

Digital Equity Community of Practice Meeting

March 26, 2026



Broadband for All

Housekeeping

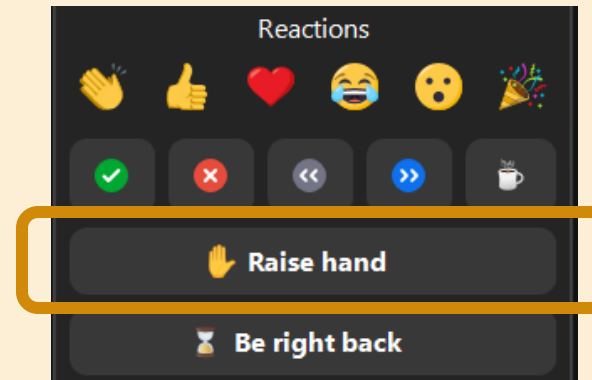
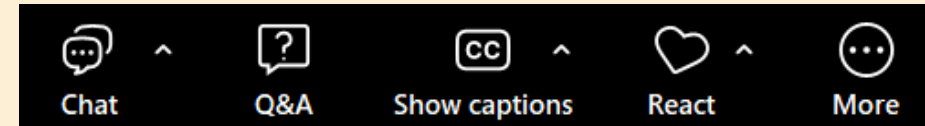
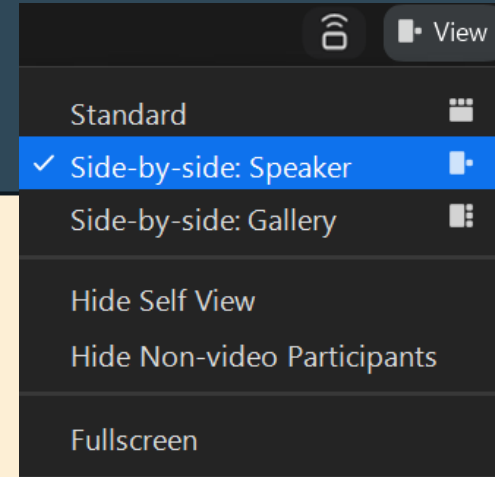
Select Side-by-Side: Speaker Mode for the best viewing experience when slides are shared and visibility of the ASL interpreters

Closed Captions English closed captions are available. Choose “CC Show Caption” on your toolbar

Q&A Box Discussion after each agenda item. Please add your questions in the Q&A Box

Reactions Raise Hand feature or *9 if you calling into Zoom by phone

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





WELCOME

Scott Adams

DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy
California Department of Technology

Broadband for All Action Plan

GOAL 1:

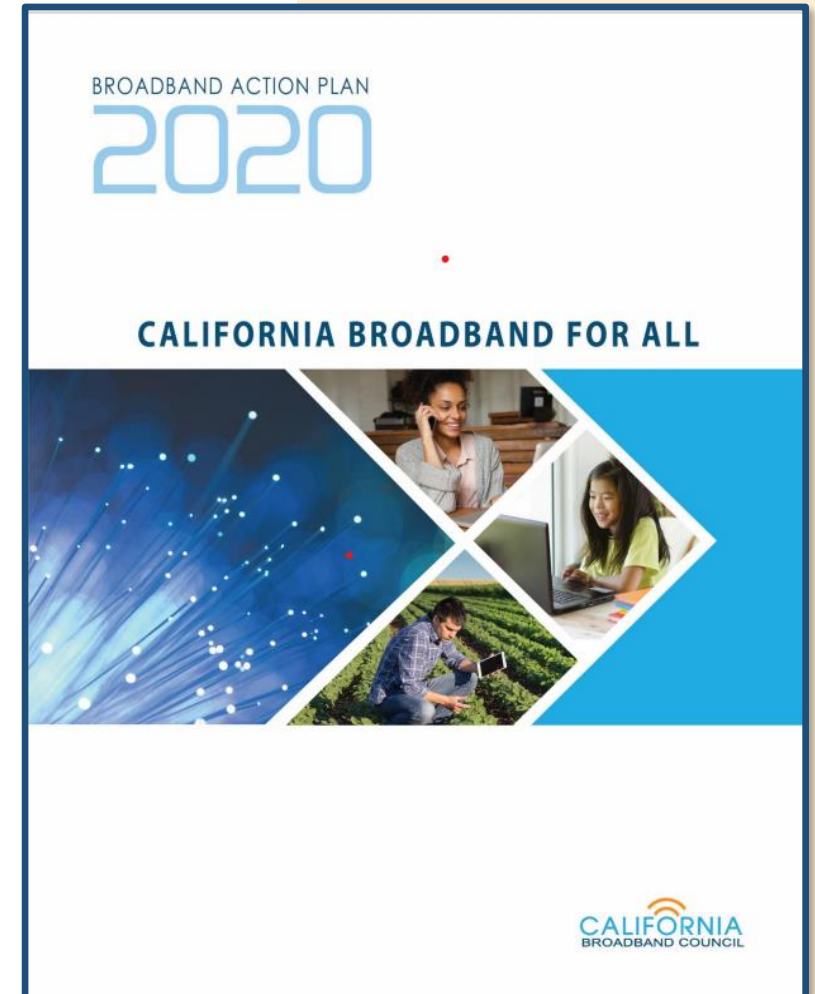
All Californians have high-performance broadband available at home, schools, libraries, and businesses.

