Digital Equity Stakeholder Meeting

December 17, 2025

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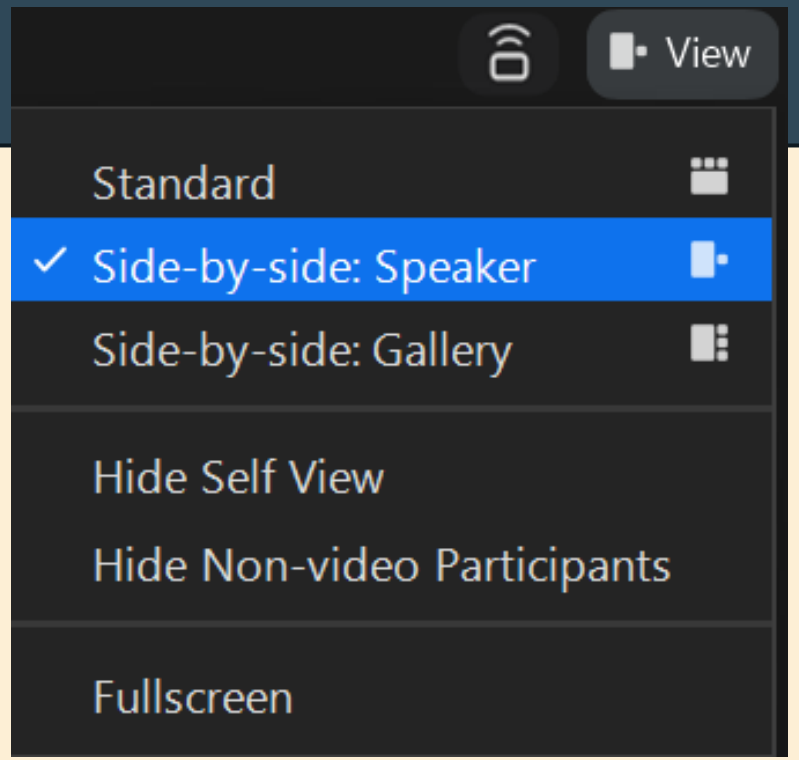

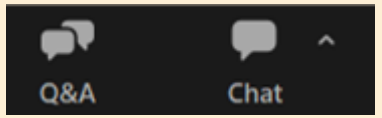

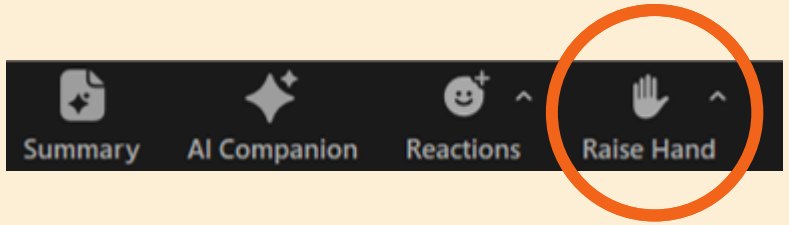

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Meeting recording, minutes, transcript, and presentation slides will be available on Broadband for All Portal.

Agenda

- Welcome
- CA LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Program
- Digital Equity Resource Survey
- BB4All SDEP Goals / Innovative Ideas & Partnerships
- Digital Equity Resources
- Partner Engagement

WELCOME

Scott Adams

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Happy
Holidays!

Broadband for All Action Plan

GOAL 1:

