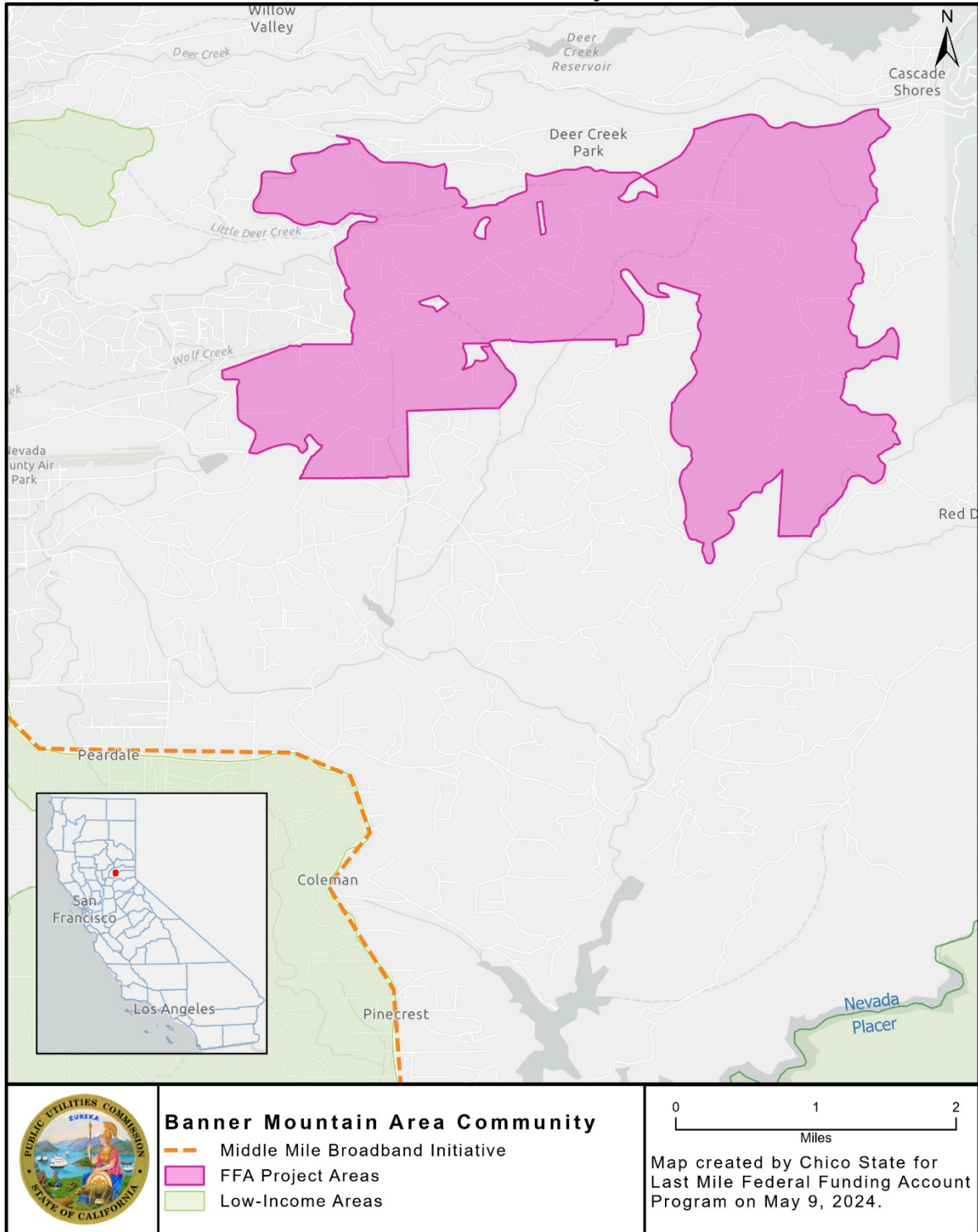
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Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) locations in the project area	6
Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) location units in the project area	12
Community Anchor Institutions benefitting from the project	1
Public safety locations benefitting from the project	1
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	Yes
Distance of middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for last-mile delivery	-
Deployment Schedule	18 Months
Total Project Cost	\$6,679,247
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$6,679,247
Applicant funded	\$0
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unserved unit in the project area	\$30,223
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unit passing	\$8,965

Map of Banner Mountain Area Community

Nevada County Fiber- Banner Mountain Area Community- Nevada County



APPENDIX M
Foothills – Broadband Expansion for Placer County
Key Information

Project Name	Foothills - Broadband Expansion in Placer County
Applicant Name	County of Placer
Community Names	The project area includes three Placer County communities known as Alta, Applegate, and Cape Horn / Magra
County	Placer
County Allocation	\$30,256,810
Project Size (in square miles)	105
Maximum Download/Upload speed	2,000 Mbps/2,000 Mbps
Lowest cost plan	\$9.95/month for 50 Mbps download
Low-income plan	Yes, \$9.95/month for 50 Mbps download or \$19.95/month for 150 Mbps download
Low-cost plan	Yes, \$40/month for 50 Mbps/20 Mbps
LifeLine Participation	Yes
Percent Disadvantaged Communities	0 percent
Percent Low-Income Areas	56 percent
Median Household Income (weighted)	\$74,750
Area Households	3,702
Area Population	8,923
Estimated locations within 1000 feet of the project area (location passings)	4,640
Estimated units within 1000 feet of the project area (unit passings)	5,004
Unserved locations in the project area	2,960
Unserved units in the project area	3,177
Estimated unserved population in the project area	6,778