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.



Agenda

Update: CA LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Program

California Digital Identity Program

Delete Request & Opt-Out Platform (DROP)

Digital Equity Resource Finder

CDT/OBDL Updates

- **BB4All SDEP Request for Innovative Ideas**
- **Upcoming Grant Opportunities**

Looking Ahead



UPDATE: CA LIFELINE HOME BROADBAND PILOT PROGRAM

Loi Nguyen

REGULATORY ANALYST

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

CA Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program

Participating Service Providers: Advice Letters received: 16

• **Approved: 15**

- Bright House Network
- Calaveras Telephone Co.
- Cal Ore Telephone Co.
- Charter Fiberlink
- Comcast Phone of California
- Ducor Telephone Company
- Foresthill Telephone Co.
- Kerman Telephone Co.
- Pinnacles Telephone Co.
- Ponderosa Telephone Co.
- Ranch WiFi
- Sierra Telephone Co.
- Siskiyou Telephone Co
- Time Warner Cable
- Volcano Telephone Co.

• **Pending Review: 1**

- Cal.Net, Inc.

• **Completed Onboarding and Systems Testing**

- Bright House Network
- Charter Fiberlink
- Comcast Phone of California
- Time Warner Cable

CA Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program

Provider Search – March 17, 2026

[Provider Search - California LifeLine](#)



[Apply or Renew Online](#) [Program Guidelines](#) [Provider Search](#) [Check Your Status](#) [Foster Youth Program](#) [Help](#)

Provider Search

Home Phone Cell Phone **Broadband**

[Start Over](#)

Broadband Results for: 95811

Name	Download / Upload	Price	Compare
COMCAST PHONE OF CA, LLC Internet Essentials Broadband	75 Mbps 10 Mbps	\$0.00/per month	Compare
COMCAST PHONE OF CA, LLC Internet Essentials Plus Broadband	100 Mbps 20 Mbps	\$9.95/per month	Compare
COMCAST PHONE OF CA, LLC Internet Essentials Xfinity Voice (VoIP) \$40	75 Mbps 10 Mbps	\$30.00/per month	Compare
COMCAST PHONE OF CA, LLC Internet Essentials Xfinity Mobile Untld \$40	75 Mbps 10 Mbps	\$30.00/per month	Compare

CA Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program

Questions from pre-registration:

- “If residents are receiving assistance for their landline, are they still eligible for Lifeline home broadband?”
- “Many folks on this call will be (1) raising awareness of the benefit and (2) supporting residents with enrollment. It would help us to know which providers offer, which plans, and where, and what the process for enrollment will look like.”
- “Part of the Verizon/Frontier merger settlement required Verizon to participate in this program. Can you share anything about it?”

