

Tribal Collaboration Outcome Area Working Group Meeting Transcript

Good morning, everyone welcome. We're waiting for 4 more folks to join us in the waiting rooms. Just a second. All right. Let's get started. Good up. Good morning and welcome to the third outcome area of working group meeting for the tribal collaboration outcome. A few housekeeping items before we begin next slide. Please thank you for folks who may need our asl interpretation. Please note that you can change your view on the screen to side by side, speaker mode. And for the best viewing experience, close captioning is available at the bottom of your toolbox on the bottom of the screen. Please feel free to introduce yourself in the chat. Use a chat throughout the meeting any questions, and we'll try to respond appropriately between our agenda items. And lastly, there will be a portion where you can join in the conversation, and for us to elevate you to the top of the screen. Please use the raise hand feature. And that's access through reactions with little smiley face and then raise hand. And as the picture indicated. And yes, let's spotlight our our interpreters too and real quick, you. Now do you mind helping me with that real quick? Thank you. All right. And with that next slide, please to review today's agenda. And first of all. We will have a quick welcome from Secretary Snyder, from the office of tribal affairs, and next we will have Key takeaways from our February and March outcome area meetings from our graduate student assistant. And for those who did not get to join our March meeting he'll quickly capture what we talked about in February. So you won't miss anything. Next, we'll have our opening panel discussion from great speakers throughout California. And next we'll open up the floor for community discussion, and where we will have you join us in a larger conversation than the last 2 steps, is essentially a call to action, and what can expect in the next few months of the digital equity planning process. And without further ado I would like to go to the next slide and hand the mic over to like the Terry Center. Thank you, Anne.

Good morning, everyone, and thank you for joining us here today. My name is Christina Snider. I'm. A Helicana, and a member of the Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians and apologies to our interpreter for using Pomo language in my introduction. But I'm also the tribal Affairs Secretary for Governor Avenue, some, and lead the Governor's office of tribal Affairs. Our office informs the work of the Administration by coordinating and facilitating government to government communication and consultation with the 109 tribal governments in California. Each of which have diverse needs and priorities, and many of which are situated in historically underserved areas for broadband and infrastructure. Because of these unique challenges are off member of the California Broadband Council on the State's broadband for all efforts. The Newsom Administration and the State's Broadband for All program is committed to collaborating with tribal nations to address connectivity and digital equity, needs and tribal lands in Indian country. And this has been the foundation of our approach for broadband for all we're working closely with the Department of Technology, CPUC, and other State agencies to ensure that the State's broadband for all program and State's digital Equity Plan are closely aligned, sensitive to and developed in collaboration with tribal nations to address digital equity needs today. We'll mostly be listening to understand what digital equity programs are working well brought in our understanding of the questions asked in the zoom registration. And also you'll be hearing from some great speakers today some of the questions that we like you to

be thinking about throughout today's convening are what actions are your organization taking to address digital equity barriers including access, study, adoption, digital literacy and skills training for tribal communities? Does your organization offer programs to address any of the following broadband affordability or adoption, digital literacy and skills, training, digital navigator programs, device, access, tech support, cyber security, training and awareness. What digital equity programs, do you think are needed and are currently missing? Our panel will include Chairperson, Sherry Treppa, Hoopa Valley Public Utilities, District Linnea Jackson, Matthew Douglas Alan Pruitt and Matt Rantanen, and we're so excited to hear a little bit more from them about the programs that they're doing, how they can help all of you out in sharing some best practices. But also sharing some of the needs that they've been seeing. And then also we look forward to a facilitated community discussion. So without further ado, I'll hand it back to the office for you. I'll take. Go over some of the progress that has been made, and some of the discussions that happen in our previous meetings. Thank you so much, Secretary Snyder. You for team that up for us and slide. Thank you and Zach Zach has been our graduate student assistant for the past couple of months, and able to really synthesize our conversations that we love for him to go over a few things we've learned in the past few months. Yes, Q. An. And thank you, Secretary, for the welcome this morning. Good morning, everyone. Thank you for being here to kind of go back to February and our first meeting. What we discussed then was digital equity, and it's important. In doing so. We identified some key factors that must be addressed when working towards digital equity, particularly in tribal communities. First among them are the larger issues of access and infrastructure. Many tribal lands are still without electricity, proper roads, and other systems that are not that are needed to not just attain broadband access, but to participate in other vital processes. Thinking about broadband specifically. When we talk about digital literacy and adoption, there may be some some fear or shame or hesitancy for some folks when it comes to adoption and and learning how to use devices and learning how to use the Internet so the training that introduces instructs and empowers in a comfortable and welcoming setting is key to reducing that fear and ensuring productive adoption. Practitioners find that once you get past that initial fear, people are really excited and eager to learn and develop skills. Finally, in February, we discussed kind of the capacity and administrative constraints that exist in and really understood that capacity. Administrative and otherwise can limited within already overburdened tribal governments and tribal surfing organizations which really emphasizes for us the need for programs and resources that increase technical assistance and capacity building, as well as pre capacity building. Which we got into a little bit more at our next meeting in March, so we can go to the next slide. And so in that March meeting we learned and heard it from folks about desperate outcomes that result from digital and equity, which are apparent in in ubiquitous, but we also talked about some of the successful stories of adoption, and use to really highlight the growth and and highlight. You know the outcomes we're working towards. We can understand the impacts that Internet access can have on economic development, education and health, particularly mental health care and how access to the Internet can either restrict or enable those outcomes. We also talked about partnerships, particularly government, to government partnerships between the State and tribal nations. We understand how key those are and how they really are, need to be done correctly through comprehensive engagement and that has to recognize the positionality of the particular tribal nation. Mistake may be engaging with. Especially on the State side. We have to be really intentional about the difference between an informational session or in a in a consultation or an engagement. This has to be done with the awareness of the capacity restraints that both the State and the tribes face that brings us access to funding.