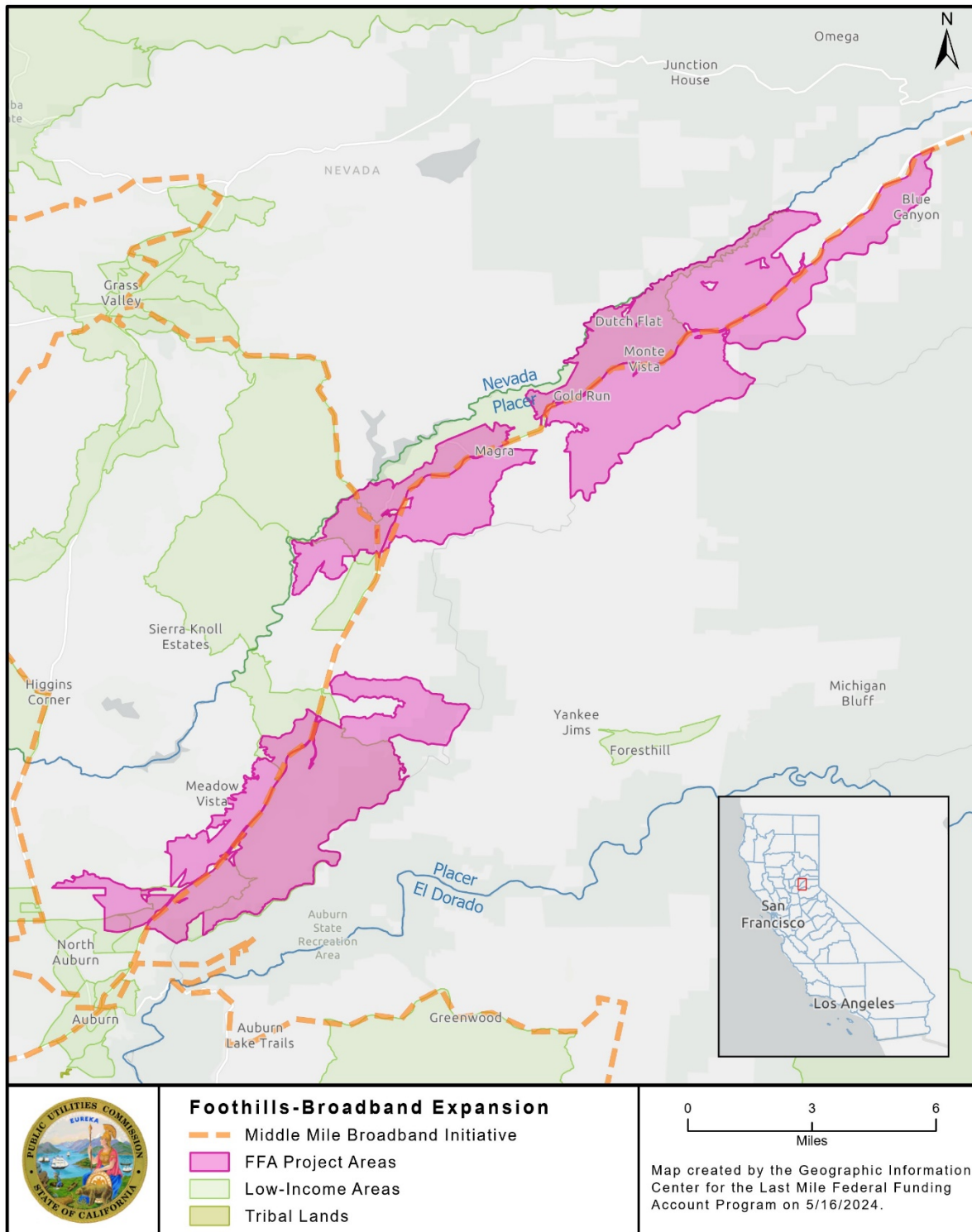
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Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) locations in the project area	190
Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) location units in the project area	407
Community Anchor Institutions benefitting from the project	35
Public safety locations benefitting from the project	14
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	No
Distance of middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for last-mile delivery	-
Deployment Schedule	18 Months
Total Project Cost	\$25,620,720
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$23,752,674
Applicant funded	\$1,868,046
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unserved unit in the project area	\$7,476
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unit passing	\$4,747

Map of Foothills – Broadband Expansion for Placer County

County of Placer- Foothills-Broadband Expansion- Placer County



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Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity Project
Key Information