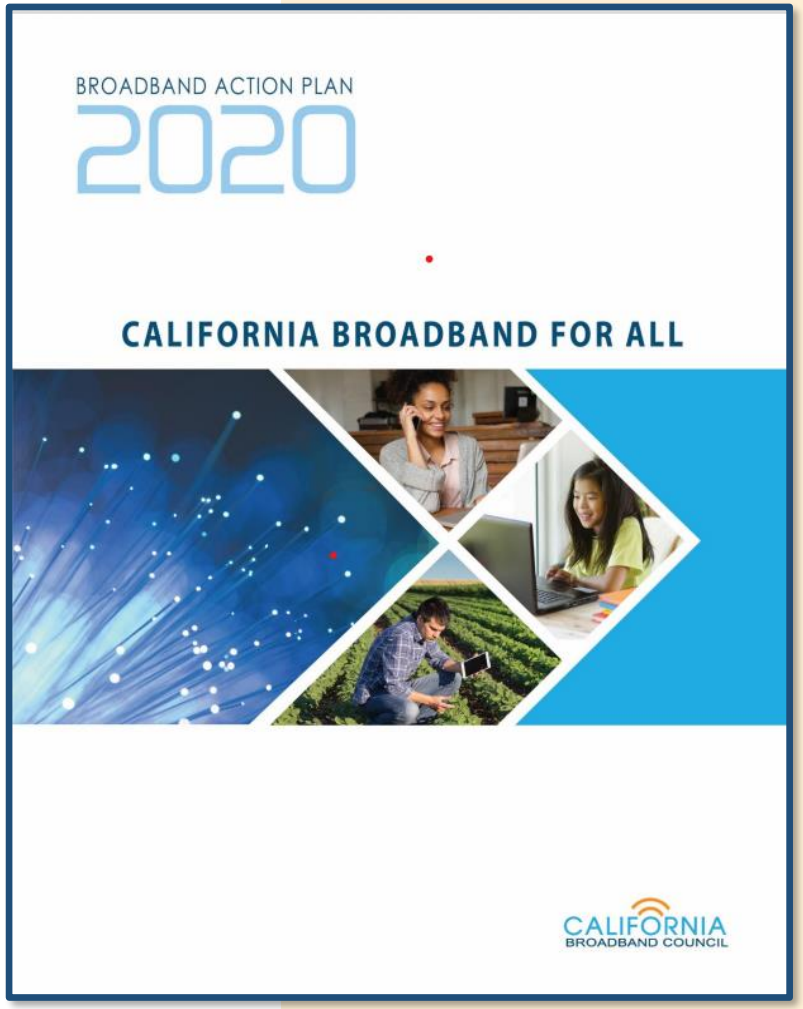
All Californians have high-performance broadband available at home, schools, libraries, and businesses.

GOAL 2:

All Californians have access to affordable broadband and necessary devices.

GOAL 3:

All Californians can access training and support to enable digital inclusion.



Meeting Norms

- Only questions/comments on agenda items will be addressed.
- Chat will be monitored.
- Disruptive behaviors will not be tolerated.
- Individuals will be removed from the meeting.

CA LIFELINE HOME BROADBAND PILOT PROGRAM

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PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY ANALYST

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

CA Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program

Three-year, voluntary, technology-neutral pilot program provides a subsidy for standalone broadband service or bundled broadband/voice service and allows eligible consumers to apply their California LifeLine subsidy to any internet plan that meets the minimum service standards.

Minimum Service Standards

- 100/20 Mbps with 1280 GB usage allowance

Two exceptions to meeting the minimum service standards.

- Areas where 100/20 Mbps is not feasible.
- Income-qualified, low-cost plans

Specific Support Amount

- $20 for standalone broadband service.
- $30 for broadband service bundled with a wireline or wireless voice service through the same provider.

CA Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program

Eligibility for the California LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot requires applicants to meet either program-based or income-based eligibility requirements.

Program-Based

- At least one household member is enrolled in a qualified public assistance program.
  - Medi-Cal
  - CalFresh
  - Women, Infant & Children (WIC)
  - Other qualified programs

Income-Based

- A household's annual gross income must be at or below the income levels outlined in the table.
  - Set at 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Household Size	Annual Income Limits
1	$24,200
2	$32,600
3	$41,100
4	$49,600

CA Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program

Program Goal Increase provider participation rate and grow the overall California LifeLine participation.

Key Milestones

January 26, 2026 – Pilot launch date

- California LifeLine service providers
- Service providers with Commission-issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) or Wireless ID Registration(WIR)

Quarter 1 of 2026 – Issue guidance for non-CPCN/WIR

- Pathway to register and participate in the Pilot program.

Participating Service Providers

3 – Advice letters received

- 1 - Approved
- 2 – Pending Review

Questions

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DIGITAL EQUITY RESOURCE SURVEY

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PRINCIPAL

Broadband Equity Partnership

Digital Equity Resource Survey

- Launched 11/19/25
- More granular info on digital inclusion services
- Readme file posted on portal
- Survey closes on **1/12/26**
- Digital Equity Resource Finder updated Q1 2026

Digital Equity Resource Survey

Service Focus
Residents: **84;** Organization to Organization: **71**

Overview	
Responses	**84**
Presentations/Demos	**1**
Bulk Upload Requests	**12**
Bulk Uploads Received	**8**
Total Locations	**248**

By Org Type (Responses/Locations)		
Libraries	**27**	**179**
CBO	**33**	**41**
School	**2**	**2**
Other	**22**	**26**