Having access also incorporates burdens of application, development, and everything that has to happen before you actually get the funds. Once you get those funds or just disbursement of some sort. The flexibility of eligible uses, administrative set aside the reporting requirements. All the work that has to be done to make the money work is really important to consider and that creates a clear need to allocate more funding for technical assistance, pre capacity, evaluation, and other things that determine what work actually needs to be done, and how access to funding also includes increasing the resources available to improve the data that informs different funding programs that they more accurately capture the real needed of different communities. So, keeping these factors in mind when designing new programs and distributing the resources, will be key to taking advantage of this particularly unique moment to address the digital divide in Indian country. Then I'll pass it back to Anne. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you for all your work. And with that I would like to move to this next slide and introduce our great speakers. Starting with Andrew Roscoe and broadband program specialist from the NCI. Next we'll go to Chairperson Trapa, and from the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake, Linnea Jackson, Matthew Douglas from the Hoopa Valley Public Utilities District, who, I believe, is joining us in person at the Broadband Bootcamp. Mr. Alan Pruitt, Economic Development Specialist from the Quechan Indian Tribe. And lastly, Matt Rantanen, one of our co-chairs of PP and tribal broadband and Golden State Network. So with that Andrew which one starting us all. Thank you, and and good morning, everyone. My name is Andrew Roscoe. I am a Federal program officer for the tribal broadband connectivity program at NTIA previous to NTIA I served as the planning director for my tribe, the Santa School Band of Mission Indians in San Diego County. First, I'd like to thank the State Secretary Snyder, Mr. Adams, and their teams for giving me the opportunity to say a few words today. And the effort that they put for so far with tribal engagement. I'd also like to thank Chair Treppa and all the tribal leadership joining us today to participate in today's discussions. Digital Equity is a topic that, I believe holds equal way, if not more, to actual connectivity. A little bit about NTIA's Digital Equity Act. It was allocated over 2.7 billion dollars, and consists of 3 programs. The first is the planning grant which is being used to develop the State's digital equity plan, and then you have the capacity grant, which will then be used to implement the State's plan. And finally, there is a competitive program that is open to tribal entities which will be used to develop and implement digital inclusion activities from a Federal perspective. I'd also like to highlight the tribal broadband connectivity program, as our program does have funding available for these types of activities. Our program uses the term use and adoption, but the activities are the same, and tribes are encouraged to apply for both infrastructure, deployment, use, and adoption or both. So with that I'd like to take a moment to talk about my unique experience with the community of San Francisco and the engagement we conducted at the local level prior to 2,020. We communicated with our community through text email, blast and our website, but predominantly in person. We had some traffic with our website, and a small group had signed up for our text and email blast. but not much adoption beyond that. Once the pandemic hit, our leadership had to immediately strategize on how to communicate and still deliver services to our community. It was a grassroots effort initially, and we began with food and PPE distribution. We distributed flyers door to door, called our community members whatever it took to get the word out. It was during the distribution events we would inquire if they had access to Internet text and email. So this was a great strategy to connect and and gather this critical information from our community members. We also leverage the distribution of laptops to our students together information, including whether they had access to Internet if they had the tools necessary to access the education platforms that were being used as all the

districts went to a virtual setting. This was a major challenge for our students. During that time our tribal government had to navigate how to continue business in a digital environment. Departments at committees, transition to rely completely on email digital signatures, virtual meetings, etc. Tribal council meetings were held virtually as well. So training occurred to ensure maximum participation. Finally, from a cultural standpoint for several years before the pandemic conversations were had relating to the creation of a virtual platform to teach our language. The pandemic accelerated this effort, since our language classes came to a halt. One of the beautiful things that I feel came out of this was this provided an opportunity for the younger generations to learn the language from our elders, while the elders were able to learn how to use the technology from the youth. The reason why I bring up these experiences is, I often think, back to the collaboration, the engagement and successes that were driven by necessity. All of you have persevered with that same creativity through the digital divide, which was exacerbated by the pandemic. I've seen firsthand in my own community and throughout Indian country during my time with NTIA. How those community engagement strategies have worked and been successful. This is a unique time in our history in which this amount of funding and support is available, so I encourage you to take every opportunity to continue your creativity and engagement with the State as a partner and leverage the resources that are available such as this working group. This will ensure that your community's needs are woven into the State's plan. So please get in touch with Mr. Adams and his team. If you haven't already, they're always available to engage, and I thank them for that. You also have our tribal team as a resource which consists of myself and Vanessa Kreshy, who is the tribal FPO for the northern half of the State. We're always here to support and assist. However, we can so thank you. It's always an honor to spend some time with you, and I look forward to continuing engagement with your communities. Thanks, Anh. Thanks, Andrew, and thanks for the encouragement, and and next, I would like to invite Chairperson Treppa to go my and share the experience that your Tri has had with digital divide and kind of. But your your strategies, the programs that and you've seen worked really well too. Great. Well, thank you. And thank you to California Department of Technology for the invitation to participate in today's planning meeting. Like many others here, our tribe, the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake tribe. are in a very rural area with limited resources and lack some of the basic utilities, including high-speed Internet in our tribal communities we do look forward to working with the state on bridging the digital divide for tribal and rural communities. First, I'd like to just give a little bit of background on our tribe, because I think it helps kind of set the stage for where we are today, and the necessities of and the challenges that we've experienced. Our tribe is in Lake County, California. It's roughly two hours northwest of Sacramento. It is surrounded by mountain ranges, and unfortunately it's a porous county, and in California our tribe went through Congressional termination by the passage of the California Rancheria act in the fifties that left us, you know, left us landless. Basically, land comes out of trust and into fee, and the the tribal membership at that time, either, you know, lost it back taxes, or sold their land for pennies on the dollar. We did sue the Federal government in the seventies, won our lawsuit in the eighties, but was required to go back through a secretarial election process which didn't occur until 90, 98. It took us 6 years to go through that process. And fortunately, you know, our government has worked to restore the tribes economic development, portfolio. Well preserving our culture and history, and we continue to strive to pursue self-determination and self-sufficiency as far as digital equity barriers as a result of the rural nature of our location. and that we lacked at land base. There has been considerable challenges for us. We we were fortunately able to put into trust just a little over 11 acres in 2008, and today have just over 20 acres in trust, and at

