

Digital Equity Stakeholder Meeting
November 19, 2025
2:00 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.
Meeting Minutes and Transcript

The Digital Equity Stakeholder Meeting met virtually on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. Engagement and Operations Analyst Amanda Lee welcomed attendees and instructed them to introduce themselves in the Zoom Chat box with their name, job title, and affiliated organization.

Housekeeping

Amanda Lee reviewed a few housekeeping items for attendees to participate in the conversation and have the best experience throughout the meeting. ASL interpreters were available throughout the meeting. Closed captioning was provided as an option for attendees throughout the meeting. Ms. Lee also mentioned that the meeting's recording, minutes, and transcript will be posted on the Broadband for All portal.

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome

Deputy Director Scott Adams of the California Department of Technology (CDT) Office of Broadband & Digital Literacy (OBDL) briefly provided an overview of the Digital Equity Stakeholder Meeting agenda and shared a few welcome remarks. He emphasized Goals 2 and 3 from the Broadband for All Action Plan. Deputy Director Adams then closed out his portion of the presentation by sharing the meeting norms.

Agenda Item 2 – California Jobs First

CDT's guest speaker, Ms. Danna Stroud, Associate Deputy Director of Regional Engagement and Development from the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, also known as GO-Biz, presented on California Jobs First initiative. Danna began her presentation by sharing California Jobs First's background and four goals: Support sustainable and equitable growth across regions and populations, invest in the workforce for the sectors of the future, create an attractive environment for and with job creators, and strengthen California's innovation economy and entrepreneurial culture. She explained that many of the 13 California regional strategies included broadband access as a key anchor sector in need of expansion in the state's Economic Blueprint in February 2025. Next, Ms. Stroud shared a placemat depicting the 12 tradable

sectors and anchor sectors. Then, Danna explained that regional conveners continue to implement the Activation Plans focused on key sectors within their regional strategies. She encouraged attendees to engage and collaborate with regional partners on projects to assist in the implementation of the plans. To conclude her presentation, Danna Stroud shared her contact information and the California Jobs First website with attendees.

Questions and Answer (Q&A)

Ms. Anh Nguyen moderated the Q&A session, starting with those with their hands raised on Zoom, and then those received via the Q&A and Chat box. Danna Stroud proceeded to address questions.

Ms. Nguyen raised many questions that came in through the Q&A and Chat box to Ms. Stroud. The following meeting attendee raised their hand and came off mute to ask questions:

- Barry F. Boyd, Sacramento Environmental Justice Coalition Organization

Agenda Item 3 – Digital Equity Resource Survey Launch & Demo

Ms. Shawn Daugherty, Principal from Broadband Equity Partnership (BEP), presented on the Digital Equity Resource Survey Launch & Demo. The Digital Equity Resource Survey was launched in an effort to provide more granular information on digital inclusion services. She referenced that the Digital Equity Resource Survey will be open until January 12, 2026 and that the Digital Equity Resource Finder will be updated in Q1 of 2026. Next, Ms. Daugherty demonstrated various components of the survey on the Broadband for All website. Data will be refreshed at least every 6 months by emailing deem@state.ca.gov with "Update Data" as the subject title. New organization can be added throughout the year. Finally, Ms. Daugherty shared how attendees can request a demonstration presentation by emailing deem@state.ca.gov.

Questions

Ms. Anh Nguyen moderated the questions session, starting with those with their hands raised on Zoom, and then those received via the Q&A and Chat box. Shawn Daugherty and Scott Adams proceeded to address questions.

There were many questions that came in through the Q&A and Chat box, and the following meeting attendee raised their hand and came off mute to ask questions:

- Eric Sasaki, County of Los Angeles Internal Services Department

Agenda Item 4 – BB4All SDEP Goals/ Innovative Ideas & Partnerships

Mr. James Spencer, Broadband Administrative Manager, presented on innovative ideas & partnerships. James explained that many centralized services fall under broader buckets such as broadband adoption, digital literacy skills & training platform, digital navigation training & services, devices & statewide device ecosystem, online educational resources, online workforce development resources, digital equity data, as well as collective funding action. He shared with attendees that CDT is working to determine the best solicitation vehicle for the release, such as a request for innovative ideas or challenge statement in the coming months.

Questions

Ms. Anh Nguyen moderated the questions session, starting with those with their hands raised on Zoom, and then those received via the Q&A and Chat box. The presenters proceeded to address questions.

One question came in through the Q&A and Chat box, but no attendees came off of mute to ask questions.

Agenda Item 5 – Digital Equity Resources

Ms. Aracely Hernandez, Digital Inclusion Manager at CDT's Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy, began her presentation by highlighting the January 1, 2026 upcoming grant deadline of various CPUC programs, such as the CASF Broadband Adoption account, CASF Broadband Public Housing Account, and CASF Tribal Technical Assistance. She acknowledged that CPUC had a ruling on the LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Program and shared the eligibility and subsidy amounts with the targeted launch date for January 2026. She also included a QR code for further information on the Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program ruling. Next, Aracely provided an update on the NTIA Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) will launch in Spring 2026 and make available any remaining tribal broadband funding. She concluded her presentation by sharing the new Digital Equity Ecosystem Event Calendar Tool available on the Broadband for All portal. Lastly, Ms. Hernandez referenced the QR code to the Digital Equity Ecosystem Event Calendar Tool for attendees to access.

Questions

Ms. Anh Nguyen moderated the questions session, starting with those with their hands raised on Zoom, and then those received via the Q&A and Chat box. Aracely Hernandez and Scott Adams proceeded to address questions.

Anh Nguyen raised questions that came in through the Q&A and Chat box, and one meeting attendee raised their hand and came off mute to ask questions:

- Abraham Camez, HVPUD, Acorn Connected

Agenda Item 6 – Next Steps & Close

Engagement & Operations Manager Anh Nguyen provided the next steps by sharing a QR code to the Digital Equity Resource Survey due on January 12, 2026. She also encouraged attendees to stay tuned for the next Digital Equity Stakeholder Meeting in December. After that, Ms. Nguyen highlighted how to subscribe to Broadband for All email updates and how to find the Broadband for All portal and team's contact information.

No attendees came off mute to ask questions. However, Ms. Nguyen raised one question from the Q&A Box.

Ms. Nguyen thanked attendees and presenters for their participation and engagement throughout the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

(The recording and presentation slides from the meeting will be posted on Broadband for All portal.)

