

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**Communications Division**  
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**RESOLUTION T-17906**  
**June 11, 2026**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION T-17906: Approves up to \$14,680,732 from the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) for the Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account applications of Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications, (U-7218-C) for the Grizzly Road-Chilcoot, Herlong Flats-East Milford, Mohawk Meadows, and Sierraville projects in Plumas, Sierra, and Lassen Counties.**

**PROPOSED OUTCOME:**

- Awards four grants for up to \$14,680,732 from the CASF Infrastructure Funding Account to Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications in Plumas, Sierra, and Lassen counties.

**SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- There are no adverse safety considerations identified by the Communications Division. The projects to be funded by this award have the potential to improve communications resiliency and redundancy.

**ESTIMATED COST:**

- There are no costs associated with this Resolution.

**I. SUMMARY**

This Resolution approves grant funding for four grants in the amount of up to \$14,680,732 from the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account (Infrastructure Account) for the grant applications of Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications for the Grizzly Road-Chilcoot, Herlong Flats-East Milford, Mohawk Meadows, and Sierraville projects. The projects will provide broadband connectivity to a total of 460 unserved locations in Plumas, Sierra, and Lassen Counties

This Resolution recommends four grant awards to one grantee: Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications (PST). The following grant applications listed below in Table 1 are recommended for approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission). Associated maps and project information summaries are included in the appendices.

**Table 1: Summary of Grant Funding**

Applicant	Project Name	Unserved Locations	Initial Requested Amount	CASF Approved Amount
Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications	Grizzly Road-Chilcoot	205	\$4,339,234	\$4,339,234
Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications	Herlong Flats-East Milford	72	\$3,890,942	\$3,890,942
Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications	Mohawk Meadows	83	\$3,378,259	\$3,378,259
Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications	Sierraville	100	\$3,072,297	\$3,072,297

## **II. BACKGROUND**

The CASF Infrastructure Account provides grant funding to Internet service providers (ISP)/eligible entities to build or upgrade<sup>1</sup> broadband infrastructure in areas that are unserved by existing broadband providers. The CASF program was initiated in 2008, after the program was first adopted by the Commission in Decision (D.) 07-12-054 and enacted into statute pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 1193.

On July 20, 2021, Governor Newsom signed historic broadband legislation to help bridge the digital divide; Senate Bill (SB) 156 changed the definition of “unserved area,” allowing, but not requiring, funding for “an area for which there is no facility-based broadband provider offering at least one tier of broadband service at speeds of at least 25 Mbps downstream, 3 Mbps upstream.”<sup>2</sup> Additionally, SB 156 requires grantees to “deploy infrastructure capable of providing broadband access at speeds of a minimum of 100 Mbps downstream and 20 Mbps upstream”<sup>3</sup> and that any grantees receiving CASF funding must report subcontracted work in excess of \$25,000; this information must be posted by the Commission on a monthly basis.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code § 281(f)(4)

<sup>2</sup> Pub. Util. Code § 281(b)(1)(B)(ii)(I).

<sup>3</sup> Pub. Util. Code § 281(f)(5)

<sup>4</sup> Pub. Util. Code § 281(l).

On November 17, 2022, the Commission issued D.22-11-023, adopting programmatic changes to the CASF Infrastructure Account. Attachment 1 of D.22-11-023 (CASF Guideline”) set forth the rules, application requirements, and guidelines for the CASF Infrastructure Account.

### **III. APPLICATION REVIEW AND EVALUATION**

#### ***Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications Background***

On October 31, 2025, PST submitted four CASF Infrastructure applications, requesting 100 percent funding for a total of \$14,680,732, to deploy last-mile fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) broadband access to 469 unserved households in the counties of Plumas, Sierra and Lassen counties. The CASF grant funding request would cover the complete project deployment costs of the four projects. The applicant determined eligibility for funding based on the California Interactive Broadband Map,<sup>5</sup> which during the 2025 application cycle was based on 2023 mapping data. Because the evaluation and review period occurred while the Commission was collecting 2024 broadband location data, Staff verified eligibility using the more current 2024 dataset to ensure the eligibility of all locations are based on the most recent available data and to prevent the awarding of program funds in areas already served.

PST is an experienced ISP that operates terrestrial and wireless networks in Plumas and Eastern Sierra counties. PST, a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) holder, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative (PSREC). Founded in 1937, PSREC is a member-owned electric distribution utility providing electrical power and related services to over 7,500 member/owners in Plumas, Lassen, and Sierra counties in California, and portions of Washoe County in Nevada. In 1987, PSREC management and the board of directors formed its PST subsidiary to offer affordable telecommunication and internet services in PSREC’s electrical service areas where communications were not previously available. Since the mid-1990s, PST has offered satellite television and broadband, dial-up Internet access, fixed wireless access, wireless cellular telephone services and more recently, fiber-to-the-home/premise (FTTH/FTTP) broadband in several areas within its service territory.

This Resolution recommends approval of up to \$14,680,732 in total funding for four last-mile CASF Infrastructure Account grant applications from Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications to 460 unserved locations in Plumas, Sierra, and Lassen Counties.

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<sup>5</sup> California Interactive Broadband Map available at <https://www.broadbandmap.ca.gov/>

Staff's review and evaluation of the applications is summarized below.

## **1. Grizzly Road-Chilcoot**

### ***Project Summary***

This resolution recommends that the Commission award a grant of up to \$4,339,234 for PST's Grizzly Road-Chilcoot Project. In compliance with D.22-11-023, Staff determined that Grizzly Road-Chilcoot is eligible to receive up to \$4,339,234 in CASF Infrastructure Account grant funding.

PST proposes to serve 205 unserved locations by constructing a FTTH network with up to 1,000 Megabits per second (Mbps) download and 1,000 Mbps upload in Plumas County.

### ***Challenges***

Grizzly Road-Chilcoot Project received no challenges.

### ***Revisions***

Staff determined that the Grizzly Road-Chilcoot Project does not overlap with other grant funded terrestrial broadband projects.

However, PST inadvertently included one existing subscriber and 9 locations previously funded by the FFA<sup>6</sup> in the application. Staff directed PST to remove a total of 10 locations from the project.