one point our reservation boundary spanned hundreds of acres. Unfortunately, the the tribe, as a result of its rule, location, economic development has been very challenging for us, so that right there, you know, kind of impacts the resources that could help us overcome some of the barriers. Fortunately for us, even though we were able to open very small casino, we've never received revenues from the Casino to date. We have leveraged the Internet to develop an e-commerce business, and as a result of that. It has helped us provide the resources necessary to help us start overcoming some of those barriers. As of also as a result of the rural nature and the very wooded terrain around us. The impact of year after year of forest fires has been pretty decimating to the tribal community as well as the community at large. The lack of Internet in our within the reservation boundaries has really potentially been life threatening not only for tribal members, but for the community. Again, that that live out there. We we we are very concerned about, obviously, that the lack of access to be able to communicate with our membership for evacuation strategies, or you know, heads up to any kind of you know potential emergency situation. So as a result of wildfires, and we've also had many landslides and and storms of in the past years, so the health and well-being of our tribal members are are compromised as a as a result and as as you've already heard the pandemic has been considerably even more impactful, and has really highlighted the the need of, you know, overcoming the the digital divide, at least in our, you know, within our reservation boundaries. It also, as a result of the lack of Internet, You know, with with Covid we we did voluntarily comply with state requirements for shelter in place and sending folks home that you know to work from home was very, very challenging. That, as well as keeping our kids connected to school system was was almost impossible out there, and and therefore, you know we had to bring them into a community building, even though we, you know, had a safe distance apart. It did potentially, you know. have impacts of potentially spreading Covid to the family members. That may be back at home. But we couldn't not, you know, Keep our kids in school, and ensure that they were continually, you know, getting the benefits of a good education. What are we doing to address the issue? Well, the the tribes restored. Land is on highway 20, so there is access to fiber, and therefore the Casino and our our businesses on tribal lands do have connectivity. We have also in 2,021 applied for the Ntia broadband program. We are fortunate enough to been awarded a half a 1 million dollars. Unfortunately, the original the original opportunity was several times that amount, and during the middle of that process we had to revise the application and then reduce it. So, we are far from, you know, in a in a perfect world when it comes to trying to provide connectivity within the reservation boundaries. We're fortunate enough to just be getting the award. This last week we got good news that we are going to be able to draw down the funds very soon, and we will be well on our way to working through and providing the Internet within our reservation boundaries. And again, that is not only to our tribal members, but to the community at large. What can the State do well, we can continue to work together specifically with tribal communities on this issue, develop, develop funding and grant programs that are specifically for tribes in rural areas potentially incentivize partnerships with tribes. And as we continue to work towards digital equity for tribes we must also recognize that the Internet provides a vital opportunity for remotely situated tribes like mine to participate in the modern economy. As the world continues to transition into an increasingly digital format, we must ensure that the State and Federal governments recognize tribes' sovereign authority and jurisdiction over activities and data online. So, thank you so much again for letting me participate today. Thank you, Chairperson Treppa, thank you for sharing both your tribe story as in congratulations too for receiving the grant from and CIA. I think there's you know that's the length of timeline and the challenges you have to go

through, and also be able to show and demonstrate how your work is impacting positively in the communities around you as well. So I appreciate that, and we look forward to continuing partnership as we work through the planning process. And next, I would like to invite. And Matthew Douglas, if you are able to be on camera with Linea and to trying to find where you are in the in the zoom room and to share a few words with us. On what work you've been doing about where you're at to. I know folks in in the zoom room. I want to know the context of at the brought in the camp where you're and what you're doing today. Yeah, I'll. I'll switch to that in a second. So my name is Peggy. I am the broadband manager for the Hoopa Valley Public Utilities district under, I guess a the ISP called Acorn Wireless, and see if I get the right side of the shirt. So that's our logo. And so my role in acorn wireless is more on the technology side where I'm trying to kind of bridge the digital divide by actually getting Internet into the valid. And one of the things that we've been focusing on is just that the technology side. And we started attending the broadband boot camp. Let me PIN Matt because he's actually there we go. So one of the things that we have learned from the boot camps is like the digital equity and digital inclusion Initiatives we originally were focused on just technology, but it kind of brought a new light to like, okay. You can bring Internet to the community, but the next step is to then enable the the community to afford it or to utilize it, to maximize its usage, and so through that we were able to apply for the national digital inclusion, Alliance Grant and we are a recipient of the digital navigator program through that. And, Abe, I'm not sure if he's pinned on here. But let me find Abe. There's ae let me PIN him now. So Abe, is our Digital Navigator that we hired this last October, and he's been helping customers get on the ACP program. One of the cool things that this is enabled as an ISP is when we have delinquent customers, instead of just shutting their Internet off, we ask a to give them a call to try and sign them up for the ACP program, and then we create a payment plan for what their past new balance was, so that they can stay online. And Abe can kind of talk a little bit more about that. But before we we pass it off to Abe I wanted to pass it off to Matt because he's actually one of the founders of the tribal broadband connectivity program. All right. Sorry trouble trouble, broadband boot camp. I'm thinking of NTIAs and let him explain a little bit about what the bootcamps for. I hope everybody can hear me. So we are at the Hoopa Valley Tribe's, fire station and in the general purpose room. And we have about 50 tribal participants, all actually at the moment building ethernet cables. Which is really an icebreaker for people to get to know each other. and. you know, get involved with a piece of the essential piece of the Internet. Which is the the cabling. But at the same time the experts in the room will work with those that are not experts. Get to understand how that functionality works. There's a piece of equipment on also those relationships, and realized that you're not holding this alone. There's many other tribes doing this as well. So I you know I appreciate the opportunity to chime in from remote today. Yeah. and and participate in the meeting, and I will hand it over to Abe I believe. And when I, thank you.

Good afternoon, I'm Abraham Comez, and like Matt, said I'm the newly hired digital navigator working under Hoopa Valley PUD Division Acorn Wireless. Since I was hired on October 31, myself, and the General Manager, Linnea, Jackson and Matt. We're both. We've worked through the access portals through affordable connectivity, and you sat to be able to enroll and sign people up with the affordable connectivity program. I'm in a really unique position. As I work directly for an Internet service provider. And, like Matt, had just stated what we have recently been doing. Instead of shutting people off that have delinquent accounts, I will reach out to them, sign them up, qualify them for the affordable connectivity program to keep them connected with Internet. And as they move forward, they, you know, make an arrangements with Billing to pay out their delivery account more