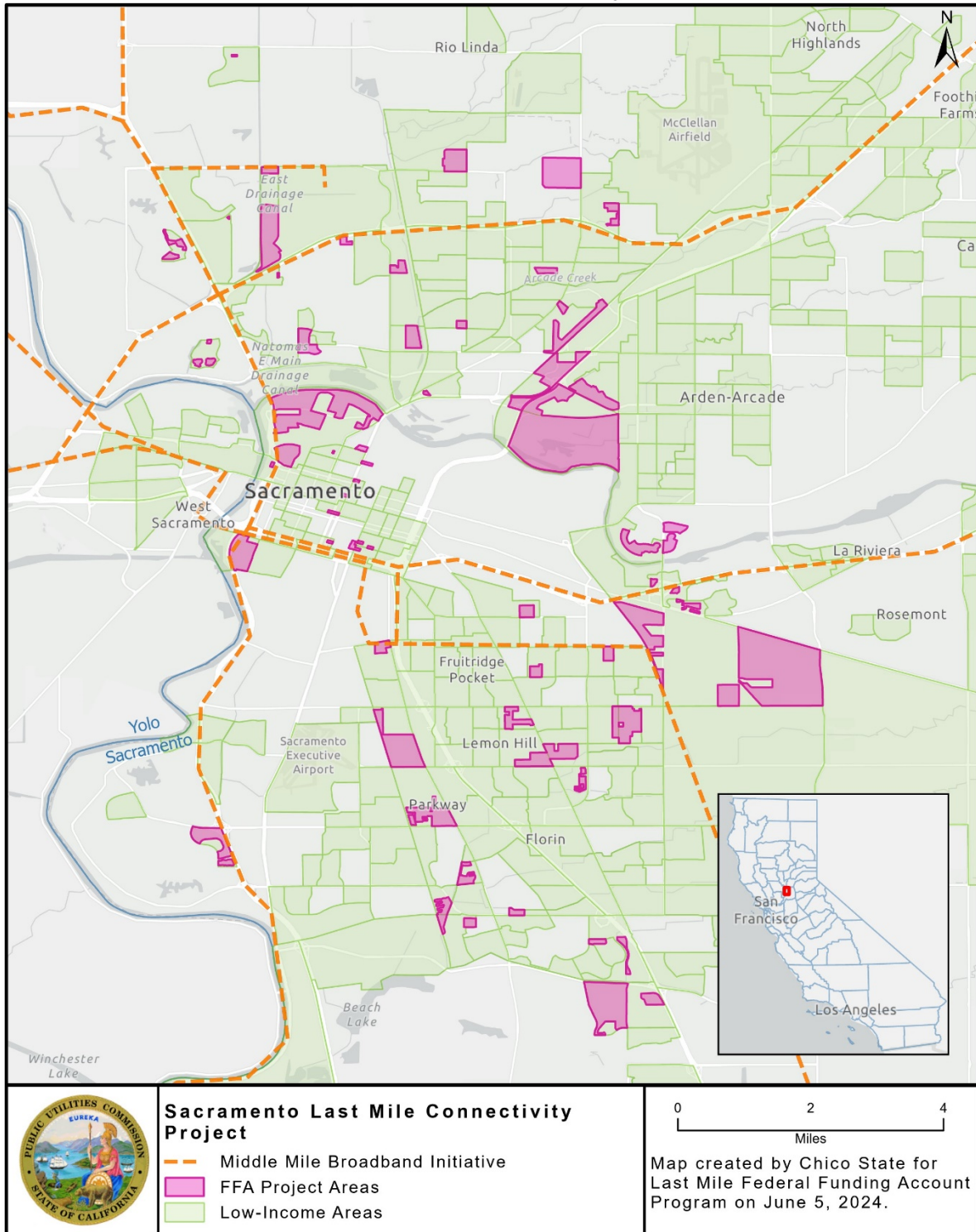
Project Name	Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity Project
Applicant Name	City of Sacramento
Community Names	The project area is dispersed across the City of Sacramento and a couple small unincorporated areas near the city limits
County	Sacramento County
County Allocation	\$38,712,929
Project Size (in square miles)	11
Maximum Download/Upload speed	10Gbps/10Gbps
Lowest cost plan	\$45/month for 100 Mbps/100 Mbps
Low-income plan	No
Low-cost plan	No
LifeLine Participation	Yes
Percent Disadvantaged Communities	58 percent
Percent Low-Income Areas	93 percent
Median Household Income (weighted)	\$39,955
Area Households	10,120
Area Population	43,341
Estimated locations within 1000 feet of the project area (location passings)	26,925
Estimated units within 1000 feet of the project area (unit passings)	51,167
Unserved locations in the project area	2,703
Unserved units in the project area	5,306
Estimated unserved population in the project area	21,681

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Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) locations in the project area	784
Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) location units in the project area	3,387
Community Anchor Institutions benefitting from the project	58
Public safety locations benefitting from the project	17
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	Yes
Distance of middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for last-mile delivery	-
Deployment Schedule	24 Months
Total Project Cost	\$40,797,543
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$38,696,843
Applicant funded	\$2,100,700
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unserved unit in the project area	\$7,293
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unit passing	\$756

Map of Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity Project
Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity Project- City of Sacramento-
Sacramento County