### ***Technology Deployment***

PST will deploy approximately 18.4 miles of last mile fiber. The network infrastructure will be 49.4% aerial and 50.6% underground.

### ***Median Household Income and Low-Income Service***

The median household income (MHI) for the project area is approximately \$70,800. This MHI meets the definition of low-income as set forth in D.22-11-023, as it falls at or below 80 percent of the statewide median income designated by the Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD).<sup>7</sup>

The project will provide two low-income plans: \$15 for speeds of 500 Mbps download and 500 Mbps upload and \$25 for speeds of 1,000 Mbps download and 1,000 Mbps upload.

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<sup>6</sup> PST's February 2025 amendment to its FFA Portola-Delleker-Whitehawk Project added 9 locations that were inadvertently included in PST's CASF application.

<sup>7</sup> 80 percent of the 2025 Statewide Median Income of \$118,100 is \$94,480. See:

<https://www.hcd.ca.gov/sites/default/files/docs/grants-and-funding/income-limits-2025.pdf>

Installation and connection charges will be waived for five years from completion of the project.<sup>8</sup>

### ***Safety Considerations***

The proposed project enables the public to access the public safety benefits of reliable broadband infrastructure. The project is located in a Tier 2 Fire Zone.

### ***Funding Determination***

The proposed project will cost \$4,339,234, of which the CASF account will fund 100% of costs.

### ***Viability***

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

PST received four letters of support for the Grizzly Road-Chilcoot Project from local government and community representatives, including the Plumas County Board of Supervisors, City of Portola, Plumas County Office of Education and the Sierra Booster newspaper. For more details, see Appendix F.

### ***CEQA***

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

## ***2. Herlong Flats-East Milford***

### ***Project Summary***

This resolution recommends that the Commission award a grant of up to \$3,890,942 for PST's Herlong Flats-East Milford Project. In compliance with D.22-11-023, Staff determined that Herlong Flats-East Milford is eligible to receive up to \$3,890,942 in CASF Infrastructure Account grant funding.

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<sup>8</sup> See [D. 22-11-023, Attachment 1](#), §8.11, Pricing Commitment

PST proposes to serve 72 unserved locations by constructing a FTTH network with up to 1,000 Mbps download and 1,000 Mbps upload in Plumas County.

### ***Challenges***

The Herlong Flats-East Milford Project received no challenges.

### ***Revisions***

Staff determined that the Herlong Flats East Milford Project does not overlap with other grant funded terrestrial broadband projects.

. However, PST inadvertently included one existing subscriber in the application. Staff directed PST to remove that location from the project.

### ***Technology Deployment***

PST will deploy approximately 15.7 miles of last mile fiber. The network infrastructure will be 68.7% aerial and 31.3% underground.

### ***Median Household Income and Low-Income Service***

The MHI for the project area is approximately \$51,515. This MHI meets the definition of low-income as set forth in D.22-11-023, as it falls at or below 80 percent of the statewide median income designated by HCD.<sup>9</sup>

The project will provide two low-income plans: \$15 for speeds of 500 Mbps download and 500 Mbps upload and \$25 for speeds of 1,000 Mbps download and 1,000 Mbps upload. Installation and connection charges will be waived for five years from completion of the project.<sup>10</sup>

### ***Safety Considerations***

The proposed project enables the public to access the public safety benefits of reliable broadband infrastructure. The project is located in a Tier 2 Fire Zone.

### ***Funding Determination***

The proposed project will cost \$3,890,942, of which the CASF account will fund 100% of costs.

### ***Viability***

The applicant and the project were determined to be financially viable, and the applicant's

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<sup>9</sup> 80 percent of the 2025 Statewide Median Income of \$118,100 is \$94,480. See: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/sites/default/files/docs/grants-and-funding/income-limits-2025.pdf>

<sup>10</sup> See [D. 22-11-023, Attachment 1](#), §8.11, Pricing Commitment

engineering design meets the program standards. The applicant demonstrated the administrative, technical, and operational capacity to provide broadband service at the scale of this project.

PST received one letter of support for the Herlong Flats-East Milford Project from a local government representative on the Lost Sierra Chamber of Commerce. For more details, see Appendix I.

### ***CEQA***

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

### ***3. Mohawk Meadows***

#### ***Project Summary***

This resolution recommends that the Commission award a grant of \$3,378,259 for PST's Mohawk Meadows Project. In compliance with D.22-11-023, Staff determined that Mohawk Meadows is eligible to receive up to \$3,378,259 in CASF Infrastructure Account funding.

PST proposes to serve 84 unserved locations by constructing a FTTH network with up to 1,000 Mbps download and 1,000 Mbps upload in Plumas County.

#### ***Challenges***

The Mohawk Meadows Project received no challenges.

#### ***Revisions***

Staff determined that the Mohawk Meadows Project does not overlap with other grant funded terrestrial broadband projects.

However, PST inadvertently included one existing subscriber in the application. Staff directed PST to remove that location from the project.

#### ***Technology Deployment***

PST will deploy approximately 11 miles of last mile fiber. The network infrastructure will be 65.5% aerial and 34.5% underground.

### ***Median Household Income and Low-Income Service***

The MHI for the project area is approximately \$59,794. This MHI meets the definition of low-income as set forth in D.22-11-023, as it falls at or below 80 percent of the statewide median income designated by HCD.<sup>11</sup>

The project will provide two low-income plans: \$15 for speeds of 500 Mbps download and 500 Mbps upload and \$25 for speeds of 1,000 Mbps download and 1,000 Mbps upload. Installation and connection charges will be waived for five years from completion of the project.<sup>12</sup>

### ***Safety Considerations***

The proposed project enables the public to access the public safety benefits of reliable broadband infrastructure. The project is located in a Tier 2 Fire Zone.

### ***Funding Determination***

The proposed project will cost \$3,378,259, of which the CASF account will fund 100% of costs.

### ***Viability***

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

PST received four letters of support for the Mohawk Meadows Project from local government and community representatives, including the Plumas County Board of Supervisors, City of Portola, Plumas Unified School District, and Sierra Booster. For more details, see Appendix L.