along the lines of what we're going to be doing. As we move forward. We as participants in the affordable connectivity program. We're gonna be purchasing devices and what we've narrowed that device down to as a Samsung Galaxy tablet that once we make those purchases, we'll be distributing those out to the subscribers within the affordable connectivity program. Additionally. My job also asks that I work with folks in our community, and I want to specifically target more of the elder population and bridge that digital divide, in a sense to help them feel more comfortable with the devices that they use these days, because, especially with like telemedicine. there's a doctors appointments and doctors offices these days. It's. It's internet-based it's an app that they want you to use on your smartphone to confirm your appointments and your test results, and such. I've been working through this with my father-in-law. So you know, digital skills, training, digital literacy skills, we partnering with our Humboldt County Library. We just recently finished up a proposal where I will be having classes on Wednesdays at the local library branch, where folks will sign up specifically for certain classes, whether it be smartphone tablets, laptops, whatever the case may be. And we're gonna start a bare bones minimum, you know. Sign them up for emails and then have the door open also to continue to assist and sign people up for the affordable connectivity program. But one of the one of the things we we do. I do hope to incorporate in the trainings as well as the North Star curriculum looked into that also. But you know, moving forward the Internet connectivity. You know the broadband For all I I I feel grateful to be in this position that I'm at. It's it's a change from jobs that I've had in the past. But to be able to connect our local people in the system and in in training. To be able to access. You know what a lot of us have taken for granted. But you know, be able to bridge that that that divide so that's what I what I've been working on, and I'll go ahead and mute myself, and pass the torch off there too. Thank you. Angela. May I? My apologies for not spotlighting you earlier, as the General. Sorry, everybody. So, as as we stated, we're handling multiple events here. My name is Linnea Jackson and I'm, the General Manager with Hoopa Valley Public Utilities. The Hoopa Valley Tribe has taken on the long-standing lack of connectivity within our area. So not only are we building the infrastructure, but we're helping support, treble government functions and our community functions, digital equity, those devices that we spoke about. So the infrastructure has a huge impact on every single thing that we do whether that's tribal government operations, operations of emergency services, telemedicine, our education, economic development, cultural components of having online classes for teaching and document retention and we look forward to partnering with our Federal and State partners on building out. You know the areas that are rural that have had a long-standing lack of investment, and the tribe is able to take that on lead and operate that themselves, and train tribal members to serve our community. So everything that we're doing here is has a holistic approach to not only building training development. But all those components and one thing that was able to mention is that not only if we're unable to serve that portion due to the current technology. We also assign our members up for different services that might not be available. So we're just not agnostic to our own. We're really trying to serve those populations that really need help with critical connectivity. So again, the Hooper Valley tribe group of public utilities looks forward to partnering with the State on multiple initiatives. And we look forward, coming from our tribal government to be a part of the holistic solution for the State of California. So I thank you so much for the opportunity to speak. It's a pleasure and have a great morning. Thank you, Bonnie, I appreciate you for coming on and sharing and wrapping up that conversation really well, and again apologize for not being able to spotlight you earlier. But Yes. Next, I think, to go into our next speaker, Mr. Allen Britt, from the cosine that you can try. Good morning, everyone. Thank you. On appreciate the

introduction. My name is Alan Pruitt. I'm the Economic Development Specialist, with an Indian Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation in extreme Southeast, California. I wanted to preface my remarks with that I am not Native American, and I am not a member of the Quechan Indian tribe. But I am authorized by my director, Mr. Brian Golding, senior, and the Tribal Council to speak on behalf of the tribe. My comments are mainly going to be technically oriented. These are issues that are important not only to the Quechan Indian tribe, but we believe that it's impactful across Indian Country in California. California and broadband policy decision-makers and other stakeholders must ensure that it's RPFs or requests for proposals include notice to bidders that coordination and compliance with these tribal laws and policies on reservations must be met. The first is tarot or tribal employment rights ordinance. It is essential to collaborate with tribes on tribal employment rights, ordinances, and digital needs to respect, tribal sovereignty. promote economic development. bridge the digital divide. Enhanced training and skills, development. Streamline compliance and reporting and foster government to government relationships coordinated efforts empowered tribal communities to leverage digital technologies for economic advancement, employment opportunities and digital inclusion. The second item is business permitting coordinating with tribes regarding regarding business permitting and digital needs ensures that tribal sovereignty is respected. economic development is promoted. Access to digital infrastructure is improved. government to government relationships are fostered. culture considerations are incorporated. dated sovereignty and privacy are insured. Capacity building is facilitated, and digital entrepreneurship and innovation are supported within tribal communities coordinated efforts empowered tribes to shape their economic features and thrive in the digital age. Permitting is important also because tribes have a strong interest in knowing who is on its reservations, and for what purpose? And the third item is cultural resource, monitoring by cooperating with tribes on both cultural resource, monitoring and digital needs. Governments, organizations, and communities to ensure that cultural preservation efforts are consistent with tribal sovereignty. Use digital technologies for practical preservation. bridge the digital divide within tribal communities and foster collaborative relationships that respect tribal values and concerns. Look what sign Indian tribe also has a strong interest in ensuring the protection of cultural resources as the evidence the tribes present on the presence on this land long before the formation of the United States of America. And I would like to add some context to culture, resource monitoring. The Quechan tribe has actually been at the table for Middle Mile discussions since first contact with European explorers in about the mid 16 hundreds. And how is that possible? Well, back. In those times the aboriginal origins of the tribe. They were well known for their long-distance runners, and these runners would carry messages along footpaths that connected our port area of California with coastal communities from San Diego to today's standpoint, and throughout the Southwest desert region. These messages or these messengers, are well known for their dedication, and the ability to cross these long distances on foot and carry messages are important to connecting tribes. These messages led to diplomatic relationships which led to trade and commerce which led to prosperity. Which is not too dissimilar to what's occurring today with broadband middle mile, and being able to promote these issues that have been important to all Indian tribes since, Like I said, pre contact with European settlers. Now I do want to address a specific solutions and actions we are taking. But what signing and tribe is working to improve broadband infrastructure in its reservation community. By collaborating with the California public Utilities Commission we will apply for a grant from the tribal technical Assistance Grant program to study the feasibility of deploying broadband in quits on tribal areas. The study will assess availability demand technology, partnerships,