APPENDIX O
San Bernardino 1A
Key Information

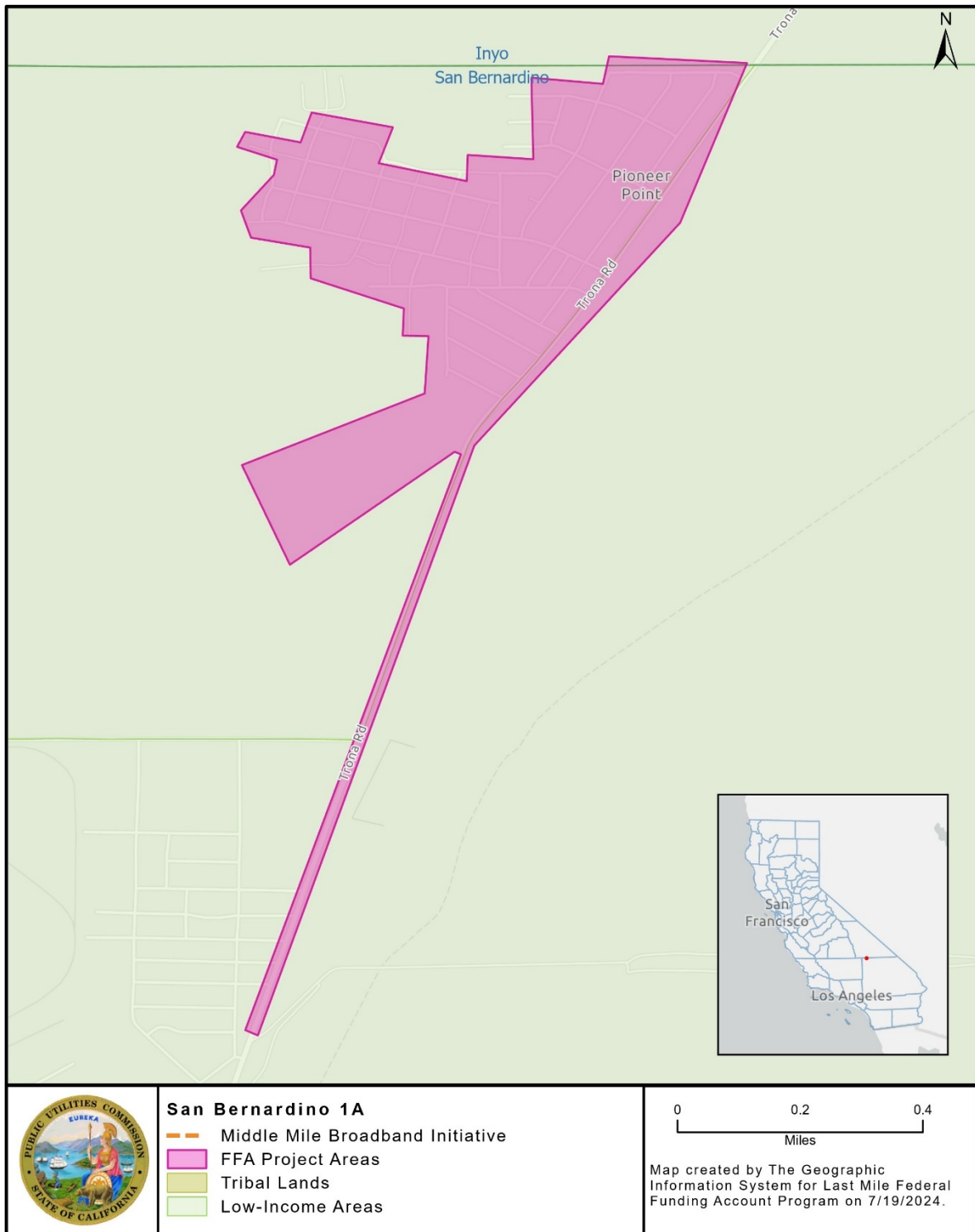
Project Name	San Bernardino 1A
Applicant Name	Frontier of California Inc.
Community Names	Trona
County	San Bernardino
County Allocation	\$59,681,807
Project Size (in square miles)	1
Maximum Download/Upload speed	5 Gbps/5 Gbps
Lowest cost plan	\$13.99 (LifeLine bundle with voice), \$19.99 (LifeLine-eligible), 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	0 percent
Percent Low-Income Areas	100 percent
Median Household Income (weighted)	\$48,177
Area Households	357
Area Population	909
Estimated locations within 1000 feet of the project area (location passings)	601
Estimated units within 1000 feet of the project area (unit passings)	631
Unserved locations in the project area	444
Unserved units in the project area	461
Estimated unserved population in the project area	904

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Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) locations in the project area	17
Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) location units in the project area	34
Community Anchor Institutions benefitting from the project	1
Public safety locations benefitting from the project	0
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	No
Distance of middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for last-mile delivery	-
Deployment Schedule	33 Months
Total Project Cost	\$825,840
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$412,920
Applicant funded	\$412,920
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unserved unit in the project area	\$896
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unit passing	\$654

Map of San Bernardino 1A
Frontier- San Bernardino 1A- San Bernardino County



APPENDIX P
San Bernardino 1C
Key Information

Project Name	San Bernardino 1C
Applicant Name	Citizens Telecommunications of California Inc. ("Frontier")
Community Names	Needles
County	San Bernardino
County Allocation	\$59,681,807
Project Size (in square miles)	4
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	0 percent
Percent Low-Income Areas	99 percent
Median Household Income (weighted)	\$33,958
Area Households	908
Area Population	2,316
Estimated locations within 1000 feet of the project area (location passings)	1,692
Estimated units within 1000 feet of the project area (unit passings)	2,193
Unserved locations in the project area	1,049
Unserved units in the project area	1,268
Estimated unserved population in the project area	2,258
Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) locations in the project area	107

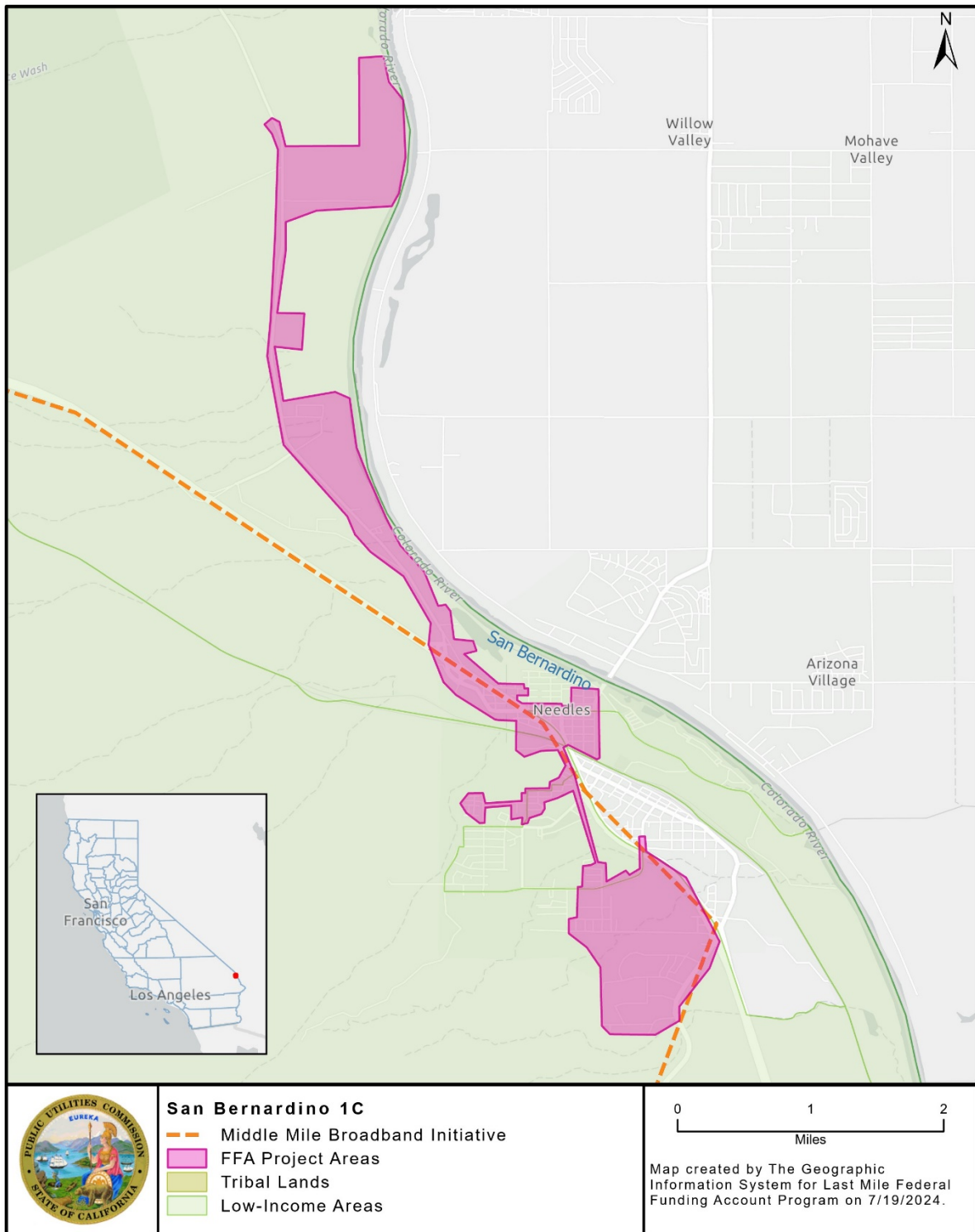
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Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) location units in the project area	326
Community Anchor Institutions benefitting from the project	10
Public safety locations benefitting from the project	1
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	No
Distance of middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for last-mile delivery	-
Deployment Schedule	33 Months
Total Project Cost	\$3,079,688
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$1,028,027
Applicant funded	\$2,051,661
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unserved unit in the project area	\$811
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unit passing	\$469