### ***CEQA***

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

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<sup>11</sup> 80 percent of the 2025 Statewide Median Income of \$118,100 is \$94,480. See: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/sites/default/files/docs/grants-and-funding/income-limits-2025.pdf>

<sup>12</sup> See [D. 22-11-023, Attachment 1](#), §8.11, Pricing Commitment

#### *4. Sierraville*

##### *Project Summary*

This resolution recommends that the Commission award a grant of up to \$3,072,297 for PST's Sierraville Project. In compliance with D.22-11-023, Staff determined that PST Sierraville Project is eligible to receive up to \$3,072,297 in CASF Infrastructure Account grant funding.

PST proposes to serve 101 unserved locations by constructing a FTTH network with up to 1,000 Mbps download and 1,000 Mbps upload in Sierra County.

##### *Challenges*

The Sierraville Project received no challenges.

##### *Revisions*

Staff determined that the Sierraville Project does not overlap with other grant funded terrestrial broadband projects.

However, PST inadvertently included one existing subscriber in the application. Staff directed PST to remove that location from the project.

##### *Technology Deployment*

PST will deploy approximately 21.8 miles of last mile fiber. The network infrastructure will be 48.6% aerial and 51.4% underground.

##### *Median Household Income and Low-Income Service*

The MHI for the project area is approximately \$42,249. This MHI meets the definition of low-income as set forth in D.22-11-023, as it falls at or below 80 percent of the statewide median income designated by the HCD.<sup>13</sup>

The project will provide two low-income plans: \$15 for speeds of 500 Mbps download and 500 Mbps upload and \$25 for speeds of 1,000 Mbps download and 1,000 Mbps upload. Installation and connection charges will be waived for five years from completion of the project.<sup>14</sup>

##### *Safety Considerations*

The proposed project enables the public to access the public safety benefits of reliable

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<sup>13</sup> 80 percent of the 2025 Statewide Median Income of \$118,100 is \$94,480. See: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/sites/default/files/docs/grants-and-funding/income-limits-2025.pdf>

<sup>14</sup> See [D. 22-11-023, Attachment 1](#), §8.11, Pricing Commitment

broadband infrastructure. The project is in a Tier 2 Fire Zone.

### ***Funding Determination***

The proposed project will cost \$3,072,297, of which the CASF account will fund 100% of costs.

### ***Viability***

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

PST received four letters of support for the Sierraville Project from local government and community representatives, including the Sierra County Board of Supervisors, City of Loyalton, Sierra Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Sierra Booster Editor. For more details, see Appendix O.

### ***CEQA***

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

## **IV. NOTICE**

On October 31, 2025, the Communications Division (CD) received 41 grant applications<sup>15</sup> for CASF Infrastructure Account funding.<sup>16</sup> On November 14, 2025 Staff posted all the proposed project area maps and project summaries for the Grizzly Road-Chilcoot, Herlong Flats-East Milford, Mohawk Meadows, and Sierraville projects on the Commission's CASF

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<sup>15</sup> See <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/california-advanced-services-fund/casf-infrastructure-project-summaries> for project summaries and <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/california-advanced-services-fund/casf-infrastructure-grant/casf-infrastructure-approved-projects> for approved projects.

<sup>16</sup> The Commission extended the CASF Infrastructure application deadline from April 1 to October, 2025, and all subsequent deadlines were moved back by six months.

Infrastructure Project Summaries webpage<sup>17</sup> and sent notice regarding the project to the CASF Distribution and Service Lists.

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 281(f)(8) and as required by D.22-11-023, the Commission provided an opportunity for entities to challenge the application. Challenges were due on December 5, 2025.

## **V. COMMENTS**

In compliance with Public Utilities Code Section 311(g), a notice letter was emailed on April 10, 2026 informing all parties on the CASF Distribution List of the availability of the draft of this Resolution for public comments at the Commission's documents website at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/documents/>. This letter also informed parties that the final conformed Resolution adopted by the Commission will be posted and available on the same website. The Commission received no public comments.

## **VI. FINDINGS**

1. On October 31, 2025, PST submitted four grant applications for CASF funding for its Grizzly Road-Chilcoot, Herlong Flats-East Milford, Mohawk Meadows, and Sierraville projects to deploy last-mile broadband infrastructure to enable Fiber-to-the-Home service at speeds of up to 1 gigabits per second (Gbps) symmetrical to a total of 469 CASF Eligible locations in Plumas, Sierra, and Lassen Counties.
2. On November 14, 2025, Staff posted all the proposed project area maps and project summaries for the Grizzly Road-Chilcoot, Herlong Flats-East Milford, Mohawk Meadows, and Sierraville projects on the Commission's CASF Infrastructure Project Summaries webpage.
3. Staff received no challenges to the Grizzly Road-Chilcoot, Herlong Flats-East Milford, Mohawk Meadows, and Sierraville projects.
4. Based on its review, Staff determined that all four PST projects qualify for Infrastructure Account grants pursuant to D.22-11-023 and its Attachment 1 and recommends Commission approval of total CASF funding of up to \$14,680,732.
5. PST proposes offering broadband-speed internet, using Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH)

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<sup>17</sup> See CASF Infrastructure Project Summaries at <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/california-advanced-services-fund/casf-infrastructure-project-summaries>

technology at speeds up to 1 Gbps upload and 1 Gbps download to last-mile consumers.

6. PST will utilize existing public utility easements associated with its electric distribution network owned by its parent company, Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative, for the deployment of the broadband infrastructure.
7. The Commission has determined that PST's Grizzly Road-Chilcoot, Herlong Flats-East Milford, Mohawk Meadows, and Sierraville projects are not exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review at this time.
8. A notice letter was emailed on April 10, 2026, informing all parties on the CASF Distribution List of the availability of the draft of this Resolution for public comments at the Commission's documents website at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/documents/>.
9. The Commission received no public comments.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:**

1. The Commission shall award up to \$4,339,234 in CASF Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account funds to PST for the Grizzly Road-Chilcoot Project as described herein and summarized in the appendices of this Resolution.
2. The Commission shall award up to \$3,890,942 in CASF Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account funds to PST for the Herlong Flats-East Milford Project as described herein and summarized in the appendices of this Resolution.
3. The Commission shall award up to \$3,378,259 in CASF Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account funds to PST for the Mohawk Meadows Project as described herein and summarized in the appendices of this Resolution.
4. The Commission shall award up to \$3,072,297 in CASF Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account funds to PST for the Sierraville Project as described herein and summarized in the appendices of this Resolution.
5. Awardee shall comply with all guidelines, requirements and conditions associated with a CASF award, as specified in D.22-11-023 and its Attachment 1, and all requirements for this project included in this Resolution, including Appendices A through O.