Transcript

Hi everyone, we will begin the meeting shortly. Please use the chat box to share your name, job title, and affiliated organization as more folks are coming in. Good afternoon, and welcome to the November 19th Digital Equity Stakeholder Meeting. On behalf of the State of California and the Department of Technology, we thank you for being here. Before we begin, a few housekeeping items. Presenters, please cue Ricki to advance your slides. Select side-by-side speaker mode for the best viewing experience when slides are shared, and visibility of the ASL interpreters. Closed captioning is available. Select CC Closed Caption on your toolbar and select Show Subtitle. Q&A. Please note there is time allocated at the end of each agenda item for questions. Use the Q&A box to type your questions related to that portion of the agenda while the presenter is presenting. Use the raise hand icon on Zoom or star 9 if you're calling in by phone. Our team will request that you come off of mute and video. Feel free to

turn on your mic and turn on your video at that time. Chat will be off while the presenters are speaking, so that no questions are lost in the chat. Chat will be available when prompted. Next slide, please. This meeting is being recorded. We will be posting the recording, slides, and transcripts of this meeting to the Broadband for All Portal. Use the code listed on your screen or click on the link in the chat to access the post-meeting materials from past events. Because of this, AI note-taking bots are not permitted and will be removed from the meeting. Next, I would like to introduce Deputy Director Scott Adams to provide welcome remarks and review today's agenda.

Well, thank you, Amanda, and hello, everybody. It's been a short turnaround since our last stakeholder meeting, and we're really excited to be with you, as always, and thank you for your partnership. If we can go to the next slide, please. This here is what we have on the agenda for today. Obviously, I'm doing the welcome. We've got a wonderful guest from the California Jobs First effort to talk about the nexus between their work and digital equity. Today, we launched the Digital Equity Resource Survey, and are going to do a demonstration on that, which is going to help us refine our Digital Equity Resource Finder. You'll hear more about what we're doing to solicit innovative ideas and partnerships from the ecosystem. You'll hear about some Digital Equity Resources that are out there for the ecosystem, and then there'll be next steps and a close. Next slide, please. So, I wanted to remind everyone that Broadband for All has three main goals. The first is that all Californians have high-performance broadband available at homes, schools, libraries, and businesses. That's really kind of infrastructure-focused, and, you know, the Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative and the Public Utilities Commission and their suite of last mile programs address that. This forum here, this monthly stakeholder gathering for Digital Equity purposes, is really going to focus on Goals 2 and 3 that are outlined in the Broadband for All Action Plan. So that's that all Californians have affordable broadband and necessary devices. And the goal number 3, that all Californians can access training and support to enable digital inclusion. Next slide, please. And as we mentioned at the last meeting that, you know, these gatherings were set up to allow more bi-directional conversation between our ecosystem partners. It's not like the California Broadband Council or the Middle Mile Broadband Initiative. And so, in order for us to have that bi-directional interaction and conversation with folks. I wanted to make sure we point out some of the meeting norms, and that's only questions and comments related to agenda items will be addressed. Our chat is going to be monitored. Disruptive behaviors in the chat, or the

comments are not tolerated to provide a safe environment for everyone to speak, and that individuals who don't conform to these norms will be removed from the meeting. So, that is it for me. Looking forward to a great meeting. Gonna hand it back over to you, Anh.

Thank you, Scott. And thank you, everyone, for being here. Good afternoon. My name is Anh, and in previous stakeholder meetings, especially the one before last, many stakeholders impacted by the termination of the DE Act Grant have encouraged us to invite speakers and share information regarding potential unique approaches to partnerships with other statewide efforts. So, I'm. And with that, I'm pleased to introduce our guest speaker, Danna Stroud, Associate Deputy Director of Regional Engagement from the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, also known as GO-Biz, who will talk about California Jobs First Initiative, the nexus between Jobs First and Digital Equity efforts, and how interested parties can connect to these important regional collaborations. So, with that, welcome, Danna, and thank you for joining us today. I'll pass the mic over to you for your presentation and leave room for questions at the end.

Great. Anh, thank you very much, and it's. I appreciate being with you all today. I will admit, way back in the day, as the broadband consortiums were being established many, many years ago, I helped get the consortium started over in the Eastern Sierra. And so, recognizing just how important broadband consortiums are, and certainly to see how far these consortiums have advanced in helping to ensure that Broadband for All, you know, is implemented across the state. So, I want to give a shout out and appreciation for all the work that you all have done, in leading the initiatives and, really ensuring that broadband becomes such a critical part of...

I don't know, I think she's...

I've got a brief presentation to share, and I will ask that we advance to the next slide, and we'll talk a little bit about jobs first. So, many of you may remember what Jobs First used to be called; it was our Community Economic Resilience Fund, or what we referred to as CERF. And that was launched back in the early parts of 21. We did move and change the name, kind of halfway through to become California Jobs First, and this was really intended to be a statewide initiative with key focus around being community-led and building a climate-

forward economy here in California. The North Star, and I will say this out loud, our North Star for Jobs First was really about creating, attracting, and increasing access to good-paying jobs. That's the lens that we were focused on as we went about this, this process of building, and implementing jobs first. So, our next slide, please. In the goals of Jobs First, I just want to kind of give you an overview of what the intentions were behind it. Certainly, we were looking at the sustainable and what we call equitable growth across the regions and multiple populations here in California. There was a significant emphasis on investing in the workforce for the sectors of the future here in California, certainly considering what we've historically been successful at, but also thinking about what does that workforce of the future look like. And then, we certainly want to look and take an inward look at how California itself and our regions are creating this environment, and a very attractive environment for and with our job creators. So really leaning into engagement with our industry partners out there who are making decisions themselves. Where should they be making investments? Where are they going to be, creating the jobs? What state do they want to be in? And etc. So, we really had an emphasis on ensuring that we had consideration for the industry needs. And then finally, we're looking to strengthen our own, innovation economy and the entrepreneurial culture that's here in California. So, we've got the very large, innovative thinking, but then we've also got the entrepreneurial spirit, where we've got so many folks that have the ideas of the future and the businesses of the future that are happening here in California. So, our Jobs First initiative was really wrapped around those four goals, and ensuring that we used that lens for many of the decisions and efforts that were underway. Next one, please. Hopefully, you remember those of you that have been participating, that under Jobs First, we divided the state into these 13 regions. And the 13 regions, many were the intended to be, you know, kind of geographic alignment, certainly not wanting to put someone, a county up in the northern part of the state with a county down in the southern part of the state. That would not have worked. So, we were really looking at creating, you know, geographic connections and, you know, aligning the regions with how people move around in the state, where the jobs are in those areas, and kind of creating this; what we would consider kind of this natural alignment. Certainly, the regions that were formed, you had Los Angeles County as its own region, size. Orange County has its own region. Kern County was also its own region, and then there are the remaining regions that have multiple counties in them. All 58 counties in the state were included in one of those 13 regional collaboratives. The collaboratives themselves; they were formed on this idea

