

**State Digital Equity Planning: Statewide Planning Group Meeting #3**  
**Agenda and Executive Summary**

Date: July 26, 2023

Time: 12PM PST

The Statewide Digital Equity Planning Group met on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 12:10 p.m. PT via virtual conference.

**Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Overview**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title/Organization</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Liana Bailey-Crimmins	<b>Director, California Department of Technology</b>	X
Darcie Houck	<b>Commissioner, California Public Utility Commission</b>	X
Monisha Avery	<b>Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Office of Emergency Services</b>	X
Lizzy Williamson	<b>Department of General Services</b>	X
Geoff Belleau	<b>California Department of Education</b>	X
Robert Peterson	<b>California Department of Food &amp; Agriculture</b>	X
Sunne McPeak	<b>California Emerging Technology Fund</b>	X
Lori Pepper	<b>Deputy Secretary, California Transportation Agency</b>	X
Josh Chisom	<b>California State Library</b>	X
Christina Snider	<b>Secretary, Governor's Office of Tribal Affairs</b>	X
Pam Chueh	<b>Chief Equity Officer, Government Operations Agency</b>	X
Kaina Pereira	<b>Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development</b>	X
Brian Carter	<b>California Department of Aging</b>	X
Kristin Montgomery	<b>California Department of Correctional Rehabilitation</b>	X

Adelina Zendejas	<b>California Office of Data and Innovation</b>	X
Elena Costa	<b>Department of Public Health</b>	X
Ronda Campbell	<b>Department of Rehabilitation</b>	X
Sarah Poss	<b>Housing and Community Development</b>	X
Isaiah Mall	<b>California Department of Veterans Affairs</b>	
Salena Chow	<b>California Department of Social Services</b>	X
Abby Snay	<b>Deputy Secretary, Labor and Workforce Development Agency</b>	
Eric Will	<b>Rural Counties Representative of California</b>	X

<b>Speakers/Presenters</b>		
Scott Adams	Deputy Director, California Department of Technology	X
Maria Ellis	Deputy Director for Broadband, California Public Utilities Commission	X
Gladys Palpallatoc	Federal Program Officer/State Lead, California NTIA	X
Anh Nguyen	Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy	X
Laura Sasaki	Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy	X
Rachna Vas	Broadband Equity Partnership	X
Sunne McPeak	California Emerging Technology Fund	X
Sandra Levy	Brand and New Business Project Director, RSE	X
Jacob Virges	Youth Co-Director, Urban Strategies Council	X

### **Agenda Item 2: General Updates**

After Roll Call, a brief review of the Agenda and Housekeeping, Madame Chair Bailey-Crimmins introduced Jacob Virges, who gave a spoken word poem on the digital divide.

### **Agenda Item 3: General Updates**

Scott Adams provided the background for and goals of Broadband for All and the State Digital Equity Plan. Scott then discussed the accomplishments SDEP has had to date. No questions were asked by members of the Statewide Planning Group (SPG).

Commissioner Darcie Houck provided an update on Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment ([BEAD](#)) program with a timeline through 2025. Sunne McPeak asked questions about the State's constrictions on maps.

### **Agenda Item 4: NTIA Comments and Updates**

Gladys Palpallatoc discussed the upcoming opportunity to participate in and comment on the State Digital Equity Plan. She also discussed the engagement from Tribal communities on the plan. She then provided an update on the NOFO for the capacity grant expected in 2024. There were no questions.

### **Agenda Item 5: State Digital Equity (and BEAD) Planning Process Update**

Scott Adams provided an update on the State Digital Equity Planning approach, accomplishment to date, and scope of engagement. He followed up by discussing the different Digital Equity and BEAD regional workshops held throughout the State between April and July. A highlight video of the San Joaquin Valley Broadband for All, Digital Equity, and BEAD Planning workshop was shown. Scott followed that by sharing high level summaries of barriers faced by covered populations and the recommended strategies to overcome these barriers gathered from all planning processes. At this point, Scott handed the presentation over to Sunne McPeak for an update on the phone survey, and then to Rachna Vas for an update on the online survey and DEEM tool. Lastly, Scott tasked Sandra Levy from Runyon Saltzman to discuss the stakeholder

engagement process and outcomes, including the partnership outreach toolkits developed to help stakeholders engaged their community members in the planning process and media impact.

Scott Adams concluded by discussing the next steps for the State Digital Equity Plan. He handed the mic to Maria Ellis, Deputy Director for Broadband from CPUC, to discuss the BEAD's timeline and next steps through 2024.

**Agenda Item 6: Q&A/Public Comment**

Questions were asked by Geoff Belleau, Rebecca Kaluma, and Patrick Messac. SPG members and presenters responded accordingly.