6. If an awardee fails to complete the project in accordance with the CASF guidelines and requirements outlined in D.22-11-023 and its Attachment 1, and the terms outlined in this Resolution, PST must reimburse some or all the CASF funds that it has received.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Awardee must complete and execute the consent forms (to be sent to the grantee after this Resolution is adopted) agreeing to the conditions set forth in this Resolution and return to CASF Staff within 30 calendar days from the date of the adoption of this Resolution. Failure to submit the consent form within 30 calendar days from the adoption date of this Resolution may result in the Commission voiding the grant award.

This resolution is effective today.

The foregoing resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted at a conference of the California Public Utilities Commission of the State of California held on June 11, 2026, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

/s/LEUWAM TESFAI

Leuwam Tesfai  
Executive Director

JOHN REYNOLDS

President

DARCIE L. HOUCK

CHRISTINE HARADA

KAREN DOUGLAS

MATTHEW BAKER  
Commissioners

Dated June 11, 2026, at San Francisco, California

## APPENDIX A

### Compliance Requirements

#### 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. If the grantee is unable to complete the proposed project within the 18-month or 24-month timeframe requirements, the grantee must notify the Director of the Communications Division as soon as the grantee becomes aware of this possibility. If such notice is not provided, the Commission may reduce payment for failure to satisfy this requirement of timely notification to the Director.

#### B. Execution and Performance

Staff and awardee shall determine a project start date after the CASF grant recipient has obtained all approvals, including permits. Should the grantee or any contractor it retains fail to commence work by the designated date, upon five days' written notice the Commission may terminate the grant. If the grantee fails to complete the project in accordance with the terms of Commission approval as set forth in this resolution, the awardee shall reimburse some or all of the CASF funds that it has received.

The grantee must complete all construction covered by the grant on or before the grant's termination date.

#### C. Minimum Performance Criteria

	<b>CASF Performance Criteria</b>	<b>Proposed Project</b>
<b>Project Completion</b>	CEQA-exempt projects must be completed within 18 months, and all other projects shall be completed within 24 months after receiving authorization to construct	within 18 months of permitting approval (CEQA Exempt)
<b>Pricing</b>	Prices committed for five years after completion of the project	5-year commitment
<b>Speed</b>	At least 100/20 Mbps <sup>18</sup>	100 Mbps / 100 Mbps
<b>Latency</b>	Maximum of 100 ms of latency	< 100 ms
<b>Data Caps</b>	Minimum of 190 GBs per month	No data cap
<b>Affordability</b>	Must offer low-income plan	\$14.95/month

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<sup>18</sup> SB 156, enacted on July 20, 2021, and effective immediately, requires the Commission to fund projects that “deploy infrastructure capable of providing broadband access at a minimum of 100 Mbps downstream and 20 Mbps upstream.” *See* Pub. Util. Code § 281(f)(5).

#### D. Letter of Credit

The Commission exempts Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) holders from providing a letter of credit, on the basis that the company submitted a performance bond to the Commission to maintain its CPCN and that the Commission has other means to enforce compliance. In its application, PST provided proof of CPCN registration and thus is exempt from the requirement of providing a letter of credit.

#### E. Project Audit

The Commission has the right to conduct any necessary audit, verification, and discovery during project implementation/construction to ensure that CASF funds are spent in accordance with Commission approval.

Grantee invoices may be subject to a financial audit by the Commission at any time within three years of completion of the work.

#### F. Reporting

All grantees must submit biannual progress reports on the status of the project, irrespective of whether grantees request reimbursement or payment. These reports are due semi-annually, in March and September, until the project is completely built and operational. Progress reports shall describe the schedule for deployment, major construction milestones and costs submitted in the proposal; indicate the actual date of completion of each task/milestone as well as problems and issues encountered, and the actions taken to resolve these problems and issues during project implementation and construction; and identify future risks to the project.

Before full payment of the project is made, grantees must submit a project completion report. Grantees shall also include test results on the download and upload speeds at a representative sample of locations in the final completion report, per CASF Guidelines, Section 13: Reporting Requirements.<sup>19</sup> Grantees must certify that each progress report is true and correct under penalty of perjury.

#### G. Prevailing Wage

Section 1720 of the California Labor Code specifies that CASF-subsidized projects are subject to prevailing wage requirements. Grantees committed to following state prevailing wage requirements with regards to these projects.

#### E. Contractor Reporting

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<sup>19</sup> See [D. 22-11-023, Attachment 1](#).

Grantees must comply with the contractor reporting requirements of Section 281(l)(1) of the California Public Utilities Code, which requires reporting of certain information for all contractors and subcontractors undertaking a contract or subcontract in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars on CASF-subsidized projects.

## APPENDIX B

### Payments to CASF Recipients

Pub. Util. Code Section 281(f)(10) defines the costs the Commission may reimburse as follows:

- Costs directly related to the deployment of infrastructure;
- Costs to lease access to property or for Internet backhaul services for a period not to exceed five years; and
- Costs incurred by an existing facility-based broadband provider to upgrade its existing facilities to provide for interconnection.

Additionally, D.22-11-023, Attachment 1, Section 7 caps administrative expenses directly related to the project at 10 percent of the grant amount.<sup>20</sup>

The grantee may submit reimbursement requests at the following intervals:

- 10 percent completion;
- 35 percent completion;
- 60 percent completion;
- 85 percent completion; and
- 100 percent completion.

The final 15 percent payment request (from 85 to 100 percent) will not be paid 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 CASF funding budget included in the CASF grantee's application.

Payment to grantees shall follow the process adopted for funds created under Public Utilities Code Section 270. The Commission generally processes payments within 20-25 business days, including Communications Division and Administrative Services review time. The State Controller's Office (SCO) requires an additional 14-21 days to issue payment from the day that requests are received by SCO from Administrative Services. The project is funded at 100%, CASF will not accept invoices that include a handling fee.