behind inclusive community engagement. And through the planning process that these regional collaboratives undertook, over 10,000 Californians participated in these regional collaboratives and these planning tables, around the state. This allowed many community members and leaders themselves, who may previously may not have been involved in community or regional planning, to actually have a seat at the table. As these regions were developing Regional Economic Development Strategies. So, regional collaboratives, 13 regions, multiple community partners participating in the development of a regional strategy. And it was those regional strategies that were delivered in September of last year. It feels like a long time ago, but it was September of '24 that we received 13 regional strategies from each of the regions. They used data and input to identify tradable sectors that they were emerging in their region, or where there were assets in their region to support the growth of these tradable sectors. They also identified some key areas where investment were going to be needed. The state took those 13 regional strategies and the input that was gathered through those all those regional collaboratives, and we distilled it into the state's economic blueprint that was delivered in February of this year. Governor Newsom released it in February of 2025. It was quite a big deal actually, in California for a couple of reasons. Number one, this blueprint, is what was considered the first statewide, bottom-up economic development strategy in the country. California didn't come into these regions and say, we think you should do this, or we think that this is what your region should be focused on. But rather, it was all of the regional participation and the community members who participated, and the data that was accessed and utilized that helped inform those regional strategies. So, it was truly a bottom-up approach to economic development strategies. The other part to this is that for California, this was the first economic development strategy in over 20 years. And so here we now had an economic blueprint that, in essence, gives us, the state, some direction to pursue for economic growth and viability here in California. While at the same time, the regions themselves now have 13 regional strategies. All of those 13 regional strategies received what's called SEDS Equivalency designation from our Economic Development Administration at the federal level. SEDS Equivalency is a comprehensive economic development strategy. It's the first time in the state's history that all 58 counties have a SEDS Equivalency document, and it is something that is utilized to help access some federal funding, particularly through our programs that are available through the EDA. So, that was an added benefit to these regional collaboratives coming in with the, with their regional strategies. So, regional strategies in hand, state economic

blueprint in hand, and they all were informed by each other. Let's go to the next slide. In the state's economic blueprint. We distilled it with all the data that was provided. We identified what we call 12 tradable sectors. The original blueprint included 10 tradable sectors. It has been updated to include 2 additional ones. I will show you in a moment a placemat image that you can see all of those tradable sectors. These tradable sectors were really engaging in the job creation, the sectors where we are seeing growth and investment to occur. In addition to the tradable sectors, we also had anchor sectors that were developed and identified. And I'll show you in a moment on the placemat what those anchor sectors have included. Community serving is where we focused on it, but they had sectors such as housing, healthcare, transportation, and broadband. I will add that in many of the 13 regional strategies, broadband access was a key anchor sector that regions identified as needing to expand or find ways to ensure that access to broadband was a part of investment happening in those regions. So, next slide. So, here's the placemat. We refer to this as the placemat. And it's this placemat that identifies the 12 tradable sectors, in addition to the anchor sectors. So, the blue represents 3 different categories that we created for capturing those 12 tradable sectors. You'll see over on the left-hand side the category that is Strengthened. It includes sectors such as our tourism and outdoor recreation industry, our working lands, ag production, food processing, our creative economy. It's the Strengthened category where California itself we've got that established, competitive position in these particular sectors. And significant employment for many, many years. California has led in these particular sectors. However, there may be a leveling of the growth within those sectors, or the wages may have stagnated, or there may be some headwinds that we're facing. It's in Strengthen because there's opportunity to kind of revisit and find ways to really reposition these particular sectors for that growth that we are seeking. You'll see in the middle, the Accelerate category, and this is where we find sectors that have had moderate to high projected growth opportunities. They've had, they're ready for expansion. There's already been investments that have been made. And with and some additional investment, we could probably see what we call a bending of the curve to really make a difference with the growth of these particular industries. These in the Accelerate category, you may be familiar with, and you may be tracking them, because there are four within this Accelerate category that are considered our pilot sectors. And that's our Aerospace and Defense, our Life Sciences, our Working Lands and Water, or what the subsector there is the Ag Tech and Farm Equipment. And then we also have High Tech;

with a focus on Semiconductors and Microelectronics. It's these pilot sectors, those four pilot sectors, that the state is approaching with an all-of-government lens, and really looking to identify any barriers that might be preventing the advanced growth of these sectors, and bringing in our state agency partners to really better understand how do we address these barriers, what are some of the incentives that we can look at how can we really, incentivize the growth that we are anticipating to happen with these sectors in the Accelerate category. And then over on the right-hand side, is our Bet category. These are these emerging sectors. They have already some significant investment underway, and they are of high strategic importance. You'll see items in there such as Hydrogen, you'll see Fusion, Quantum, you'll see the Bioeconomy listed in there. And it's these sectors that are extremely important to California's Innovation Ecosystem. At the bottom of the page, you'll see the orange category, and it's the orange category that identifies these Anchor sectors, and you'll see in there Childcare, Healthcare, you'll see where we have Infrastructure listed, and Broadband is certainly included in that. And it's these regional anchors sectors that they are critical, certainly critical, for supporting and attracting industry and or community activities. And, of course, they may provide that quality and good-paying jobs themselves, but as a category, we put them into the Anchor sector because of this dual, multi-role that they play, in supporting economic growth, in our regions, throughout the state. So, Anchor is extremely important, but we consider them non-tradable or community-serving, as we move forward. So, next slide. In bringing this together for today, the question was asked, you know, how do our anchor sectors, how do they engage with our regional conveners or the regional collaboratives out there? And, it's important to note that our regional conveners and our regional collaboratives, they are continuing to implement what are called Activation Plans. And it's these Activation Plans that have focused on key sectors within their regional strategies. They're going to continue to work to implement off of those Activation Plans. They're going to continue to work to implement off of their regional strategies. These regional strategies are not sitting on a shelf. They are all about implementation. And so, when you go into a regional strategy, you will see some very specific project ideas in there, or needs identified for projects to help advance those sectors that are identified in that regional strategy. I think what's really important for this group to understand is that because of this ongoing implementation effort. Now would be a really key and important time, obviously, to really engage with those regional conveners and start to collaborate and think about the types of projects that you might want to bring

forward and collaborate with regional partners on helping to implement. Realizing that as an Anchor sector, broadband is important to the growth, and where there may be some leverage opportunities. And or some creative financing opportunities to look at. Now would be a good time to engage, because the planning is complete. The planning is done. We're moving into the implementation mode now, and it's about those partners, and it's about leveraged funding to help with implementation of either capital investment or program investment, that is needed at that regional level. So, I think, next slide, I think is the last. I want to point out a couple of notes here. That's my contact information, certainly, and the role that I have played has been with the regional conveners and the regional collaboratives. The state's economic blueprint is available on the Jobsfirst.ca.gov website. If you haven't previously downloaded or visited or read the state's economic blueprint, I would encourage you to do so, because within the state's economic blueprint, there is also what we call the Playbook. And the Playbook takes a deeper dive into some of the well, into all of the regions, actually, and the assets of the region, and the attributes to the region, and a focus on the target sectors that the regions themselves are reaching out. Both the economic blueprint and the playbook are very helpful guides, is the way I would look at it. To help you kind of navigate and understand where there may be priorities and where there may be opportunities. So, I highly encourage that, you to download and take a look at both, and become familiar with those. Because this is where we start to find the alignment opportunities, and the leverage opportunities, and rather than independently going out and doing, you know, one thing on our own, is there now the opportunity to really collaborate with regional leaders on some of these bigger initiatives, to help with that economic growth at that regional level. So, I hope that helps give a broad overview of Jobs First, and where we are in the process, and I'm certainly happy to answer any questions that anyone might have.