Map of San Bernardino 1C

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APPENDIX Q
San Bernardino 1B
Key Information

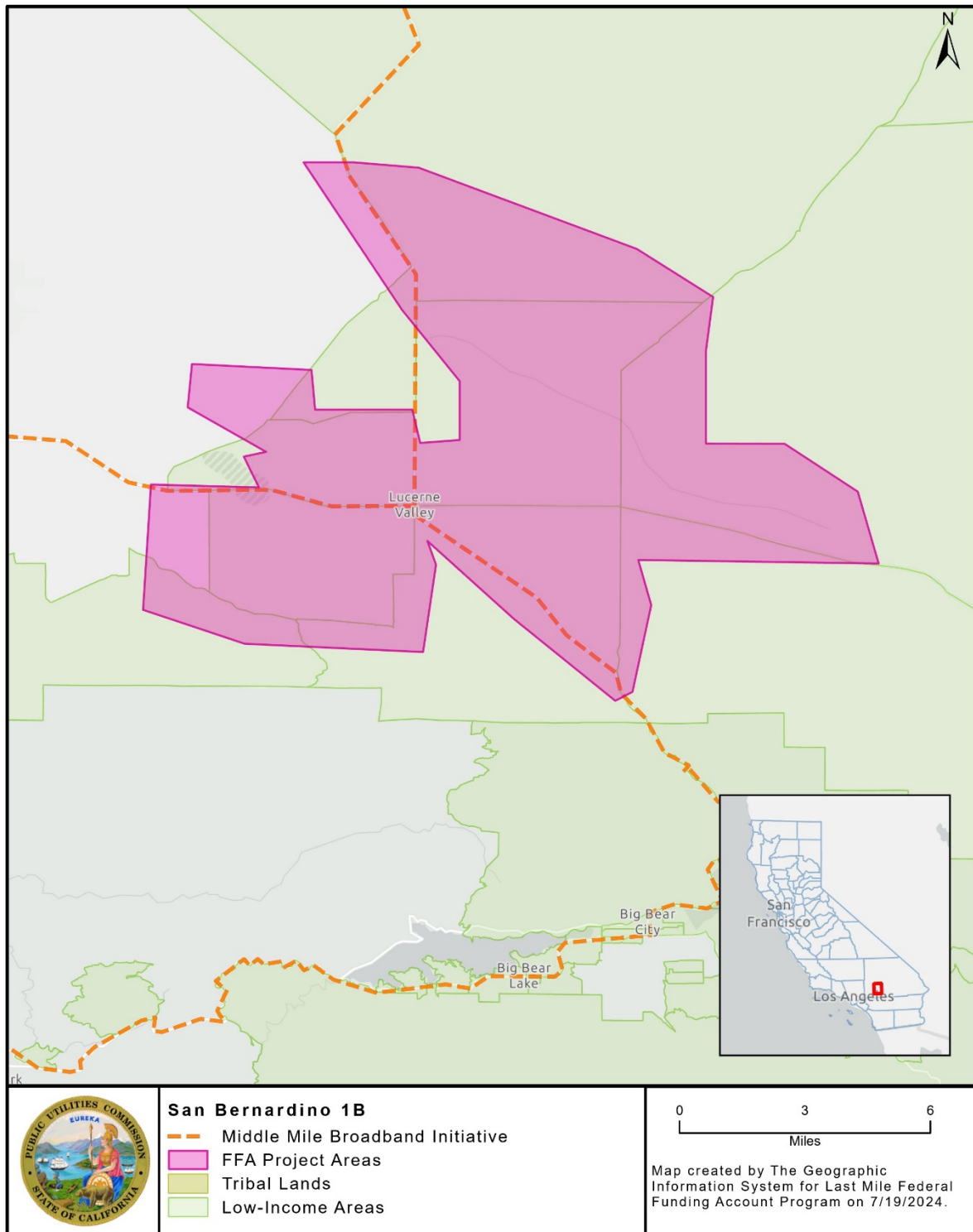
Project Name	San Bernardino 1B
Applicant Name	Frontier of California Inc.
Community Names	Apple Valley, Hesperia, Lucerne Valley, Victorville, and Rancho Cucamonga
County	San Bernardino
County Allocation	\$59,681,807
Project Size (in square miles)	208
Maximum Download/Upload speed	5 Gbps / 5 Gbps
Lowest 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	0 percent
Percent Low-Income Areas	95 percent
Median Household Income (weighted)	\$37,569
Area Households	2,391
Area Population	6,427
Estimated locations within 1000 feet of the project area (location passings)	3,204
Estimated units within 1000 feet of the project area (unit passings)	3,384
Unserved locations in the project area	3,038
Unserved units in the project area	3,212
Estimated unserved population in the project area	6,156
Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) locations in the project area	155