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<sup>20</sup> Administrative costs are defined as "indirect overhead costs attributable to a project, per generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), and the direct cost of complying with Commission administrative and regulatory requirements related to the grant itself." Applicants seeking additional funds will require a Commission exemption included in a resolution.

## APPENDIX C

### California Environmental Quality Act Requirements

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

- Grizzly Road-Chilcoot
- Herlong Flats-East Milford
- Mohawk Meadows
- Sierraville

The Commission must complete CEQA review prior to disbursing CASF funds for construction activities. The initial funding granted in this Resolution may be used for project development and other PST 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, PST 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.).

PST should contact the Supervisor of the Commission's Energy Division Infrastructure Planning and CEQA Section 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. PST 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.

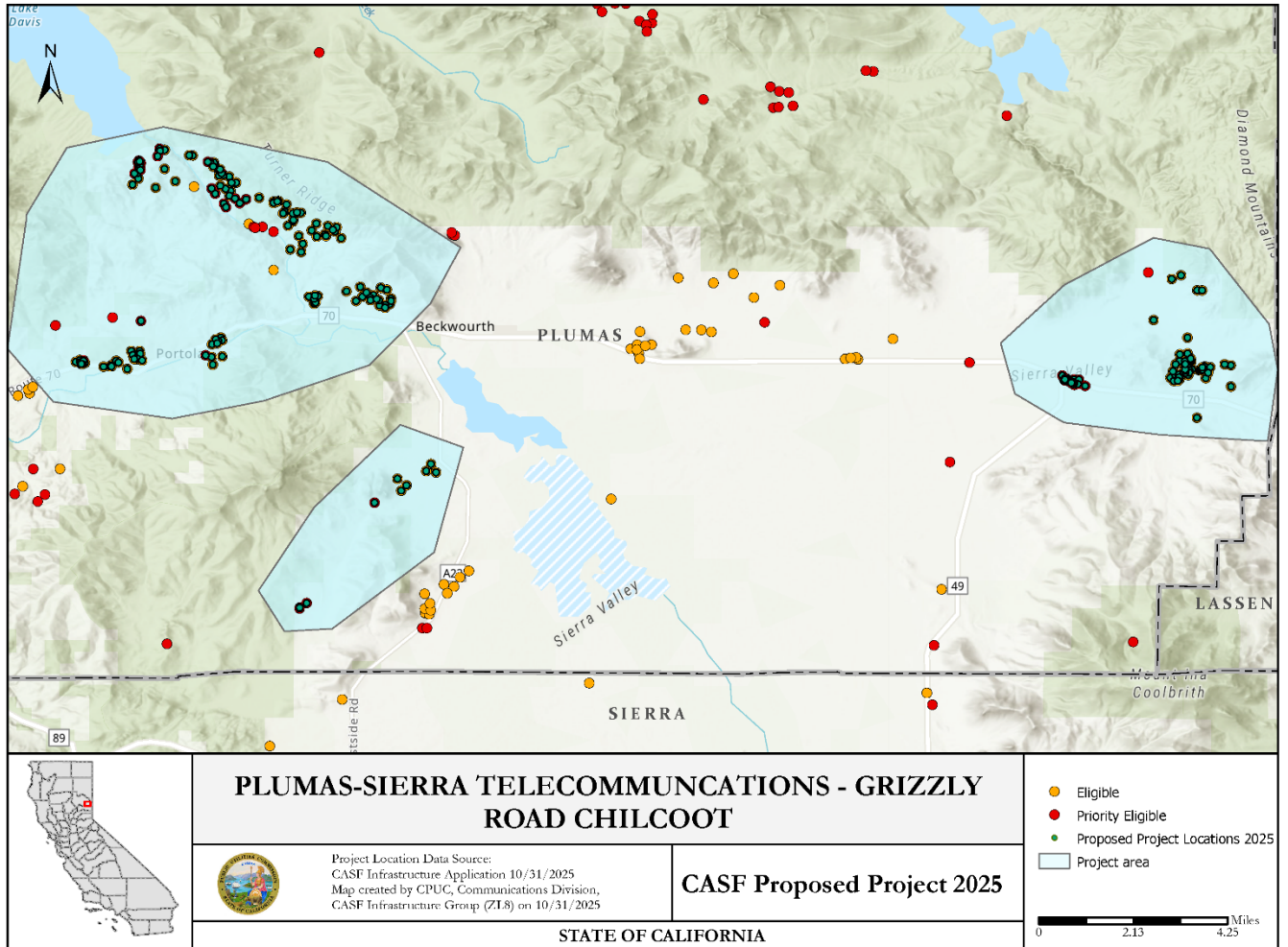
**APPENDIX D**  
**Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications - Grizzly Road-Chilcoat**  
**Key Information**

Project Name	Grizzly Road-Chilcoat			
<i>Project Plan</i>	<i>The project proposes to deploy FTTH across Plumas County to 205 unserved locations.</i>			
<i>County</i>	<i>Plumas</i>			
<i>Communities</i>	<i>Portola, Beckwourth, Vinton, Chilcoat</i>			
<i>Project Size</i>	<i>61.68 square miles</i>			
<i>Download / Upload speed</i>	<i>1,000 Mbps / 1,000 Mbps</i>			
<i>Median Household Income</i>	<i>\$70,800</i>			
<i>Pricing Plan (Monthly) Residential</i>	<i>Basic Package (500/500 Mbps): \$79 Family Package (1,000/1,000 Mbps): \$99</i>			
<i>Affordability (Low Income Plan)</i>	<i>500/500 Mbps: \$15 1,000/1,000 Mbps: \$25</i>			
<i>Unserved Locations</i>	<i>205</i>			
<i>Subscriber take rate</i>	<i>30%</i>			
<i>High Fire Threat Districts</i>	<i>Yes</i>			
<i>Deployment Schedule (from permit approval date)</i>	<i>24 Months</i>			
<i>Proposed Project Budget (Total)</i>	<i>\$4,339,234</i>			
<i>Grant Requested Amount</i>	<i>\$4,339,234</i>			
<i>CASF Grant Amount (100 percent)</i>	<i>\$4,339,234</i>			
<i>Cost per household</i>	<i>\$20,182</i>			
<i>Census Block Groups</i>	<i>060630003001</i>	<i>060630003003</i>	<i>060630003004</i>	<i>060630003002</i>