Thank you so much, Danna. As folks are raising their hands and typing questions in the chat, I'll raise one that was sent during your presentation in the Q&A. What specific regions said broadband was needed as an anchor sector?

Yeah, my memory of all 13 regions indicates that I think almost all had identified broadband as a need, and that is certainly something we would go back and look at the blueprint. But I think almost all had broadband in there. As an Anchor community serving need.

Thank you for that. And I see, Barry Boyd has their hands raised, so I'll please unmute.

Thank you, and good afternoon, everyone. Quick question, under your slide of Activate. I believe it was Strength and Bet. I may have missed it. What was the Bet? And under it, specifically, I have a question about hydrogen.

So, the Bet category is one of the categories that we have created for kind of structuring the 12 tradable sectors that we are focused on. And it's in the Bet category that we have what we identified as these emerging sectors. They may already have had some significant investment, or they are playing a very key role and have high strategic importance. It's a term that we use to the states' innovation and the innovation ecosystem that we have here in the state. So, on that slide, under clean economy, I think is where the Hydrogen category lives, along with offshore wind and a couple of others that are in the clean economy sector. So, this is really the emerging, the Bet category is where these emerging sectors are, are categorized.

Gotcha, and with that, the question, thank you for the answer, under Hydrogen. So, is there a large investment that is already? Funding that is established in regards to hydrogen coming into housing. I'll broaden that out, community, because I don't believe it's been answered if it's going to be street-by-street, or block-by-block, or neighborhood-by-neighborhood, in regards to transitioning from natural gas to hydrogen gas, and is there funding already allocated for both that and for infrastructure when more hydrogen vehicles hit the road.

Yeah, it's a really good question. I'm sure many of you were tracking the ARCHES funding that, or the ARCHES coalition that was created here in California that went after, and applied for federal, significant federal funding under the Biden administration, specific to the development of the hydrogen market and infrastructure, in the United States. California formed a very compelling, and comprehensive coalition of communities and leaders around the state to apply for that hydrogen funding that was coming out of the federal government. And California's coalition was awarded, I'm gonna forget the exact amount. It was in the hundreds of millions of dollars. They were moving forward with what you were just describing relative to the hydrogen market development in California, and what was the infrastructure that would be needed. They had identified a list

of priority projects that they were targeting to start with. However, with the new administration that hydrogen funding that was coming out of the federal government has been pulled back, and so there's some consideration now about you know, how do we move forward? There's, you know, there's, how would I call it? Science out there. There are techniques, there are processes by which, you know, there's conversion to hydrogen, and so there's consideration for, you know, how do we how can we in California keep advancing, that implementation and utilization of hydrogen as was intended by the coalition that was formed? So, you might call it a kind of a start-stop-start process that we were in relative to hydrogen.

For that answer, Danna. I have two more questions for you. One is how can DE Digital Equity practitioners partner given digital access and literacy are seen as enablers and bridges to other Jobs First anchors, like education and skilled workforce?

Yeah. because so much emphasis has been placed on the regional strategies and the regional collaboratives that were formed as part of the Jobs First initiative. I think it's the start there effort is to make that connection with those regional coalitions and those regional collaborators, as they are beginning to prioritize some of those community-serving or Anchor sectors and the implementation of those Anchor sectors. There's obviously that work to be done, but because this work is happening at that regional level, now is a very good time to actively engage with them. I'm happy to provide contact information for the regional conveners, or help make some introductions, with those regional conveners and the coalitions themselves to, you know, be at the table and come in with what your Digital Equity plans have looked like? What your projects are that you have had in mind? What were the ideas for how, you know, you were working on achieving that digital equity across the state? I think now is the time where we can start to find those intersections, based on the work that's happening at the regional level.

Thank you. I see two questions that got added to the chat. One is, what is being done or addressed, or how addressing farmer equity as more ag services and equipment become digitized and dependent on broadband, especially in rural areas where digital access is limited?

Yeah, I appreciate that question, because if you look, and the slide that is still on the screen, you'll notice in the Accelerate category, we have working lands and water, but underneath that, the subsector is Ag Tech, and Farm Equipment. And so, the question is extremely spot on, because as we look at the transition to the techniques and moving into the use of technology in our farming and Ag Production, that opportunity for training and adoption and understanding becomes extremely important. So, what's happening is that we have, programs that have been funded that are now, working with producers, farmers, producers, bringing them into a classroom setting using our community colleges to help with, training, and understanding and the use of the technology that is available out there, and creating a certification program that now, at the end of the training, these workers now have the certificate to go and utilize and operate the emerging technology that is being introduced here in the Ag Tech space. So, there's a significant alignment between our Ag workers, the integration of technology, and eventual utilization, because that's the trend that is emerging out there, and there is a recognition that this training and this education is needed, and so we're really starting to see some of the community colleges provide, create programs. We know over in the Central San Joaquin Valley, I think there's 8 or 9 of the community colleges there that have created their training. And most recently, there was another, coalition that came together with Imperial College, and Shasta College and another Central San Joaquin College, community college, to take that certification program and spread it, north and south of the Central Valley, so that we start to see producers. And workers receive the training that, is needed to operate the technology that is coming forward by the companies, that are creating These new, these new applications.

Thanks, Danna. Eduardo in the chat actually phrased two questions. I feel like you may have addressed the first one, in terms of sharing the contacts, but I'll just read both, and you can clarify. In terms of potential collaboration with the Anchor Infrastructure Broadband Workgroups. Do you have a primary contact for the broadband work groups per region? That's question number one. And then second question, do you have any examples of funding that has been awarded under Jobs First and District Equity in any specific region?

Yeah, I'm gonna start with the second question first. As the state was moving forward with the regional investment initiative, what we called the implementation funding. We had a bucket of funding of about \$140 million we

ended up with for projects. And regions could collaborate together and identify projects. We created target sectors that were eligible to apply for that funding, and it was those sectors, projects that aligned with the sectors in the Accelerate and the Bet categories. So, unfortunately, in the Regional Investment Initiative funding, anchor sectors were not eligible to apply on their own for funding. However, they could be a part of a project cluster that was in the Accelerate and Bet categories. I. We didn't see any come in the first round, so because of where the priority sectors lived, it, Anchors weren't directly eligible, but on the flip-side to that, these 13 regions also received what we called Catalyst Funding. Each of the regions received \$9 million under the Regional Investment Initiative. to create, in essence, grant programs at that regional level. They each established their own protocol and priorities and eligibility, and each awarded the \$9 million to hundreds of projects around the state of California. At the regional level, they could create their, as I indicated, they could create their eligibility. So, we could go back and look at where there might be some of the broadband implementation that was awarded funding under that catalyst. I will provide a link here in a moment to our Zoom Prospector tool, where all of the catalyst projects are posted. And certainly, as I indicated, there were hundreds and hundreds of projects that were, awarded by each region through that \$9 million catalyst funding that they received. So, not direct funding via the broader implementation grant, but under the Catalyst funding, there may have been some projects that were funded. And on. I'm gonna forget Q1. Sorry.