Questions



Broadband for All



CALIFORNIA DIGITAL IDENTITY PROGRAM

Anirban Sen

**SENIOR PRODUCT LEAD,
PLANNING & PRODUCT MANAGEMENT**

California Department of Technology (CDT)

A laptop is shown from a slightly elevated angle, displaying a digital identity interface. The interface has a dark blue header with a globe icon and the text "Digital Identity". On the right side of the header is a small square profile picture of a woman with short blonde hair. Below the header, there are two green checkmarks, each followed by a line of text. The first line is "I am who I say I am." and the second line is "I have the attributes that makes me eligible for this benefit." The laptop is on a wooden surface, and the background is a blurred bokeh of lights.

Digital Identity

✓ I am who I say I am.

✓ I have the attributes that makes me eligible for this benefit.

Program Purpose:

To provide every eligible person with

easy,

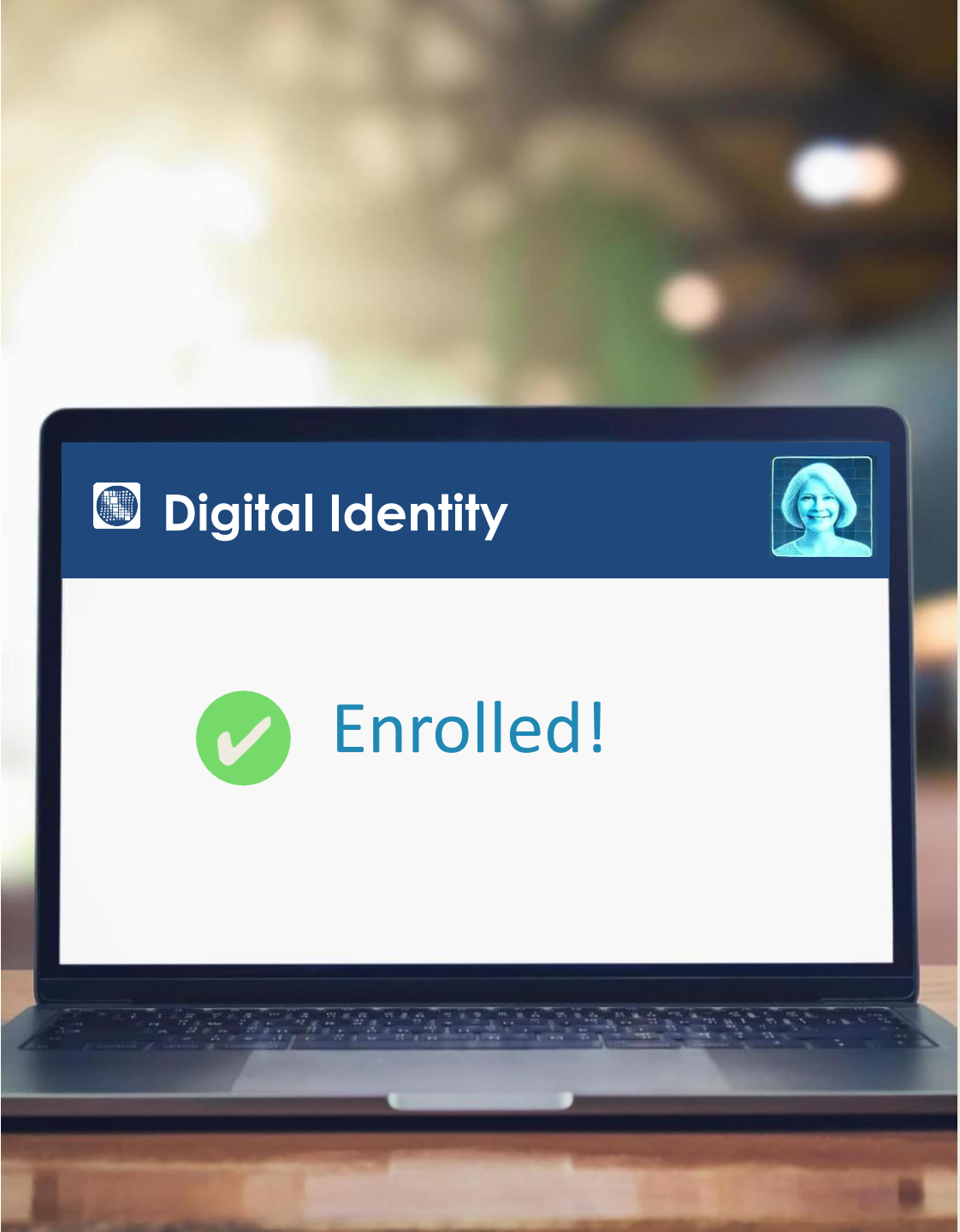
secure,

privacy-preserving

access to all

California government services

digitally.



Value Propositions:

- 1 Federated Integration & Single Sign-on Ready
- 2 Unlock unclaimed benefits and services
- 3 Cost-savings for the state and residents
- 4 Privacy, Secure, and Anti-Fraud
- 5 Inclusive & Equitable Access for all
- 6 Californians' choice, always

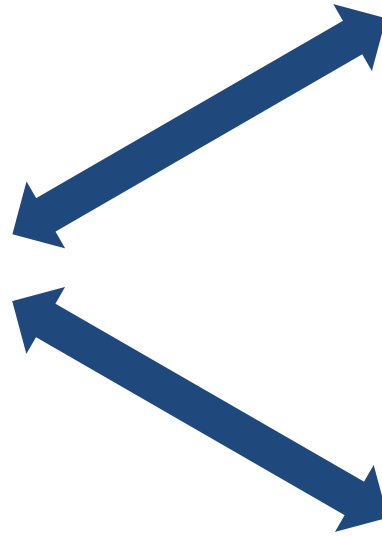
California Identity Gateway

A CDT-developed tool that helps state agencies streamline the applicant eligibility verification process.