# APPENDIX E

## Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications - Grizzly Road-Chilcoot

### Project Location Map



**APPENDIX F**  
**Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications - Grizzly Road-Chilcoot**  
**Community Supporters**

1. Kevin Goss, Chair Plumas County Board of Supervisors
2. Ryan Bonk, City Manager, City of Portola
3. Richard DuVarney, PUSD County Administrator, Plumas County Office of Education
4. K. Nichole Johnson, Sierra Booster Editor

**APPENDIX G**

**Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications - Herlong Flats-East Milford**

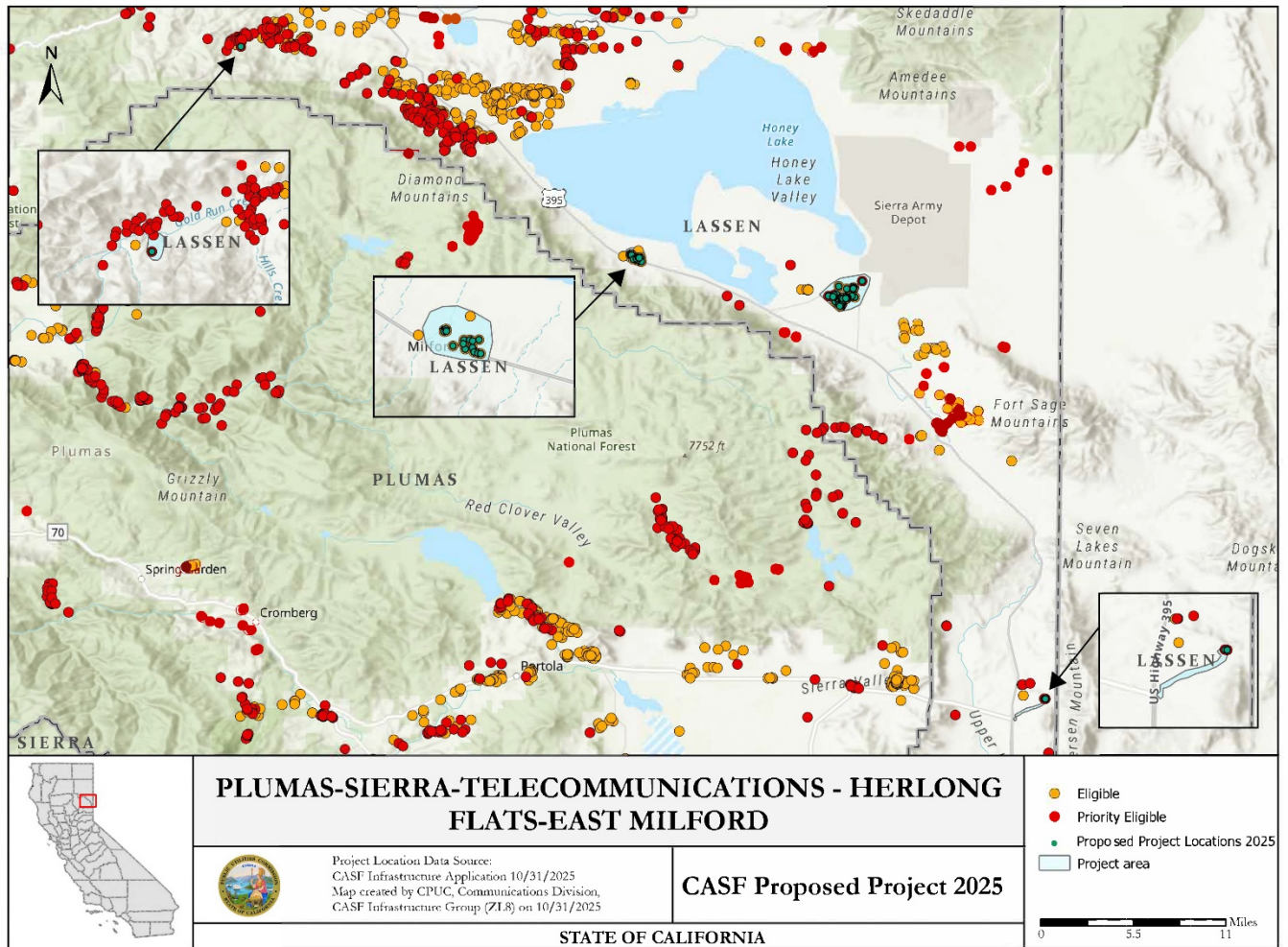
**Key Information**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Herlong Flats-East Milford</b>			
<i>Project Plan</i>	<i>The project proposes to deploy FTTH across Plumas County to 72 unserved locations.</i>			
<i>County</i>	<i>Lassen</i>			
<i>Communities</i>	<i>Herlong, Doyle, Susanville, Milford</i>			
<i>Project Size</i>	<i>4.27 square miles</i>			
<i>Download / Upload speed</i>	<i>1,000 Mbps / 1,000 Mbps</i>			
<i>Median Weighted Household Income</i>	<i>\$51,515</i>			
<i>Pricing Plan (Monthly) Residential</i>	<i>Basic Package (500/500 Mbps): \$79 Family Package (1,000/1,000 Mbps): \$99</i>			
<i>Affordability (Low Income Plan)</i>	<i>500/500 Mbps: \$15 1,000/1,000 Mbps: \$25</i>			
<i>Unserved Locations</i>	<i>72</i>			
<i>Subscriber take rate</i>	<i>30%</i>			
<i>High Fire Threat Districts</i>	<i>Yes</i>			
<i>Deployment Schedule (from permit approval date)</i>	<i>24 Months</i>			
<i>Proposed Project Budget (Total)</i>	<i>\$3,890,942</i>			
<i>Grant Requested Amount</i>	<i>\$3,890,942</i>			
<i>CASF Grant Amount (100 percent)</i>	<i>\$3,890,942</i>			
<i>Cost per household</i>	<i>\$53,301</i>			
<i>Census Block Groups</i>	<i>060350403022</i>	<i>060350406001</i>	<i>060350406002</i>	<i>060350406003</i>