It's okay, I can repeat it. In terms of potential collaboration with the Anchor Infrastructure Broadband Workgroups, do you have a primary contact for the Broadband Workgroups per region?

Yeah, I don't think that, as a region, that they specifically identified a broadband lead in that regard. What we can start with is the regional convener itself, who has the participation list of all of the community members and all of the organizations and entities that participated. And we could collectively, probably define or find who they, who they, the regional convener would identify as that initial, broadband connection.

Thank you for that. One last question. I think folks have been holding to ask you a lot of questions. Many DE practitioners see digital equity as a social determinant of health. Seeing that Healthcare is also an Anchor sector, is there opportunity for collaboration there?

Yeah, I'm gonna kind of go back to the original consideration, in that if a region or regions, identified that there is a need for, and support for some initiatives around healthcare. Let's recognize that many of our rural areas are starting to be dependent upon telehealth opportunities. And certainly telehealth is directly connected to access to broadband, and so there's a direct link, you know, between healthcare and access to broadband. And I think this goes back to those regional collaborators around how they are prioritizing and identifying projects to prioritize to help bridge whatever gaps might be existing out there and literally prioritizing it at that local and or regional level.

Thank you, Danna. And my apologies, Barry. We are a little bit overtime. So, we're hoping to. If you can put your comment in the chat, we will address it, or Danna will address it in the chat. And I see that Deputy Director Scott Adams came off mic, so wanted to give the mic to you, real quick.

Thank you so much, Danna. I really appreciate the partnership from our, you know, sister agencies here within the state, and the great work you're doing, and thanks for providing everyone with good information about how to kind of connect the dots at the regional level, and to where possible to hold in Digital Equity efforts with Jobs First efforts. I wanted to address the back end of a question that Habibullah, entered in the in the chat here about, what's being done addressing farmer equity in those rural areas where digital access is limited. And just point out that while we're not focusing this Digital Equity Stakeholder Briefing space, to address infrastructure that, the state has invested billions of dollars in the Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative to create an open access fiber network that will be in every county in the state, and that the Public Utilities Commission is giving out billions of dollars in Last mile infrastructure grants to, provide last mile connectivity in those underserved communities, many of which are, you know, in the rural areas.

Thank you, Scott. And once again, thank you, Danna, for your presentation and the audience for the many questions and answering all of that as well. Next, I would like to bring up Shawn Daugherty, our Principal from Broadband Equity Partnership.

Thanks, Anh. And it's great to see everybody again. Ricki, I think you can move to the next slide. I have the privilege today of speaking to the Digital Equity

Resource Survey that we launched earlier today, and so the survey is now live. As we spoke about last month on the stakeholder briefing, the intent for this survey is to gather more granular information on the digital inclusion services that are available throughout California. This initial data gathering period will be open until January 12th. That's a Monday. So, encouraging people to go in early and to fill out the survey as soon as they can. And then in Q1 of 2026, we hope to release the updated Resource Finder. The current resource finder will remain on the website, although we do have some technical difficulties right now until the new, but the current version of the Resource Finder will remain an available resource until this updated one does become available. And this QR code here on the slide will take you to the survey page on the Broadband for All portal. And with that, we are going to do a live demo of the portal, show everybody how to kind of move through it. And some of the logic flow between it. So, with that, I think Anh might take over some screen sharing. Great. So, this is the landing page on the Broadband for All portal. It speaks a little bit to the tool and to the design purpose. Again, highlighting that the materials previously collected were in response to the NTIA planning grant, and we want to create a more updated tool that is focusing on organizations that are actively providing digital inclusion services throughout the state. This is just, you know, a snapshot of the services we'd like to collect, whether it's Technical Support or Digital Navigation, whether in-person or virtual. Is there a computer center? All of these are resources that we'd like to capture and be able to highlight for our residents and our organizations that serve the residents. So, you know, again, entities that should complete the survey, or nonprofits, government agencies, experts. If you provide a digital inclusion service, we are encouraging you to respond to the survey to be captured in the new resource. Just a few notes on the instructions. You'll see it's very brief, it shouldn't take you more than about 10 minutes to complete. However, the answers are not saved automatically, so you might want to plan to do it all-in-one sitting. And with that, Anh, I think we can click on complete the survey here, and this brings you to the survey page. First and foremost is kind of our Notice of Privacy collection, and, encouraging you all to read through those thoroughly and to understand them. And it does require three authorizations in order to access the survey itself. So, all three of those must be acknowledged, and then you'll notice that the form itself just populates below. First off is really organizational entity information; What is the name of your organization? What is the address, the phone number, the website? Things of that nature. And the second question is regarding a point of contact, who is the point of contact? What is their title, what is their email address, and again,

encouraging you to make sure that you're only utilizing your business email addresses and to limit, and to not include personal email addresses, in this form. Number 3 is, we're seeking to learn more about, how each of the organizations identify themselves. There are 3 classifications, and you must make a mark in each one of those. So, you know, there's Community Anchor Institutions, Government or Public Organizations, or Private Sector and Nonprofit Organizations. So, you're going to want to select which one aligns with your organization, and then at the bottom of the other categories where it says not a Government, or Not a Private Sector, or that. Those, those are the marks you're gonna wanna, click off in the field that doesn't, capture how you would identify your organization. One other note that I do want to make is if anybody is here from an ISP, an Internet Service Provider, we do want to learn more about whether-or-not you offer a low-cost offer, so that's just an additional question that pops up for our Internet Service Providers. So, Anh, I think we can keep moving down a little bit. Question number 4 is identifying what services your organization provides. Please click all that apply, there's no limit here, right? And that's what we love to see, organizations that do everything, and that's wonderful. And then, and so, you know, that's really important to us. What services do you provide to the community? Then we get a little bit further into service location. So, do you provide services statewide? Do you provide services for a specific County or City? And if you click on County, all the counties will populate below, and you can clearly, you know, mark off, you know, whether you're in LA County, or Orange County, or Fresno County, and so you're able to, again, mark as many service areas as necessary. If you click on Citywide, you're going to want to click on the County first, and then the cities within that County populate below. So, you know, Yolo, Ventura, all of those, you know, as you actively click and unclick, those cities will become available for you to identify. And then on question 8, we're looking at whether you provide services virtually or in person, or both. And so, if you click on the virtual one, we're looking for maybe possibly more, another website that might be great for us to have access to, to want to include on the Finder. But if in person, we're really interested in knowing what are those in-service locations, because they may differ than your headquarters. You can include up to 5 physical locations, and if you do have more than 5, we actually have a bulk upload form. So, we're happy to provide that to you if you happen to have, you know, a location in each county, or in a large number of cities. We're happy to work with you to kind of bulk upload, and we give you that sheet so you don't have to kind of go in here and repeat this process. So again, up to 5 physical locations. And then,