Responses as of 12/16/25

Digital Equity Resource Survey

Responses By County	
Los Angeles	13
Riverside	9
San Diego	6
Santa Barbara	6
Ventura	6
San Luis Obispo	5
Fresno	4
Madera	4
Kern	4
Tulare	4

Locations By County	
Riverside	42
San Diego	38
Los Angeles	23
Tulare	20
San Mateo	19
Ventura	18
Sonoma	15
Santa Barbara	6
San Luis Obispo	5
Fresno	4

Responses as of 12/16/25

Bulk Upload Requests

- Bulk upload form recommended for organizations with more than 5 locations
- Email deem@state.ca.gov to have the form sent to you
- Readme file is provided to support in the completion of the form

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
1	Name of Organization	Organization Address	Organization City	Organization State (Drop-down options)	Organization Zip/Postal Code	Business Phone Number	Hours of Operation	Webpage	Name of Point of Contact	Position/Title	Business Email Address	Type of Organization (Response options in Question 3 of the Read-Me.)	What digital inclusion service(s) does your entity/organization provide to individuals? (Response options in Question 4 of the Read-Me.)	What is your entity/organization's service area? (Drop-down options)	Please indicate all the counties in which you provide services.(Response options in Question 6 of the Read-Me).	Please indicate all the cities in which you provide services.	In-Person or Virtual Services (Drop-down options)	Does your entity/organization charge for its services? (Drop-down options)	Does your entity/organization serve individuals at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level? (Drop-down options)	If yes, does your entity/organization serve any additional populations? (Response options in Question 10a Read-Me).
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Request a Demonstration Presentation

Coalitions, consortia, or umbrella organizations may request a presentation / demonstration by emailing us at deem@state.ca.gov

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BB4ALL SDEP GOALS / INNOVATIVE IDEAS & PARTNERSHIPS

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Request for Innovative Ideas (RFI²)

Promote/Track Low-Cost Offers/Subsidies

Digital Literacy Skills & Training Platform

Digital Navigation Training & Services

Devices & Statewide Device Ecosystem

Online Educational & Workforce Development Resources

Annual DE Survey

Collective Funding Action

RFI² Information

- Launch January 2026
- Partner/Bidder webinar
- General time frame
- Interested parties should email digitalequity@state.ca.gov

Questions

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DIGITAL EQUITY RESOURCES

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DIGITAL INCLUSION MANAGER

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California Department of Technology

Reminder: CPUC Programs Upcoming Deadline

	Grant Size & Match	Focus & Activity	Entities	Deadline
CASF Broadband Adoption Account	• <$100k - $4m+ • 15% match	• Digital literacy projects • Broadband access in community spaces	• Local gov, senior centers, schools, libraries, nonprofits, CBOs	• **January 1, 2026**
CASF Broadband Public Housing Account	• Up to 100% for wiring & broadband network equipment	• Projects to build or connect networks that offer free broadband service	• Public housing, farmworker housing, mobile home parks, multi-dwelling units, tribal housing	• **January 1, 2026**
CASF Tribal Technical Assistance	• Grants shall not exceed $250,000 per Tribe, per fiscal year.	• Improve voice and broadband communications to support Tribal broadband needs and access.	• CA Tribes with or without federal recognition that demonstrate Tribal leadership support and Tribal Consortia are eligible	• **January 1, 2026**

Note: Applicants for the above programs can be statewide or local.

CPUC CASF Broadband Consortia Program

Provides grants to eligible consortia to facilitate and assist grant applications to:

- CASF Infrastructure Account
- Federal Funding Account
- Other programs approved under Senate Bill 156

Recent CPUC decision made modifications, including:

- Structural changes
- Additional accountability and oversight
- Authorizing 3 new Tribal Consortia that serve Tribes in northern, central, and southern CA
- Expands reimbursable work to include the federal BEAD Program and future broadband deployment programs

Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Cycle:

- Application period opens **December 19, 2025**
- Application period closes **February 20, 2026**
- Preliminary awards will be announced in **May 2026**

Note: Application cycle for Tribal Consortia will open after Tribes have had an opportunity to provide meaningful feedback to the Commission at each of the 3 regions.

QUESTIONS: CASF_Consortia_Grant_Administrator@cpuc.ca.gov

CPUC Webinar on Mobile Broadband Services

Overview of the CTF and E-Rate programs, the FCC's recent decision limiting E-Rate support for off-premises locations, and CTF’s stance on Mobile Broadband Services.