financing and legal considerations. I'll make the RFP. Available in a a chat section in just a few moments. And the last solution that we're actively working on right now is what signing the tribe will launch its BIA funded Washan Business Development Center in June 2023 to promote indigenous innovation and entrepreneurship. This federally funded Indian business incubator program project will support reservation, startups, digital enterprises and technology skills. It will encourage tribal members to create a thriving private sector on the reservation with innovative digital solutions that address the unique challenges faced by our tribal community. That's a conclusion. My remarks Thank you for the time, and I'll post that RFP. If you choose to review it. Excuse me. Thank you so much that's so interesting, and I'm sure people have questions for you from the chat, and please stay on it. Folks do want to ask questions in a bit. Yeah, yeah. Last and definitely not least, Mr. Matt Rantanen in with you. Be able to come back on camera right there you are, and conclude this session for us, but also help. You know, facilitate the next session with community discussion. Oh. You're not You're not on off mute again. There we go. Yeah, it, said the host was, I had to unmute. So I'm like I said I'm at the Hoopa Valley Tribe Reservation, and I wanted to give a little bit of a view of what we're dealing with here. So this is the beautiful valley that we're in surrounded by trees. Just beautiful place, and you can imagine it's probably pretty hard to get signal strength, or, you know, on your cell phone here. It's hard to get access to to broaden here, and the the California efforts the middle mile broadband initiative and the middle mile network that's being designed and developed. But the State of California is and it's changed the landscape for folks to be able to access that open, open access network, to be able to get the backhaul from communities like this. Beautiful communities like this for the rest of the world. No, so they're very remote to the point where I didn't have a cell signal driving in for about an hour and a half on the way in, so so completely cut off in places. But these are the places where you know these wonderful people live, and you know we need to get connectivity there, so it's really key to to be a part of all of these efforts at the State level to be able to make sure that communities throughout California and all of California get access. I said. To broaden and you know I'm just honored to be here on the on the Hoopa Tribe, and being hosted by Linnea and Spiege. You know the the work that we do with the the boot camps is really twofold. It's. It's technological, but it's also wrapping your head around the thought that is broadband. And what that means for a a tribe to manage their own broadband efforts, and it gets deep into the digital inclusion space Of how do we engage our travel members, you know, throughout this process? Yes, we, you know we can build this network. But are they going to use it. And do they understand? You know the the value that it can bring? And do they understand how to, you know, manage their digital footprint so that they're not exposing themselves to. You know, some of the the sketchier bits of the Internet and and so digital inclusion is a really key feature. And it's really appropriate. It's talk about it with the technology and the understanding of of the space that we're standing in, so happy to take questions or touch on any other points if anybody would like about it. I thank you. Thank you, Matt. And before you go, may I ask on how many tribes are attending the boot camp today. I know you're still on mute. or you went back on mute. Okay. I think you're frozen on my screen. So just want to give you a second to do that. In the meantime. How about now? You better? I walk too far away from the Wi-fi, level. All right. So we have 6 California tribes attending, and we have. I think there are 12, maybe 13 tribes in the room. I have to go check the roster. We've got a lot of travel adventures as as per usual these days one while traveling on airplanes, so we'll probably have a few more tribes joining us tomorrow, based on what I've seen this morning. But yeah, we have. You know, I think, six California tribes. We have the Hoopa, the Yurok, the Karouk, are represented here. And you know, from the local region, and then a handful of

others. So Thank you and Matt. Thank you for taking us to the bootcamp feels like we're doing a live section on TV. Thank you so much, Matt. I also want to invite on camera and mic Scott Adams, our Deputy Director, but also CDT Tribal Liaison to say a few Yeah, and thank you, Anh, and good morning, everybody. It's just such a pleasure to be able to convene with you and wanted to extend our thanks and gratitude to Secretary Snyder and all of our presenters for really sharing unique perspectives. Both about the the barriers of of connectivity on Tribal Lands and on Indian Country, and some of the really unique - best and smart practices that are happening that could potentially be scaled. Just wanted to say that you know where we sit in the Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy within the Department of Technology and working with the various state agencies and Broadband Council folks in developing the middle-mile. We're just committed to partnering with, you know, travel nations in a very meaningful way. But then, for all is is just that it's broadband for all for all California residents. And you know, you know, partnering with travel communities to extend connectivity out on their land. And so this is us coming together like this, and and being able to learn. And and you know here how we can continue to evolve our our our programs and funding, and in the way we partner is is very meaningful for us. So just wanted to thank you all, looking forward to the rest of the conversation, and wanted to note that broadband for all is a as secretary, Snyder said, from State Perspective.it's really a a a partnership and a collaboration. And so we do have a couple other tribal advisors from some of the other State agencies. Kenneth Holbrook from the CPU C is Here, Kenneth is a co-chair of this working group, Kenneth. I just wanted to hand it over to you for a minute or so to see if you had any message to me on behalf of the Public Utilities Commission. Oh, you're on mute. Okay? Oh, great! Thank you so much. Scott and and I just really wanted to take just a a brief moment to give a few just a appreciations with Number One to Secretary Snyder. Thank you so much for your leadership in this space, and and just knowing you a little bit, I I know how important this is to you to see the kind of network that's expanding here in the State of California with so many. I I think, elements that are bringing together such a successful outcome, and a real wellspring of in knowledge, and and it's just really a a pleasure to be a part of this working group again. Thank you, Scott, for for your partnership at the California Department of Technology, and and it's it's wonderful to work with you. You know. I I just. I want to also pause. And and just really, you know, take a moment to reflect on all of the incredible knowledge and wisdom that's being shared, I think, intertribally around the state, Matt. It's it's just great to see the the inspirational work that you do to really not only bring connectivity to rural communities, but to really to teach the the the the way to fish, you know, and and it's, you know, as a person who's a California native myself, and from a rural community just such a a a hopeful and inspirational view into the work that that needs to get done in so many other places as well. And and to lineage just to your leadership, your continued excellence in bringing together all of the pieces in all of the folks that are required to generate the kinds of outcomes that Hoopa Valley and Whoa tribe leads on regularly, so I just wanted to say thank you to all of you, and I also wanted to take a brief moment to mention. You know we're talking about the California digital equity planning process today, and it and it's a really important piece of the states of collective effort. CPU and CDT GoBiz, and and GovOps. So, just to to bring together a a another process as well that i'd like to share a little bit about the broadband equity and access and deployment program is a Federal program in which the State is applying to secure funding to be able to continue the investment in in these areas of digital literacy, technology access. And to ensure that, you know, broadband as it gets rolled out in the State, is is reaching all of those hard-to-reach place and costly to reach places. So we are hosting three meetings in conjunction with CDT, and in