# APPENDIX H

## Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications - Herlong Flats-East Milford

### Project Location Map



**APPENDIX I**  
**Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications - Herlong Flats-East Milford**  
**Community Supporters**

1. Tanya Funk, LSCC Board President, The Lost Sierra Chamber of Commerce

## APPENDIX J

### Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications – Mohawk Meadows CASF Application

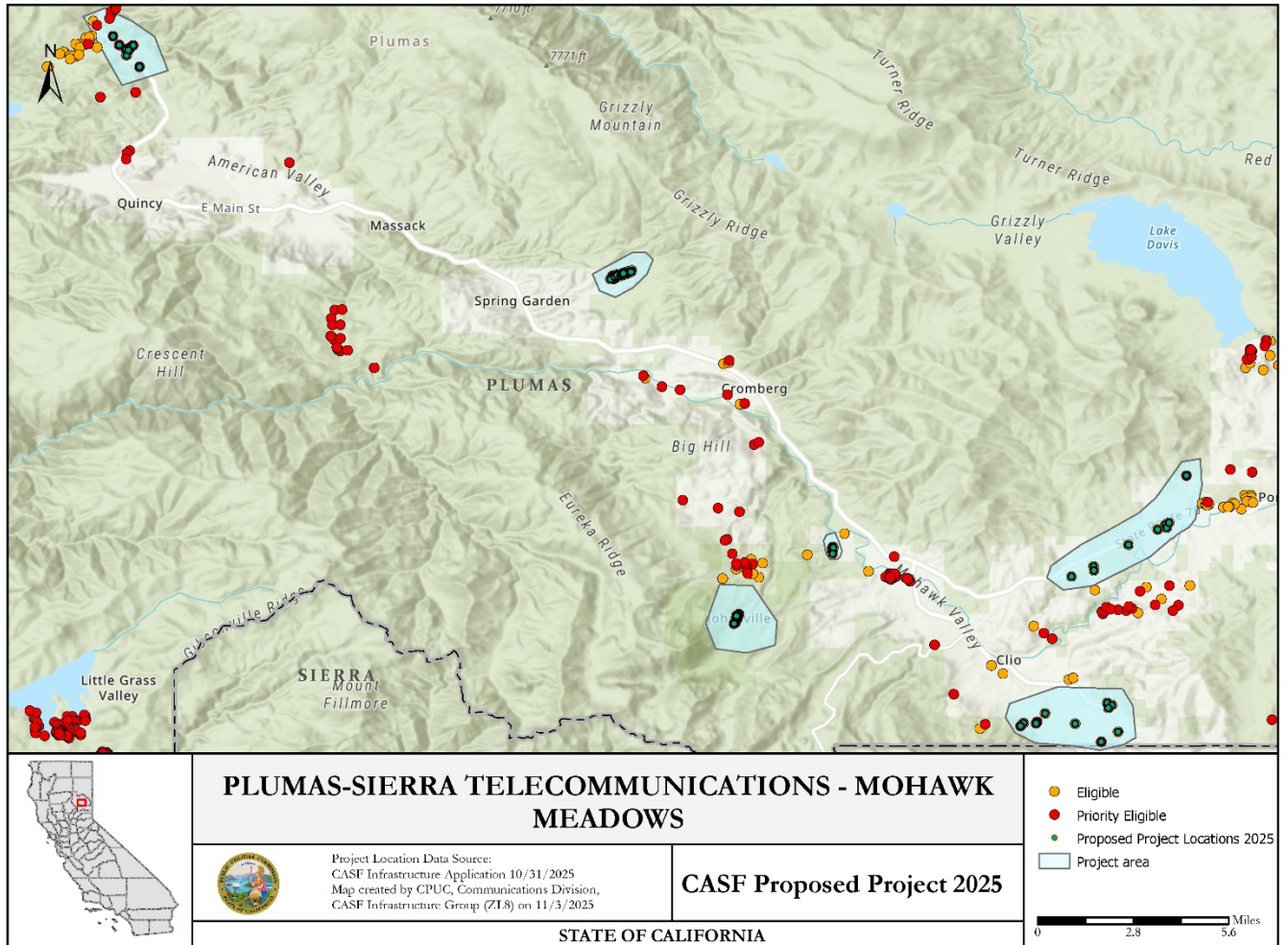
#### Key Information

Project Name	Mohawk Meadows		
<i>Project Plan</i>	<i>The project proposes to deploy FTTH across Plumas County to 84 unserved locations.</i>		
<i>County</i>	<i>Plumas</i>		
<i>Communities</i>	<i>Mabie, Whitehawk, Johnsville, Blairsden, Greenhorn, Keddie</i>		
<i>Project Size</i>	<i>15.27 square miles</i>		
<i>Download / Upload speed</i>	<i>1,000 Mbps / 1,000 Mbps</i>		
<i>Median Weighted Household Income</i>	<i>\$59,794</i>		
<i>Pricing Plan (Monthly) Residential</i>	<i>Basic Package (500/500 Mbps): \$79 Family Package (1,000/1,000 Mbps): \$99</i>		
<i>Affordability (Low Income Plan)</i>	<i>500/500 Mbps: \$15 1,000/1,000 Mbps: \$25</i>		
<i>Unserved Locations</i>	<i>84</i>		
<i>Subscriber take rate</i>	<i>30%</i>		
<i>High Fire Threat Districts</i>	<i>Yes</i>		
<i>Deployment Schedule (from permit approval date)</i>	<i>24 Months</i>		
<i>Proposed Project Budget (Total)</i>	<i>\$3,378,259</i>		
<i>Grant Requested Amount</i>	<i>\$3,378,259</i>		
<i>CASF Grant Amount (100 percent)</i>	<i>\$3,378,259</i>		
<i>Cost per household</i>	<i>\$39,744</i>		
<i>Census Block Groups</i>	<i>060630001006</i>	<i>060630002011</i>	<i>060630002012</i>
	<i>060630002021</i>	<i>060630003001</i>	<i>060630003004</i>