it'll ask you the question, do you want to add another location? Do you want to add another location? And the kind of the logic model falls like that. So, then we get into program fees, and really inquiring, are your services free? Is there a charge? Is it over 25? Is it under 25? Just trying to gather a little bit of information there. And then, also learning more about the populations or the individuals that your organization serves. Does your organization serve individuals at or below 150% of the federal poverty level? And if you click yes on that, a lot of the other covered populations that we've tracked within the SDEP will populate below aging, veterans, ethnic or racial minorities. To, again, gather a little bit more data on that. And then, of course, language accessibility is very important to us, so we really want to understand and know what languages your services are offered in. So, here are some of the most popular languages as identified in California, but there's always the other box if you serve people with other languages as well. And then this final section on the form is really about, instead of providing services to individuals or to residents, it's about providing services to other organizations. Do you support other organizations in, you know, train-the-trainer modules, or collection of action, or wanting to, you know, possibly look into partnership opportunities? You know, again, encourage you to select all that apply here, and how you work with other organizations. And then the final question is, does your entity, you know, charge other organizations for those services, and a yes or no on that. And after that, you can hit submit, and you'll get an acknowledgement form on the screen, and we will receive that in the back end of the site. So that is...

Hey Shawn.

Yes!

Sorry about that. There was a couple things that I was hoping you could point out to folks when we go.

Sure.

Service area that we're in direct response to input we received during the last stakeholder meeting. And so.

Oh, yes, I went by it. I'm sorry.

I mean, if you do that there, but if you go and scroll down...

I think it's 5. Yeah. Number 5, yeah. Thanks, Scott. Yeah, we have two other options here around specific public housing developments or specific school sites, acknowledging that there are some services that are offered to, you know, whether it's to students or parents at a, you know, at a school, or to residents of a particular housing authority or building. We want to be able to capture all of that information as well. Thanks, Scott. Forgot about that.

And Anh, thank you very much. I see my friend Abraham here from Hoopa. I'm not sure if we covered there's also a section where you can click on, if you provide services to a specific tribe or multiple tribes.

Yeah. Great. And I want to also highlight that there were some other questions that were posed at the last meeting, and we hope to address them here, although not all of them, is that we hope to refresh the data at least every 6 months, although, you know, hoping to do that more regularly than that. As noted in the disclaimer language, organizations can revise or update their data at any time by reaching out to this email with update data, and we'll be able to go in there, whether it's a new website or your hours of operation change. Really, we want to keep this data as fresh and as accurate as possible, so we encourage this as much as possible. And then once we have the new resource finder live, we actually hope to have new organizations be able to be added throughout the year. So, it won't just be, like, a one period-of-time of collecting new organizations to put up there. We hope to integrate a, you know, an evergreen 'Add Organization' button to the new resource finder. And then, I think lastly on this topic before, we open it up for some questions is, and so you can go to the next slide, Ricki, sorry. If there's anybody here from coalitions, or consortia, or larger umbrella organizations, let. I'm happy to do this demo, for you, so just reach out to that email address, and we're happy to coordinate. So, with that, I think Scott's gonna come back on screen, too, and maybe Anh, and see if there's any questions that have come in through the presentation.

Thanks so much for that, Shawn. Folks are already adding in questions in the Q&A, so I'll just start while folks are raising their hands. The DE Resource Survey announcement email said that only one submission per organization will be accepted, so for large organizations such as counties. Will separate agencies

be allowed to submit individual responses, or will only one submission for all of the organization's agency be required?

I think, Eric, that's a good question. Could any chance you can, come off mute and clarify? I think I get a sense of that, but within the County, like, could you give us a couple examples to determine how we would potentially work.

Yeah, absolutely. Yeah, so. An example would be our county library system. Offers its own set of programs and has different service areas that might be different from what my department offers or other, other, departments within the county might offer. So, if the organization is deemed to be in Los Angeles County, then we would have to consolidate all of the possible programs into one response. So just trying to understand what the, your ideal definition of how far down in an organization you would like to see that confined to.

Yeah, I think, you know, we would really, I think, want to work with you to do whatever comes best. If it makes sense to have an entry for each different, you know, department, like, say, Department of Aging Services, and Department of Veterans, and libraries, or, you know, County Office of Education, that it doesn't all have to be, like, LA County on behalf of all of those. I think it would probably be more helpful to have the individual agencies,

You know, provide information themselves, and you know, particularly where there's in-person services for each of those, and more than five, you know, we would be willing to work with the individual agencies to do a bulk upload so that we could get, like. For instance, if it were the Housing Authority and there were, you know, digital inclusion programs at multiple housing locations, making sure that we get all those housing locations in there.

Thanks, Eric. Would you like to ask your second question as well?

Sure, yeah, thanks, that answers the question. We would prefer to do it at kind of the agency level, so then they would be able to make that representation themselves. And then I guess my second question is, since we are going to kind of have one response from our organization, is it possible just to get an offline copy of what the survey questions are? To make sure that we're prepared to enter it into the survey, kind of, at one time, when we've gotten kind of buy-off from everybody, that we've answered the questions as the organization wants

to, and that we've not missed anybody or any of our programs. We usually circulate those internally. Before we submit something officially.

Yeah, so I think, team, Eric is wanting, like a README version and a PDF copy. Yeah, we can absolutely get that up, and we'll try to get that up right away and send it out with the thank you and follow-up email, to this meeting, and I don't want to get it, we'll post it online if there's an appropriate place to post it. I think, you know, Eric, you know, one thing I would suggest, too, for an organization as big as LA County. If there were, like, say, a county department, you know, service or County Department Director's meeting, and you wanted us to do a demonstration of how to use the tool, we'd happily, you know, do a quick 15–20-minute presentation, as well.

That relates to Andrew's question in the chat. What is the email that Sean shared at the end for coalitions who may want a demo? And, just as Scott mentioned, if you don't have it already, please feel free to email us as at DEEM at state.ca.gov. So, DEEM at state.ca.gov. I am not seeing any.

Yeah, and Andrew, if you wanted us to, the same goes for either the SF Tech Council or the Bay Area Digital Equity Coalition. And just, you know, any group here. I know, LA Unified School District was on last week and was, you know, wanting to be mindful of having all relevant locations there. So, it's an open invitation. We want to work with folks as much as we can.

Thanks, Scott. Thanks, Shawn. I am not seeing any more questions in our chat or Q&A, so I would say, well, maybe I speak too soon. Nope, it's not a question. Thank you so much. We can wrap up this portion. Shawn, anything else to share?