DATE & TIME: **January 13, 2026, at 10 AM**

Virtual WebEx Registration

Reminder: NTIA Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Update

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) will be launched in **Spring 2026**
- **$500M in** estimated funding
- Infrastructure and adoption are allowable uses
- Grants/awards must follow the new federal rules
- A formal Tribal Consultation will be announced prior to the NOFO

Questions

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PARTNER ENGAGEMENT

Anh Nguyen

ENGAGEMENT & OPERATIONS MANAGER

Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy
California Department of Technology

Communities of Practice

Rebranding the stakeholder briefings to be the Digital Equity Community of Practice to foster **alignment**, **coordination**, and **collaboration** within the statewide digital equity ecosystem.

Details:

- Monthly meetings
- Information sharing & best practices
- Guest speakers
- Subject matter & community expert panels
- Agendas driven by relevance and partner input

Reminder: Digital Equity Resource Survey

- Due Date: January 12, 2026
- Contact deem@state.ca.gov for
  Bulk upload & Presentation demo request

Upcoming Events

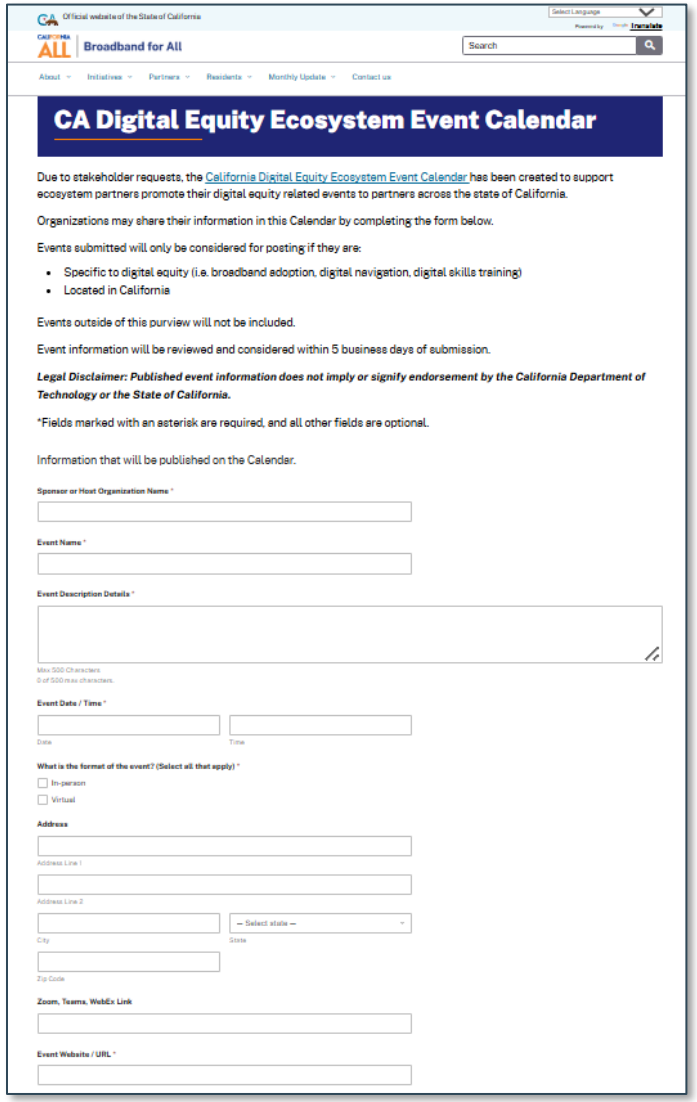
CPUC Informational Webinar on Mobile Broadband Services – CTF & E-rate
January 13, 2026 @ 10:00 am – 11 am

Middle-Mile Advisory Committee Meeting (Hybrid)
January 16, 2026 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

California Broadband Council Meeting (Hybrid)
January 23, 2026 @ 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Digital Equity Community of Practice (Virtual)
January 30, 2026 @ 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Digital Equity Ecosystem Event Calendar



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CA Digital Equity Ecosystem Event Calendar

Due to stakeholder requests, the California Digital Equity Ecosystem Event Calendar has been created to support ecosystem partners promote their digital equity related events to partners across the state of California.

Organizations may share their information in this Calendar by completing the form below.

Events submitted will only be considered for posting if they are:

- Specific to digital equity (i.e. broadband adoption, digital navigation, digital skills training)
- Located in California

Events outside of this purview will not be included.

Event information will be reviewed and considered within 5 business days of submission.