# APPENDIX K

## Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications – Mohawk Meadows

### Project Location Map



## **APPENDIX L**

### **Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications – Mohawk Meadows**

#### **Community Supporters**

1. Kevin Goss, Chair, Plumas County Board of Supervisors
2. Ryan Bonk, City Manager, City of Portola
3. Richard DuVarney, PUSD County Administrator, Plumas Unified School District
4. K. Nicole Johnson, Editor, Sierra Booster

**APPENDIX M**

**Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications - Sierraville CASF Application**

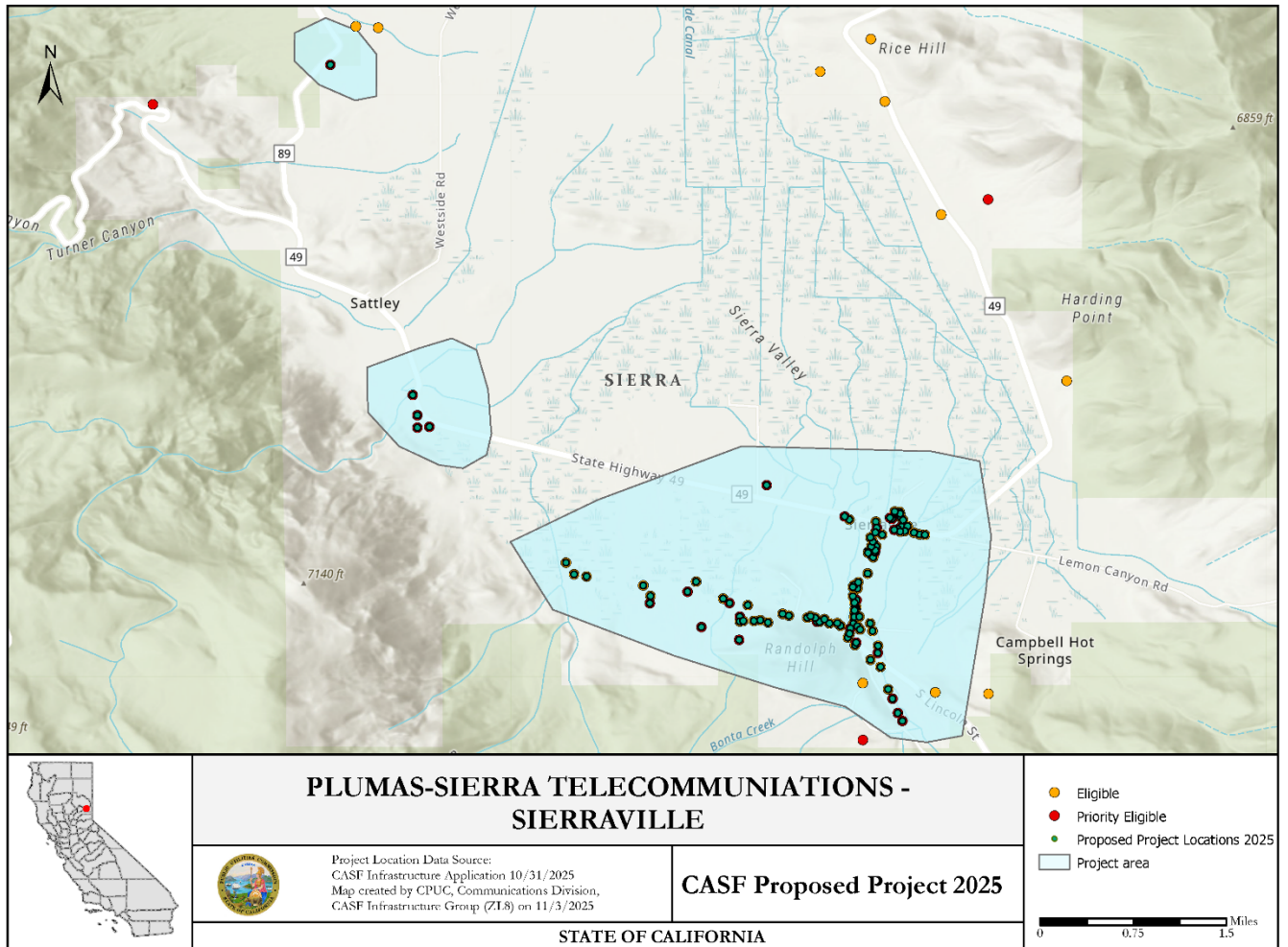
**Key Information**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Sierraville</b>	
<i>Project Plan</i>	<i>The project proposes to deploy FTTH across Sierra County to 100 unserved locations.</i>	
<i>County</i>	<i>Sierra</i>	
<i>Communities</i>	<i>Sierraville, Calpine, Dotta</i>	
<i>Project Size</i>	<i>5.63 square miles</i>	
<i>Download / Upload speed</i>	<i>1,000 Mbps / 1,000 Mbps</i>	
<i>Median Weighted Household Income</i>	<i>\$42,249</i>	
<i>Pricing Plan (Monthly) Residential</i>	<i>Basic Package (500/500 Mbps): \$79 Family Package (1,000/1,000 Mbps): \$99</i>	
<i>Affordability (Low Income Plan)</i>	<i>500/500 Mbps: \$15 1,000/1,000 Mbps: \$25</i>	
<i>Unserved Locations</i>	<i>100</i>	
<i>Subscriber take rate</i>	<i>30%</i>	
<i>High Fire Threat Districts</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>Deployment Schedule (from permit approval date)</i>	<i>24 Months</i>	
<i>Proposed Project Budget (Total)</i>	<i>\$3,072,297</i>	
<i>Grant Requested Amount</i>	<i>\$3,072,297</i>	
<i>CASF Grant Amount (100 percent)</i>	<i>\$3,072,297</i>	
<i>Cost per household</i>	<i>\$30,419</i>	
<i>Census Block Groups</i>	<i>060910100003</i>	<i>060910100005</i>

# APPENDIX N

## Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications – Sierraville

### Project Location Map



## **APPENDIX O**

### **Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications - Sierraville**

#### **Community Supporters**

1. Lee Adams, Sierra County Board of Supervisors
2. Joy Markum, Mayor, City of Loyalton
3. Michael H. Welbourn, Chief Administrative Officer, Sierra Valley Chamber of Commerce
4. K. Nichole Johnson, Editor, Sierra Booster