- securely connects program departments with identity providers to authenticate applicants,
- and to data providers for applicant eligibility data.

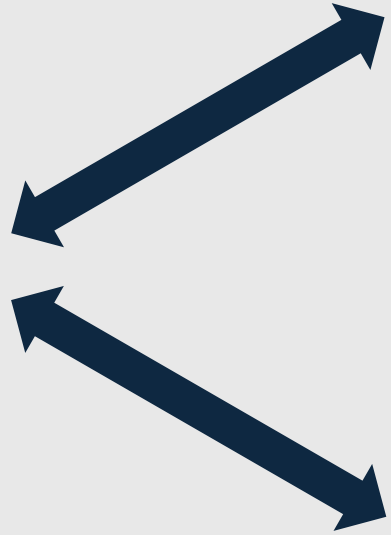
Principles

- World-class security
- Privacy-by-Design
- Access and Equity
- Openness and Transparency



**Eligibility
Service**

**Identity
Provider**



**Eligibility
Attribute
Verification**

Supported examples:

- **Veteran status**
- **Low income**
- **Disability**
- **Senior status**

**Identity
Services**

**Login.gov
Socure**

**Q2 2026: On-
Device
Verifiable
Credentials**

California Digital Identity Program

Derived Attributes* (Y/N)	Inputs (PII**) needed to receive attributes:	Data Source
Age category, e.g., 65 or older, 17 or younger, etc.	Birthdate	Calculated from birthdate
Is a veteran , (service-related disability and additional service details in pipeline)	Name, Birthdate, Address	Veterans Affairs
Is a CalFresh recipient	Name, Birthdate, Last 4 SSN	CalFresh
Is a Medicare enrollee, Is permanently disabled	Direct user login through Medicare.gov	Medicare
Is a California resident	Name, DOB, Address, SSN	Login.gov or ID Verification Service

*This is a sampling of available attributes. Based on available PII, new/custom attributes can be derived.






**PII is received from the identity provider (Login.gov or other) after user authentication and consent

California Digital Identity – What We've Built

Which transit benefit would you like to enroll in?