partnership around the State that are part of a larger series of public engagements. As we develop our application to the broadband equity, access and deployment program, we want to go out and note as much as we possibly can from communities and from end users what's working and what's not working, and where should the state be placed in its energies. So it's a really critical process, and we just encourage tribes from around the State. Not only those early adopters with a lot of capacity in this space, but also those who are more challenged with broadband access and the full spectrum to engage these meetings, we will be hosting these in person meetings in June. And we are looking at the dates of June 10, 17, 24, and 27 to host, 3 regional meetings, and the locations are being zeroed in on, and the agendas for those meetings should be published and announced in short time, probably sometime before Friday. So I will be circling back with a lot of the folks on this call, and to all of the tribal leaders around the State to make those invitations, and we just encourage of the folks here to, you know, elevate that message, and hopefully bring tribal leadership and other technical folks, as well as community members, and end users to those meetings, so that we can learn from your perspective. So just we'll hand it back over to you on. But thank you again, Scott and to all of the team here. It's a great opportunity. I learned a lot today, Thank you. And thank you, Kenneth. And you teamed it up nicely. You know. A lot of State agencies are working on broadband for all, and has definitely been a partner on the broadband and for all digital equity, and in be planning workshops. I do wanna acknowledge that Viviana Orca is here. She's the Travel advisor for Gov, and I know you know all of our departments are working together. So, Viviana, thank you very much for being here. We want to acknowledge the the partnership and the commitment that go by shares, working to support all communities. Anyone. Viviana, Would you like to say a few words, or Hi. I'm not sure if I'm coming on for video here. That's right. We can hear you, Viviana this thanks for having me today, and for having this consultation, I look forward to seeing the tribes plan and implement and have a voice, I guess, and how Internet is going to affect their community and the travel communities. I have worked with many of these people throughout the pandemic throughout the State and the tribes and during the the wildfires. So, seeing the connection with the broadband and the importance with that that the medical community, I mean it's. It's such a huge big deal in the school, and it it was pretty. I worked as a liaison during that time as well, but just the importance, and and to know that tribes were operating During this time many of the tribes didn't shut down and provided services for their communities. It's it's it's a big deal. I mean, this is just a game changer, and I hope that more people join, and that we can have another meeting. And also, you know, if there's any way that I could help or reach out to. We have, you know, other opportunities coming up to. I I would be glad to do that. I can drop my email in the chat, and you can reach out, and you can sign up for some of this Serve funding and the opr. You know we have some money for economic development and planning and some other stuff dropping so we have some opportunities. My co-worker, Julia, is on here. She's a a great asset, and and somebody to reach out to as well. So thank you. Thank you for having me. Thank you for joining us. And yeah, Australia has been a great partner, and I think that is this. Really it's a good kick off and acknowledgment to thank you to to our presenters, and the state agencies that are all collaborating to, you know, a cheap broadband for all. But we know that there's a lot, and we know that our tribal nation partners are dealing, you know, with a lot of different programs and funding streams, and so wanted to t up the next session, and to kind of, you know, Move the conversation forward on on how we can learn from folks on this call as well. Okay, thank you, Scott, and please stay on to. I think we can co facilitate this next portion together, and the next part things that is the community, the discussion, and also an

opportunity for to ask questions that are brief as presenters to next slide, please. Great. Thank you. We have a few questions, and hope that you all could go off mic. I'll mute on mic and on camera to answer these questions in a particular order, you know, if you feel like 3 is more relevant to your community. Please feel free to address that. But the 3 questions that we have, I'll read this as you are looking for the raised hand buttons. And so what are what actions are you? Your tribe and or your organizations taking to address the digital equity varies for tribal communities? Does your organization offer programs to address any of the following broadband affordability or adoption to literacy and Skills training, digital navigator program device access. And the third question, what digital equity programs do you think are needed and are currently missing? So that's our focus in the discussion today, if possible. I wouldn't try that and let me results in about two min. But obviously, if there's a great content, please continue. But, yes, let's see if there's any in the chat. I know Christie had to go on the from the healthy rural California. I'll just read it out for for folks who are listening, and only to be able to hear share that healthy rural California is special partner to bring together health care, workforce, education and digital equity and economic development efforts they were formed after they can't burn, she go to address access to care in this issue. So. and great organization. And there's someone I think Zach and I will definitely follow up in a working session. And I'm going to go back to the chat, and then we can also monitor the hand race as well. And Matt, I know this is a portion where you may want to ask folks in the room to participate in as well, so we'll let you handle the technicalities of it. But I see a few hands already, so to we all figure out. Let's see. Let's. I can ask you to unmute. Hi! Good morning. Everyone couple of things that we where we're doing is, and then just to give a a landscape for California at t provide services to 48 of the of the 109 tribes in California. So those are in our service area. So we are open to consultation meetings with those tribes that do want to partner with at T to bring fiber optics to their tribal lands. We recently opened a a connected learning center at the Rincon Tribe down in Southern California. and that learning center will support the 5 surrounding tribes in that area that includes San Pasquale, La Jolla, Paula, Poma, and of course, Ring, on which is the hosted tribe. With that we will be doing a laptop distribution event to support the 5 tribes. That learning center provides fiber to the tribal nation at no cost for three years. Provided 15, 15 working computers for the Education Center and the community, and and we also provided a \$50,000 contribution to upgrade the facility with new desks, a chairs, and everything that it needs to run that center. And of course, the ring contrary makes makes that available to the 4 surrounding tribes, so they can also use it as well. We plan on doing something in Northern California as well, so we'll be announcing that soon on which tribe we're going to partner to open up that learning center, and also included in that is digital literacy. Digital navigator. And then, of course. Again, any other tribe that wants to partner with at t. My doors are open. I'm not in. I'm not in sales. I'll I'll continue to repeat that I don't get compensation If a tribe decides to work with at T or not. My job is to make sure that the tribe has a single point of contact, for at T and support them and all their needs, and answer all their questions. And for those tribes that are not in at T's area, then I can provide some consultation as to what the discussion should be around. If they want to work with the ISP, if it's not at t, so happy to be here and support Indian Country in California. And thank you. Thank you. Thank you for coming and participating in that option. Chairperson Treppa may ask you to a mute and go on camera. Right? Thank you. Just real Briefly, I already mentioned a couple of things, but as a result of some of the the Cares Act funding that we received, we were able to give a device to every minor for the purposes of you know, remote education. We, as a result of a recent grant, are now able to provide every adult actually a a device. And if that didn't cover enough, our e-commerce