Legal Disclaimer: Published event information does not imply or signify endorsement by the California Department of Technology or the State of California.

*Fields marked with an asterisk are required, and all other fields are optional.

Information that will be published on the Calendar.

Sponsor or Host Organization Name *

Event Name *

Event Description Details *

Max 500 Characters
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Event Date / Time *

Date Time

What is the format of the event? (Select all that apply) *

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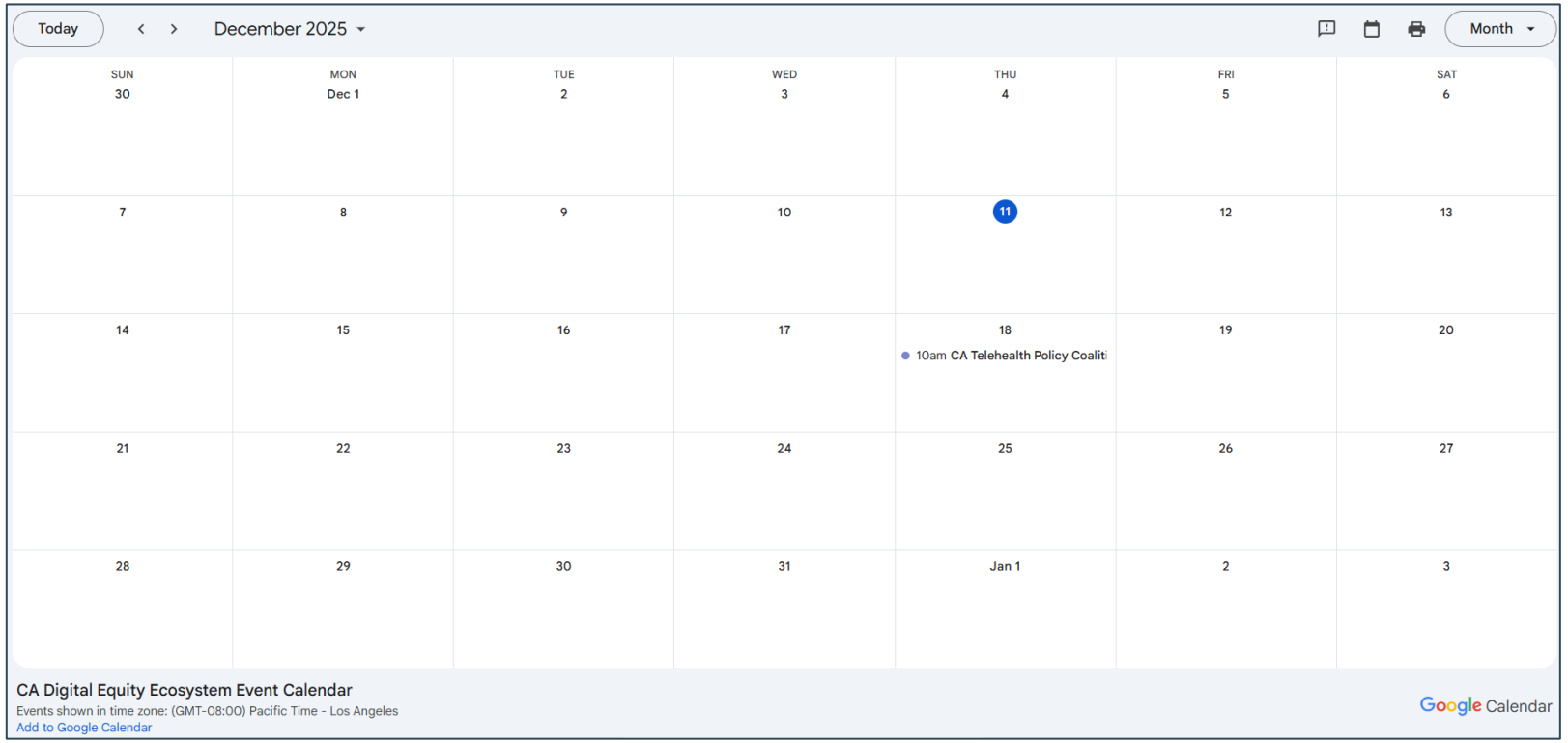
Zip Code

Zoom, Teams, WebEx Link

Event Website / URL *



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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Jan 1	2	3

CA Digital Equity Ecosystem Event Calendar
Events shown in time zone: (GMT-08:00) Pacific Time - Los Angeles
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