Nope, just thank you.

Awesome. Well, next I would like to bring up our OBDL Broadband Administrative Officer, James.

Yeah, thank you, Anh, and thank you, everybody. As Anh said, my name is James Spencer, and I am the Administrative Manager of the Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy. We appreciate your partnership and engagement and thank you for joining us today. Next slide, please. So, at the

Digital Equity Stakeholder meeting last month, we talked about centralized services and how we can continue to support the ecosystem. A lot of those items fall into these broader buckets here, for Innovative Ideas and Partnerships; like Broadband Adoption, Digital Literacy Skills, Navigation Training and Services, Device and Device ecosystem, Online Educational and Workforce Development Resources, Digital Equity Data, and Collective Funding Action. And so, we've been working with our internal CDT team to determine the best solicitation vehicle for the release. Like, as a request for innovative ideas, or potentially a challenge statement. We're hoping to announce in the next month or two, but again, we're still just determining the best approach, and now opening up for questions.

Thank you so much for that, James. Looking over our Q&A and questions in the chat. I am not seeing any, but give maybe give followers 15 seconds for folks, or if Scott would like to clarify any.

Not so much clarify, just underscore what James is saying, is that we all know that May 9th came as a shock to all of us with the Digital Equity Act and the Competitive Act, you know, or the Competitive Grant programs going away. It was a lot of resources, but I think we've been, you know, very much hardened and strengthened by a lot of the, you know, different suggestions and just the moxie of the ecosystem here, and the willingness to continue to move forward and move ahead. So, you know. While our budget is much smaller than it would have been, James and his team has been as budget-conscious as we can on our budget to try to find a way that we can, you know, fund either low-cost or no-cost programs and pilot them in the interim to act as bridges to, you know, provide tools and shared resources for folks. You know, in the next year or so. So, I think he had a very short presentation and was, very, short on that, but it is our full intention to, be as creative and forward-thinking as we can to, established these, you know, new partnerships around the things that we've heard from, and we're particularly interested in the, in all of them, but the, collective funding action piece that was suggested a couple months ago is something we're really, you know, Looking into and moving forward, and are going to be, eager to share some ideas with folks in the next month or two.

I wasn't sure if you were addressing Peter's question in the chat, but it's exactly that. What is the procedure for working with the state on collective funding?

Thanks for the question, Peter. It's to be determined. James is, really kind of, running the traps and looking at a couple different options. As he mentioned, he's been looking at a unique procurement called a Request for Innovative Ideas. There's also challenge statements, and some other things we're looking at. But as we, you know, kind of sharpen our pens and thought those out. We're hoping to come back with something, if we can, a better idea before the end of the year, if not by the first of the year.

Thanks for the answer. Thanks, Peter. We'll keep you updated. I am not seeing any more questions in the chat or the Q&A box, so we say we can move on to the next portion. Digital Equity Resources, bringing on Aracely Hernandez, our Digital Inclusion Manager, over to you.

Thank you, Anh. Hi, everyone. It's a pleasure to see you all here today for our November Stakeholder Briefing. Again, my name is Aracely Hernandez, Digital Inclusion Manager with the Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy, and I'm here today to talk about our Digital Equity Resources. Next slide, please. So, to start, we'd like to remind everyone of the upcoming January 1st deadline for the California Advance Services Fund accounts by the California Public Utilities Commission. The deadline is the same across all three accounts, for the Broadband Adoption Account that funds digital literacy projects, as well as broadband access in community centers. The Broadband Public Housing Account that funds up to 100% for wiring and broadband networks and the Tribal Technical Assistance Account to improve voice and broadband communications and access. Next slide, please. We also want to continue to remind everyone about the Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program. It's set to launch in January of 2026, which is the first quarter of the new year. The Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program will be reaching up to 4.3 million eligible households. Across the state to obtain either standalone broadband, with the \$20 per month subsidy, or a \$30 monthly subsidy for bundled service for both broadband and voice. There is a \$39 reimbursement for new connections per household, and there are some minimum service standard requirements. Next slide, please. So, the NTIA recently announced a program update related to tribal broadband connectivity. This grant funding opportunity aims to better serve tribal connectivity needs. And connect as many tribal households per possible. The NTIA intends to launch the Notice of Funding Opportunity in the spring of 2026. And it will streamline the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program and the native entity set-aside from the Digital Equity Act. In the right-hand

corner, you'll find the QR code, which will direct folks to the press release, which has a few more details. Slide, please. Great, and here we have the Digital Equity Ecosystem Event Calendar. This was a request. By stakeholders across the ecosystem. So, CDT created a new tool, this event calendar, that will be shared to support our partners in promoting digital equity-related events across the state. Here, I'll be turning it over to Anh to my colleague, to provide more information and to walk us through the process.

Thanks so much, Aracely. And I'll be sharing screen in a little bit again, and, pointing out on the screen, you see that I'll lead you through the survey, which is the left screenshot. The public shared calendar is shown here, to the right, and our staff has added also the link in the chat, so if you'd like to follow along there, as well. So, without further ado, I'll just bring us over to that screen real quick. So, a lot of you have actually requested this in the past, and so we're very excited to launch our California Digital Equity Ecosystem Event Calendar, and it is meant to support partners to promote their DE-related events to other partners across the state of California. So, organization may share this information by completing the form below, and we'll go through that in a little bit, but please do note that events submitted will only be considered for posting if they are Specific to Digital Equity, and here are some examples that we're, categorizing as that broadband adoption, digital navigation, digital skills training, and that it is located in California. So, events outside of this purview will not be included, and, just some processes, the event information will be reviewed and considered within 5 business days of submission. Something to definitely notice and take note is that the published event information does not imply or signify endorsement by the California Department of Technology or the State of California. And, just really quickly, the form includes very basic details. The first section are information that we will publish on the calendar, such as the sponsor or host organization name, the event name, event description, date, time. Whether it's in person or virtual, by selecting that, you will have an option to add in the related fields, so the Zoom, Teams, Webex links. Or the in-person address. Again, we would like to know if the event has a website or URL. People can find more information. or the event contact email if folks have more questions. And the last part, this information will not be posted online, simply for us to reach out if we have any further questions. So, the submitter name, submit our email, and phone number. And with that, once you have submitted the information, folks can view the public shared calendar here. We added two test events for you to see how it could look like. And one here in the past was an event that we

participated in. And then, of course, today's case stakeholder meeting. So, just an example, you can copy to your calendar, click more details to see more about the event. And, of course, you can add this entire calendar, Google Calendar, to your own by clicking Add to Google Calendar. When we have more events to show, you can click on schedule and be able to see the list of events that are taking place, or month view, or week view. So, I'm really excited to launch this today as well and let us know if you have any more questions.

Anh can you show the so we have our the stakeholder meeting. I think you guys mocked up the Bay Area Digital Equity Summit. Can you, kind of show we went to their website. And pulled the information to try to do a mock-up of a, you know, the information that another organization had.