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Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) location units in the project area	329
Community Anchor Institutions benefitting from the project	29
Public safety locations benefitting from the project	8
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	No
Distance of middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for last-mile delivery	-
Deployment Schedule	33 Months
Total Project Cost	\$28,380,318
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$21,455,520
Applicant funded	\$6,924,798
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unserved unit in the project area	\$6,680
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unit passing	\$6,340

Map of San Bernardino 1B
Frontier- San Bernardino 1B- San Bernardino County



APPENDIX R
San Bernardino - 1
Key Information

Project Name	San Bernardino - 1
Applicant Name	AT&T Services, Inc. on behalf of its affiliate Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California
Community Names	San Bernardino
County	San Bernardino County
County Allocation	\$59,681,807
Project Size (in square miles)	13
Maximum Download/Upload speed	5000 Mbps/5000 Mbps
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	38 percent
Percent Low-Income Areas	66 percent
Median Household Income (weighted)	\$67,135
Area Households	7,679
Area Population	27,073
Estimated locations within 1000 feet of the project area (location passings)	15,055
Estimated units within 1000 feet of the project area (unit passings)	21,180
Unserved locations in the project area	1,532
Unserved units in the project area	2,433
Estimated unserved population in the project area	7,530

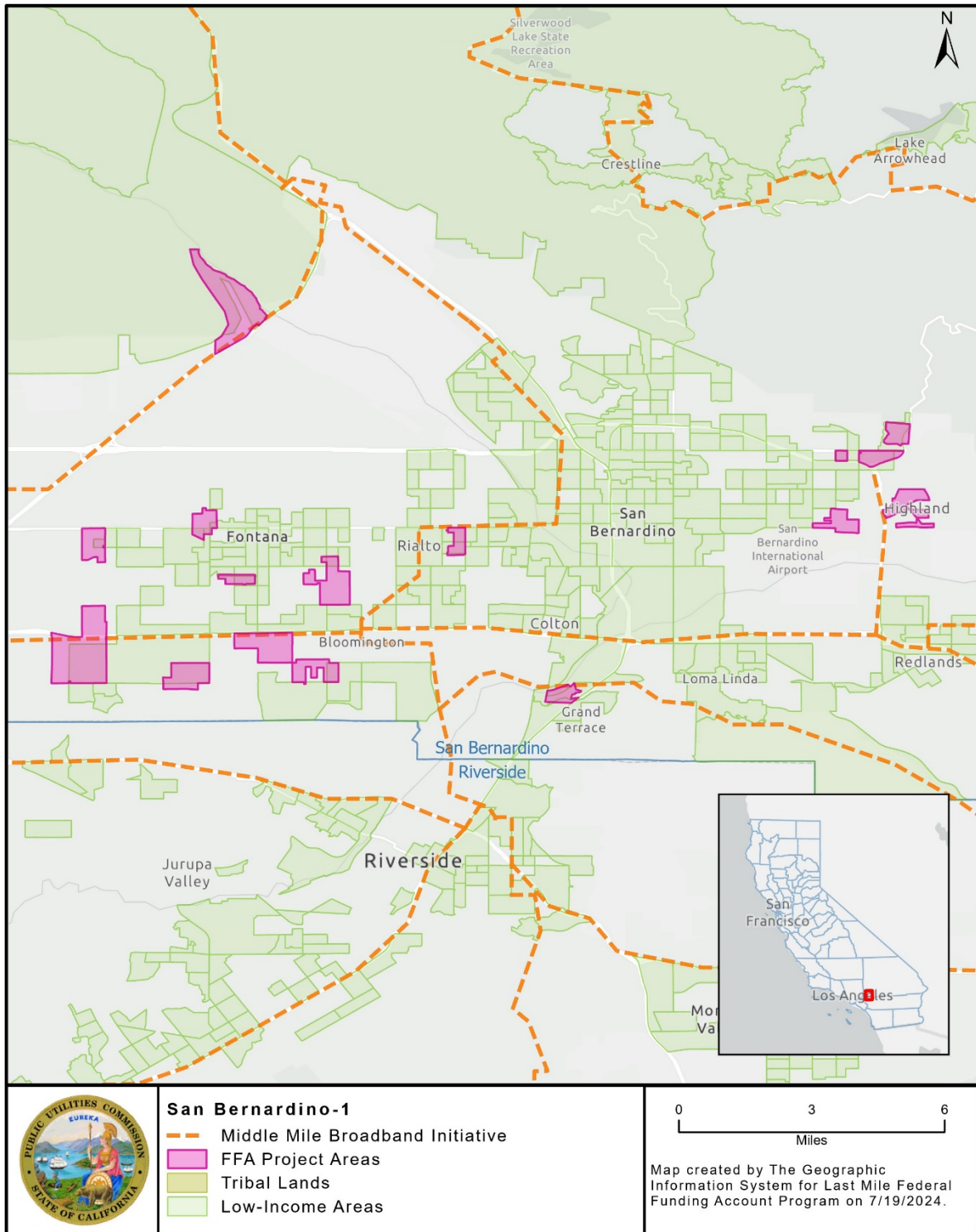
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Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) locations in the project area	195
Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) location units in the project area	1,096
Community Anchor Institutions benefitting from the project	44
Public safety locations benefitting from the project	9
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	No
Distance of middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for last-mile delivery	-
Deployment Schedule	18 Months
Total Project Cost	\$15,473,212
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$7,736,291
Applicant funded	\$7,736,921
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unserved unit in the project area	\$3,180
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unit passing	\$365