businesses have created scholarship programs, that whether you're a child adult in higher education, or, you know, or a trade can access scholarship monies for any type of digital literacy or skills training. In addition to all types of educational opportunities. So I think we're covered there. And as I mentioned earlier, the NTIA. Grant will at least give us a start to be able to provide Internet access to to our portion of our of our reservation. We do hope to get additional funding to expand it, to be all of the northern part of the county. So thank you. Thank you. This is scanning the participant list. Scott, do you see anyone from the chat that maybe we can has to go on Mic. Well, I think that you know. and like you, said I don't think we want to constrain the conversation only to the questions, because I think that you know both our presenters and the folks who've spoken. Really, you know spoken to some of the universal and common barriers that you know, tribal nations experience and some of the smart practices. I think that what would be really interesting is on the the third question is on on the digital equity programs or broadband for all programs or efforts really do want to get a sense of what what might be missing and what what's needed. We know there's a lot of different funding programs, and we know that you know, from a capacity standpoint and hoping to hear from some of the from the you know, travel representatives, if if possible. First Julio. because because really that's the the focus. Here we have through the the B program and the digital equity, capacity grant and competitive grant dollars that that Andrew mentioned an opportunity to to to fill some potential gaps of existing investment, so to the extent that folks have additional ideas. We'd really love to hear from you about that. So, Julia, your hand is up when you go ahead over there. Oh, okay, now now I'm on you. Thank you. You know one of the one of the programs that at T was doing before Covid was. We were. We were just doing basic basic training, using ipads or tablets. And so we would go around working with nonprofits. This mainly senior center. So I was good to. It was good to hear that Matt was doing that at at at at the center where he was at where it was just basic training on, on on how to send an email, how to do instant messaging, how to take a camera. And so that that to me, I thought was was was instrumental to making sure that the senior community was not left behind. This technology continue to advances, and I'm and I'm getting that same same type of feedback from tribal nations as I'm visiting them is like, hey? We gotta make sure that we take care of our senior community, and we they don't get left behind as well. So I, one of the things I think is is is maybe looking at investing in the actual devices, so that the tribal nation can use that for digital literacy and make it even more mobile where it's. You know you're giving them tablets so that way they can practice at home, and and I understand that if the infrastructure is not there at all, then they're gonna have to come to either the tribal hall to the Community center to practice those those those those scales. But you know that's something that we're going to ramp up again is to make sure that we're going out there to the communities that want to be served to just do basic digital literacy on on email camera sending a an instant message. And I think that'll that'll get the attention from tribal community and their senior folks to make sure that they're not forgotten. So that's that's something that we did. And we're we're gonna start doing again. Yeah, thanks for that point, Julio. I know that in the other working groups we're doing in the the the regional planning workshops that we're doing across the State. There is a a delicate conversation. It's almost a chicken, or the a conversation that both, you know, we hearing from the tribal nations where existing infrastructure like roads and our in some cases, or I challenge the power Internet or even in some of the more, you know, rural counties, I think one of the participants mentioned Chico in Paradise. We we hear that access is one of the most critical barriers that are there. One of the things that I think that we're it always use some more guidance on is is how to navigate that conversation, because the the the broadband

adoption piece in some senses it's not just you know, if we all build it, that they will come, and they they will use it, that there are athletes to you know folks adopting whether it's removing the the cost barriers associated with getting. you know, home service, or obtaining a device or potentially overcoming the fear or relevance thing. I I I do think that you know would love. If any of our you know travel nation partners, would, you know, have some thoughts on how we can be sensitive to. We don't want to, you know, or we want to be mindful when we're talking about digital literacy and training and skills is is an important part and component of you know the broadband continuum, but also want to be sensitive to where there's a lack of infrastructure that that it's hard to have that. So I don't know if Chairperson Treppa, or or Alan, or Linnea, Abraham, you know any folks to have some thoughts on on how to continue to have a a thoughtful, and and you know a respectful conversation around the the digital literacy piece. I I I can take a stab at that. I think it's a. It would be difficult for me to to answer for others. I know, as far as ourselves are concerned. I think, having the opportunity such as this or the one on ones that we have had in the past, or even in person. Opportunities might help, you know, continually bring the matter and keep it at the forefront for us. I you know, I I think, as far as cultural sensitivity. I think it's it's. You know it's unique to each individual tribe. I. I think we are just happy to have the state be of interest, and that this is been put at such a high priority that you know I think we are very thankful that that it is because it it can be in many situations, a matter of life and death. And you know our our tribe is a little is not unique to California tribes, but for this area you know that we don't have a big reservation area, such as the Hoopa tribe. We are still very isolated. I I think that you know that we are. Have had the experience of being, you know, in intertwined within the local communities fabric to be to be honest. So, as I've had to mention in conversation with you in the past. Oftentimes, you know the tribe our tribe in particular, you know, came from obviously very and historically challenged perspective. But yet, as a result of our e-commerce business we are seeing that we're funding. We are one of the primary funders in the area of various types of objectives, because the community is very poor. And so we have taken a leadership position hopefully here with the broadband and the money we're getting, but also for fire, abatement and things that are a vital concern here in this community that has been plagued over the years. So it it's kind of unique that the the tribe that has come from you know where the historical trauma that we have of it's taking a leadership role. But having the State involved and providing opportunity such as this, and hopefully additional funding might help us, you know, resolve some of the the challenges that we have from a connectivity standpoint here in our community. Thank you, Chairperson, Anh? I don't see any more hands, and I don't see any in the chat, either, so I think it's fair to say we can. You wanted our next. So Jenna Item, Looks like Allen's raising his hand. Yes. Oh. Alan, you're on mute. Are you saying goodbye? Oh, there we go! Hi! I'll use my real hand. I can't find my digital hands so on screen here. I did want to make a a comment, or at least an observation in my role here as an economic development specialist. I make data driven decisions, regardless of what the project is and what I posted in the comments down there is a product called a demographic analysis of the cash on Indian tribe based on the 2020 census information. This is a service that we use with our partner at Northern Arizona University, their Economic Policy Institute, and they did a very deep dive into our specific census tracks during the 2,020 census, including a lot of information on digital equity, digital divide a lot of new items that are covered by the census reporting. This helped us quite a bit, and not only our broadband planning, but also in other areas. But just to give an example based on the census data, 85 of our residents here on the reservation are mobile first already. That's their you know, access point of choice is there mobile devices? Only 12% are actually using broadband is,