Yeah, so this event was an in-person event. So, we were able to include the date and time, as well as the physical location, and use a blurb. We limit to 500 characters, so this is about that length, or you know, easy, digestible information, and the link to find out more. So, you can definitely go here and click. I know this event has passed Andrew and Carla, but it was such a great website that we want to show you all.

Anh and Aracely, there were two comments that I wanted to make about the resources that Aracely, two different resources that Aracely mentioned. The first is on the CPUC Standalone Broadband Lifeline Pilot. One of the pre-registration questions we had, it's okay to take down the slides, if you want. They asked if we had any information on the providers that were participating in the program. We currently don't. We reach out to the PUC. Right now, they're accepting proposals from, you know, different providers, and so the list isn't ready, but We're hoping to have someone from the PUC Lifeline program at next month's meeting, or at the January meeting. Aracely's working on scheduling that. The other, comment I wanted to make was on the, on the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program, I saw there was a question kind of adjacent to that in the chat, and I just wanted to clarify that everything we've seen about the announcement of the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program is it's not just for infrastructure, but it's for broadband adoption, too. And, that it looks like they're trying to fold in the specific tribal, set-aside dollars that were under the Digital Equity Act there, so I think there's going to be a, we're hoping there's going to be a nice opportunity for many of the tribes here in California. And then I think

there's one other question I saw related to that. Abe, did we answer all of your questions, or was there another part of the question?

I need to have a go unmute as well, but the second part was, was capacity grant off the table as well?

No, so present, you know, the CalDEP program is suspended, and we have not heard of any developments that would counter the current administration's termination of the Digital Equity Capacity Grant.

Yeah, the only reason I had brought that up is we have not officially heard. No. I know that there's been other tribes that did apply for the Capacity Grant. And had gotten letters that said no, you know, denial letters, but to my understanding, we have not officially received anything that said no. So that's why I asked what I had to ask, because with the tribal set-aside that was mentioned about the NOFO coming up in spring. This is something definitely we want to keep our eyes and ears open for.

Got it, and thanks for the clarification. Our team has shared with me that the actual Tribal Capacity Grant is currently under review, so that may be why you haven't heard anything any other way, and if we hear something, we'll share that information as soon as we find it out.

Fingers crossed, thank you.

You bet. My pleasure.

And, I'm seeing questions in the chat, so I'll read off in the order that it was sent. From Beth, will the existing Affordable Service Programs portal connect those who visit with the Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program, or will there be a separate process to take part in the pilot?

Great question, Beth. Aracely and the team are working right now to see exactly how we could do that. Ideally, what we would do with the Affordable Service Program Offer Finder is do what we did with the Affordable Connectivity Program and have that show up at the top of the list. So, there's some internal meetings we have to have with the PUC, and some other meetings we have to

have with our vendor that does the API for that. But, barring any technical constraints, that is our intention.

Thank you for that. And Audren, I see your question. I may have missed, but who is the intended audience for the calendar, and how is it shared with the intended audience?

So, Audren, the, really, over the last year and a half or so, the Digital Equity, sort of ecosystem stakeholders here in California at these meetings have said that they're, have suggested to our staff that it would be helpful if there was, sort of a unified, statewide calendar, where different organizations could share their Digital Equity or Digital Inclusion events. And so, our audience we're assuming that the audience is, all of us, all of you, where folks can share information. you know, a prime example is I was at a Digital Inclusion forum, and, or summit in San Francisco, and there were folks from other parts of the state there that, people would want to know, what was going on in case they could get together and, attend each other's events and share, you know, best practices and learnings from one another.

Thanks for that, Scott.

And then, Anh, can you remind people where it can be found, and so how it's accessible?

Sure. It's currently on our portal. How to get there. Right now, the first place you can get is actually the QR code that we shared, but when you are on our homepage. Let me reshare the screen really quickly. Okay, you're brand new to the broadband ecosystem, and you're on our homepage. There's two ways to get there. It's under our What's New section at the moment. And you can also get there through About. Events. If it loads. And this link right here, California Digital Equity Ecosystem Event Calendar. Lead you to the form, but on this page, you can click on this. The first hyperlink on the page to open the calendar itself.

So, I hope that helps. And when you're here, if you click Add to Google Calendar, it'll save on your Google Calendar without you having to navigate through all that to get here. And, the second question, I'll keep on going, I hope that helps answer your question, Audren. But Eduardo, in terms of uploading the calendar, a PDF flyer. I would want I think the link is more accessible, just because folks can navigate to your site, whereas I don't think a PDF flyer would

show up well on the card. I truthfully, I haven't tested out uploading a PDF on the card, but I know in the past, accessibility has been a concern when adding, any visual to the card, so I think, you know, with the link, it will have more information and direct books directly to your site, so I would say, lean towards that strategy. Great. I am seeing no more new questions, in the chat or in the Q&A. Aracely, do you have anything to add?

I think we covered it all. Thank you so much, Anh. Thanks, everyone.

Thank you so much. Oh! I think Beth has another question and about the portal survey. Beth, give me just a second to read it. I think? We can answer that if you're okay with staying. We have some time, and we can answer any questions at the very end. So, let me move us towards the end of the agenda really quick, and we can take that questions at the very end, if that's okay with you? So yeah. Next step and close. Next slide, please. Just as a quick reminder, the Digital Equity Resource Survey will be open through January, I don't want to misphrase this, the Monday, January. I'm sorry, Shawn. I know you mentioned January 12, 2026, and folks can access that through the QR code, and we look forward to meeting everyone again at the upcoming DE stakeholder Meeting in December via Zoom. So, keep an eye out for the follow-up emails and registration link. And with that, I just wanted to thank everyone for being here, circling back to some of the questions that were asked. You know, we have not forgotten it. So, I think we can take the slide down, Ricki, and address Beth's question first. Some of our Digital Literacy education services at LA County Office of Education are offered for free to individuals and other organizations, and others have a fee. Some are with special districts, and some are throughout the county. Any advice on indications in the survey for accurate inclusion?

Alright, Beth, thank you for the question. We know that Los Angeles County and other parts of the state are so big that they might require unique solutions. I think my suggestion would be that, reach out to the team, and let's have a quick meeting and figure out, you know, how we can, you know, adjust the process. It sounds like a bulk upload might, you know, be required, you know, for LA County, and then for the individual school districts within LA County, we might have to do an individual bulk upload with them.

We'll definitely connect. If there are no more questions, I just want to make sure, because sometimes folks' hand raise at the very last minute. That's it. Thank you

for being part of our November Stakeholder DE stakeholder meetings, and just a few notes for folks, always sign up for our monthly email updates, where we communicate upcoming events and announce resources like we've done today. Our homepage is the broadbandforall.cdt.ca.gov. Our contact information for general questions is Broadband for All at state.ca.gov. And with that, we will see you in December. Thank you so much, have a great holidays!