Map of San Bernardino - 1

AT&T Services, Inc.- San Bernardino-1- San Bernardino County



APPENDIX S
San Mateo - 1
Key Information

Project Name	San Mateo - 1
Applicant Name	AT&T Services, Inc. on behalf of its affiliate Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California
Community Names	San Mateo
County	San Mateo County
County Allocation	\$10,424,711
Project Size (in square miles)	57
Maximum Download/Upload speed	5000 Mbps/5000 Mbps
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	1 Percent
Percent Low-Income Areas	17 Percent
Median Household Income (weighted)	\$138,468
Area Households	25,748
Area Population	67,474
Estimated locations within 1000 feet of the project area (location passings)	34,739
Estimated units within 1000 feet of the project area (unit passings)	68,945
Unserved locations in the project area	2,031
Unserved units in the project area	5,138

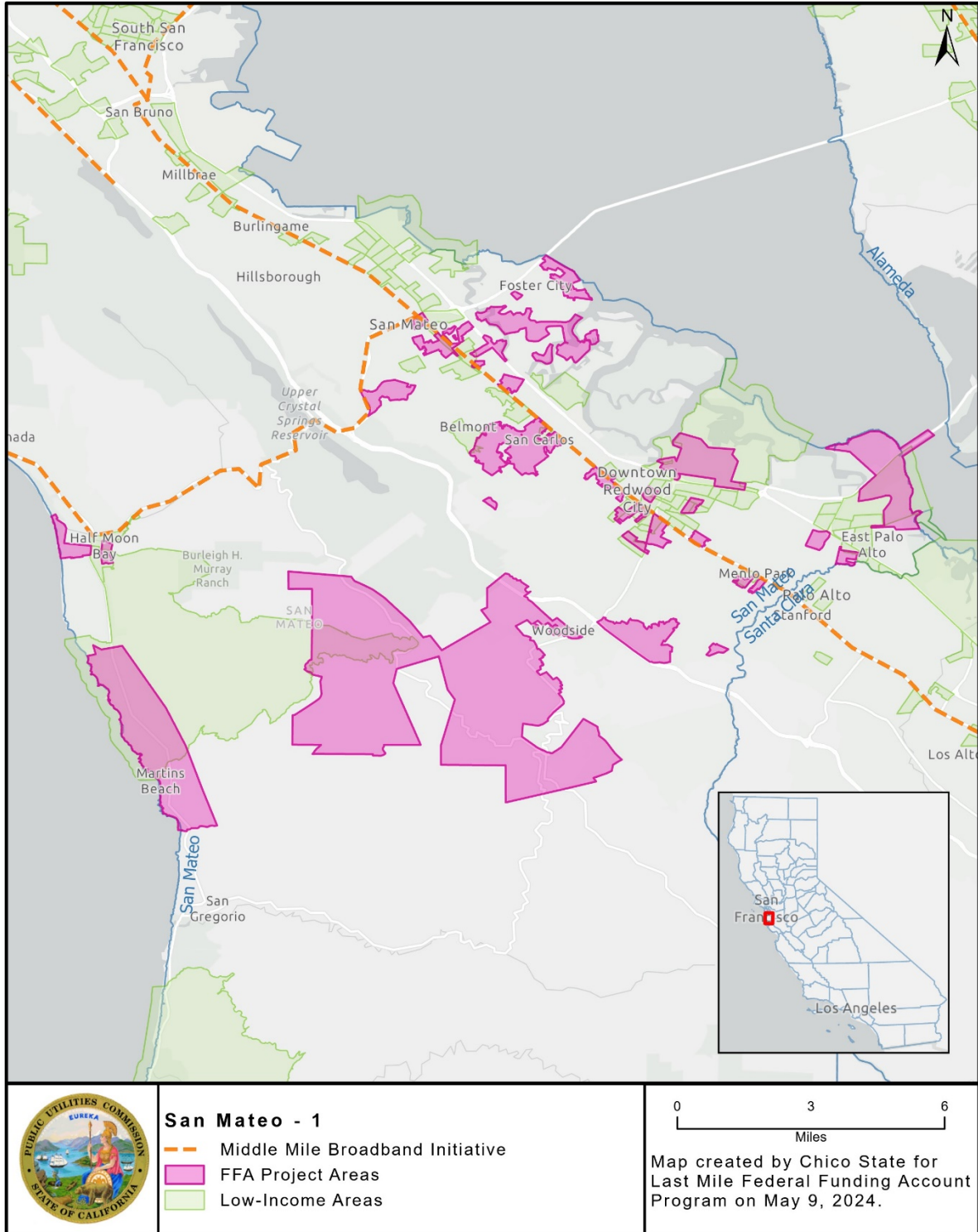
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Estimated unserved population in the project area	11,298
Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) locations in the project area	843
Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) location units in the project area	3,950
Community Anchor Institutions benefitting from the project	123
Public safety locations benefitting from the project	31
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	No
Distance of middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for last-mile delivery	-
Deployment Schedule	18 Months
Total Project Cost	\$19,010,014
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$10,424,710
Applicant funded	\$8,585,304
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unserved unit in the project area	\$2,029
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unit passing	\$151