you know, traditional, the the wired cat 5 type, and it's not even cat 5. It's still DSL or dial up on the reservation. So they've long ago left the the world of wired internet. And it it's it's mobile first all all day long. So I think that's important from a planning standpoint of you know. If we build it, will they come? Well, if you if they're already embedded on financially, socially, every other aspect with wireless Internet, then why do we build out a a broadband based a physical cat, 5 type infrastructure. So the you know, the the the data bore that out, and it helps us that decision in California everyone has a EDA. Us Economic Development Administration supported University Center. I encourage you to reach out to them and ask them for this demographic analysis that this type of support is part of their charter with the EDA to support tribal nations. With this type of support I post a length via my Google account to the demographic analysis that I use, that we use all the time, just not for broadband, but for other policy and and projects. We're working on that do need data driven decisions and authority. Third-party sources that we can document when we're doing RFPs or grant applications, and so on so just wanted to put that out there. Thank you, Alan, and really appreciate the the the point about data driving decisions, and you know also on the relative ubiquity of of mobile phones in some cases, because I think you know part of the challenge with broadband for all, is it? It obviously is focused on. You know, connecting folks to the extent possible to wired connections and devices that that can greater optimize content online than potentially mobile phones. And we've got to meet people where they are. And I think it's a really good segue, and for the the next part of the conversation and Rich and I can talk about some of the tools we're hoping that new folks can utilize to help us gather information from organizations, and also individual residents to to help support the needs assessment that's required to support the Digital Equity Plan and the the BEAD plan so and back to you. Thank you so much, and I totally agree. Can we forward to two slides? Perfect that you are to map your impact. I would like to introduce Rachna Vas from the Broadband Equity Partnership to talk through the data. a collection that we're in, the tools that we have to really understand what's going on in California. Which over to you. Thank you, Anh. Next slide Next slide, please. Hi, everyone. You just heard Scott Adams talk about the needs assessment that we need to conduct throughout California to better understand the digital equity landscape across the State. We have developed 2 surveys to conduct these assessments. One is an organizational survey that we call the Dean tool, the digital equity ecosystem mapping tool, which targets, organizations, state agencies, tribal governments, municipalities. Faith-based organizations, health centers, clinics, any entity that that leverages technology to provide a service to communities and to get communities connected. We basically want them to use the DEEM tool to let us know about their work. The other survey is the public survey which we'll talk about shortly that targets California households to understand various digital equity faced by California residents. So the DEEM tool is actually live. If you haven't, already completed this tool, please scan the QR code on the screen. And please complete this tool that only takes a few minutes to let us know about the the great programs that some of you are already engaged in, and some of the work that you're doing. It's very difficult for the State to to understand what's going on. If we don't get communities to organizations to participate in this tool. If you can go to the next slide? So, as you can see from this map, the DEEM tool has been live, but we've only received 163 responses from organizations today. Much of the State has still not responded and in order for the State to be able to consider really outstanding programs for future funding allocation of of Federal dollars. The State needs to know about your programs, and this tool is meant to capture information about the great work that you're doing. So the feasibility study that was just dropped in the chat. The DEEM tool is a perfect place for me to share that Julio Figueroa,

your programs about the learning center for the 5 tribes. We'd love to capture that in the team tool. So you can actually start collecting that or entering that kind of information so that we can collect that and start analyzing that data across the State. It would be really helpful. So the next time we speak with all of you, we hope that this State map will be entirely green to show that as many organizations as as many tribal governments as possible have completed this tool next slide. So please go ahead and click on the Dean toolkit links. We've got a toolkit that will help you to share this with your partner entities. So, for instance, if Julio has a a learning center that he is running, he can actually use this toolkit to share and push out the Dean tool to the 5 tribes that engage in those in that learning center. So this is one of the ways we're trying to help you push this out with your partner. Coalition. Your partner entities to make sure that you engage as many organizations, tribal governments, and nonprofits as possible in completing the DEEM tool. Next slide. The other survey that we've developed is the digital equity Online survey. This survey is meant to target households. We need to understand the barriers to broadband accessibility, affordability, and adoption faced by all California households. We've developed this survey in 14 languages. It is mobile, friendly. We built in audio functionality into the survey, so that we can accommodate those with visual impairments, those with limited English proficiency, and even those with limited literacy. So we'd love to be able to have you fill this out. It goes. Live on Thursday, May 18th. The link will be available on the broadband for our website, and we'd like to also give you a sneak. Peek into these tools just just to be able to walk you through it very quickly. If you don't mind Anna, sharing the DEEM tool and the public survey. Here is an example of the team tool. We can click next. It should take you no more than a few minutes to just tell us about your your organization. If you are competing this, if you are a tribal administrator, and you want to complete this on behalf of the various travel programs in your community, you can fill this out on behalf of those programs. You can tell us that you know this organization Well, you know what they cover. It will just take you a few minutes to complete this, and and if you can scroll further down. You can tell us, you know, what kind of an entity you are. Scroll further and what kind of programs you offer, and if you are currently not in the digital equity space. For instance, there is an option here that says we do not provide digital equity programs or services, but our organization may be interested. We still want to hear from you. You may be providing a really essential program that I think may be able to intersect with the digital equity programs and and plans and services across the State. So we'd love to hear from you as well. if you can scroll for the down. All the way down to the next page. We give you the option of uploading your feasibility, studies, your broadband deployment plans, your GIS shape files, annual reports. Anything that you want to upload, we will gladly take from you and analyze as part of the State's process of collecting information about programs, plans, and services. They're currently available throughout California. You can also drop your links to programs that you think we should know about and click next. And if you have the time to be able to share with us more information about your programs. There is the option for you to tell us about, detailed for each program that you offer for your communities. if you can actually go to the public survey. So this is a public survey that we are very proud of. It is in 14 languages. It's the first of its kind in the country. We worked very hard to make sure that we accommodated as many communities as possible. If you go to the top right-hand corner you can choose your language of choice. maybe scroll to the next page. You can actually click on the audio button. And here the functionality of of the the language being offered, so we highly recommend that you consider taking the survey to help us understand what the barriers are that are being faced by by you, by your communities, by households across California, so that we can be better informed and

developing a really comprehensive and inclusive Statewide Digital Equity Plan. And with that I'm going to turn it over to Anh. Thank you so much. Thanks. Rachna. And just for a few next steps I want to highlight. In addition to our Outcome Area Working Group meetings, and on July we have the Statewide Digital Equity Planning Group meeting as well on Wednesday, July 26th, and October 20th. If you would like to save those dates, Those Wednesdays meetings are from noon to 2, and that's our ways to continue to engage and have these conversation; and, if you remember, from Ken earlier, he also mentioned a few in-person events which we will communicate in the next couple of days. So next slide, please. And then these are our workshops as well. So, in addition to those 3 that I mentioned. We are having 20 planning workshops throughout the States, and your community members are welcome to join any that is listed on here as well. So today, later. This afternoon is in the Inland Empire and LA Long Beach. Please feel free to register using the QR code, and next slide. We may have to go back a couple of slides, but just to make sure to summarize all the ways to get involved, complete the team tool, as Rachna mentioned earlier, complete and share the Digital Equity Public Survey with your community members and your networks participate in the next outcome area working group for us would be on June sixth, and then attend the planning workshop in your region. So those are clear takeaway, screenshotted, and save those dates, and we really look forward to continue this conversation with you all 3. Next slide is, yep, and here is our all of our contact information. Scott, our CDT tribal advisor, and the brought down this Deputy Director, myself, Anna and Zach. Thank you so much for all of your behind the same support. But you can also reach out to us. One email is a digitalequity@state.ca.gov so that we can answer any general questions, and we look forward to continue engagement and thank you again for being here. Take care and have a great day. Thank you, everyone. We'll stick around if you have any questions. But, okay.