Map of San Mateo - 1

AT&T Services, Inc.- San Mateo-1- San Mateo County



APPENDIX T
Colorado River Indian Tribe Californian Broadband Network
Key Information

Project Name	Colorado River Indian Tribe Californian Broadband Network
Applicant Name	Colorado River Indian Tribe
Community Names	Colorado River Indian Tribe
County	San Bernardino and Riverside
County Allocation	San Bernardino: \$59,681,807; Riverside: \$50,635,154
Project Size (in square miles)	35
Maximum Download/Upload speed	1 Gbps/1 Gbps
Lowest cost plan	\$40/month for 50 Mbps/50 Mbps
Low-income plan	Yes, \$40/month for 50 Mbps/50 Mbps
Low-cost plan	Yes, \$40/month for 50 Mbps/50 Mbps
LifeLine Participation	Yes
Percent Disadvantaged Communities	0 percent
Percent Low-Income Areas	92 percent
Median Household Income (weighted)	\$42,083
Area Households	448
Area Population	770
Estimated locations within 1000 feet of the project area (location passings)	1,552
Estimated units within 1000 feet of the project area (unit passings)	1,993
Unserved locations in the project area	875
Unserved units in the project area	1,115
Estimated unserved population in the project area	484
Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) locations in the project area	238

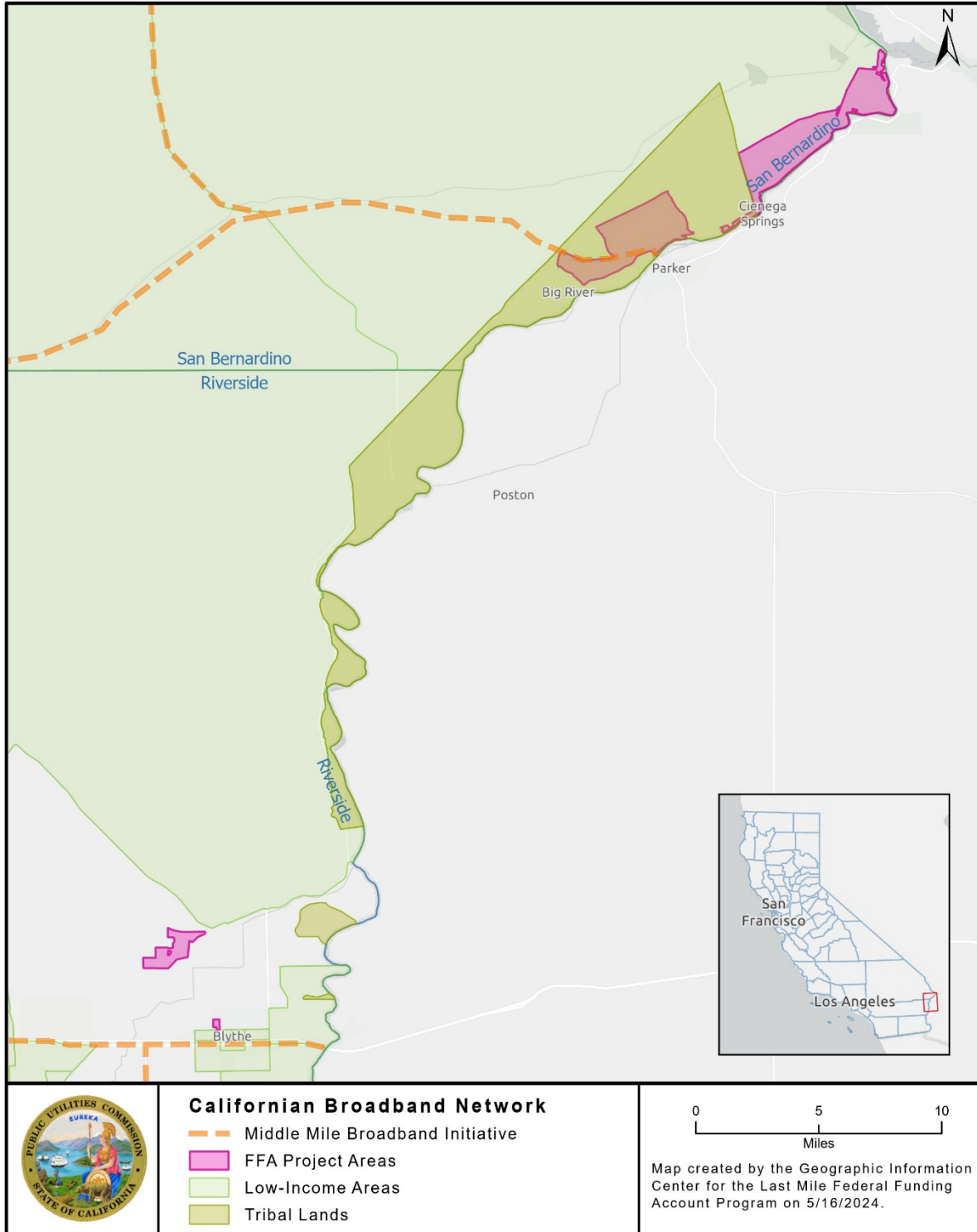
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Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) location units in the project area	478
Community Anchor Institutions benefitting from the project	12
Public safety locations benefitting from the project	3
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	Yes
Distance of middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	23 miles
Grant costs for middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	\$14,042,632
Grant costs for last-mile delivery	\$783,950
Deployment Schedule	24 Months
Total Project Cost	\$14,826,582
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$14,826,582
Applicant funded	\$0
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unserved unit in the project area	\$703
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unit passing	\$393

Map of Colorado River Indian Tribe Californian Broadband Network

Colorado River Indian Tribe- Californian Broadband Network - San Bernadino County



APPENDIX U
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 24-07.³⁶

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: _____

³⁶ 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>