- Medicare Cardholder**
You must be [currently enrolled in Medicare](#)?
- Older Adult**
You must be 65 years or older. You will need to verify your identity with **LOGIN.GOV**?
- CalFresh Cardholder**
You must have [recently received CalFresh funds](#)?. This transit benefit will remain active for one year. You will need to verify your identity with **LOGIN.GOV**?
- U.S. Veteran**
This option is for people who have served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who were discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable. You will need to verify your identity with **LOGIN.GOV**?

Service integrations to:

-  **LOGIN.GOV** for identity proofing
-  **CalFresh** for income eligibility verification
- **VA**  U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration for veterans' status verification
-  **Medicare** for cardholder status and limited disability verification
-  **Socure** alternative for identity verification

Cal-ITP connects your transit benefit to your contactless card

Get your reduced fare when you tap to ride on public transit

Enroll today

Choose your transit provider

Next



Ride across 7 agencies (and growing!)



Health and safety

Pets

Financial assistance

Replace documents

Birth certificates

Marriage certificates

Death certificates

Rebuild your house

Apply online

To apply online, you'll need to verify your identity with either a Login.gov account or by signing a sworn statement in front of a notary.

Use Login.gov

[Login.gov](#) is a secure, federally backed service for identity verification that provides access to many U.S. government websites with one login.

- Sign in or create and account with [Login.gov](#)
- Once verified, you can complete and submit your application online in minutes.
- You do not need to use a notary

Get started with  LOGIN.GOV

50% OFF all Bay Area Transit

Join Clipper START to save on BART, bus, ferry and more

[APPLY NOW](#)



Clipper START is an income-based program that provides single-ride discounts. Participants save 50% on all Bay Area public transit.





Delete Request and Opt-out Platform (DROP)

DROP. Delete. Done.



DROP

DROP overview

[How DROP works](#)

[Personal information and data brokers](#)

[Unique identifiers](#)

[About DROP and the Delete Act](#)

[Help with DROP](#)

DROP gives you more control over your data. You can tell data brokers to delete and not sell your personal information.

[Get started](#)



Questions



Broadband for All



Introducing DROP

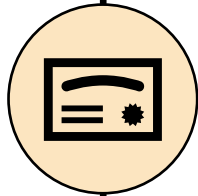
The Delete Request and Opt-out Platform

Marissa Roseblat
Assistant Deputy Director, Delete Act
CalPrivacy

What is personal information?



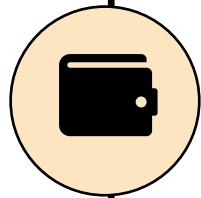
Name



SSN, driver's license or state ID



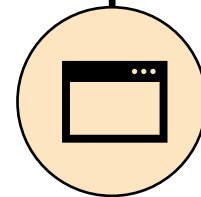
Email address



Financial account credentials



Purchase history



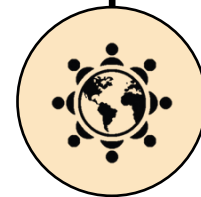
Browsing history



Genetic data or biometrics



Location data



Racial or ethnic origin, citizen or immigration status

Why do businesses collect your personal information?



To serve you targeted ads and other personalized services



To track your purchasing and spending habits



To sell it to other companies

What is a data broker?

A **data broker** is a business that knowingly collects and sells to third parties the personal information of a consumer with whom the business does not have a direct relationship.

Data brokerage is a multi-billion dollar industry.

Data brokers range from small businesses to large corporations.



Concerns regarding data brokers



Massive quantities of **sensitive, personal information** held with hundreds of brokers, increasing risk of data breaches



Most **consumers do not know** this collection and sale is happening



This data gets **sold** to many other entities, including entities that could use your data in ways you may not want it to be used

The California Delete Act (SB 362)

Signed into law in October 2023

Expands consumer deletion rights to include personal information held by data brokers

Requires CalPrivacy to build an “accessible deletion mechanism”, now known as the **Delete Request and Opt-out Platform (DROP)**

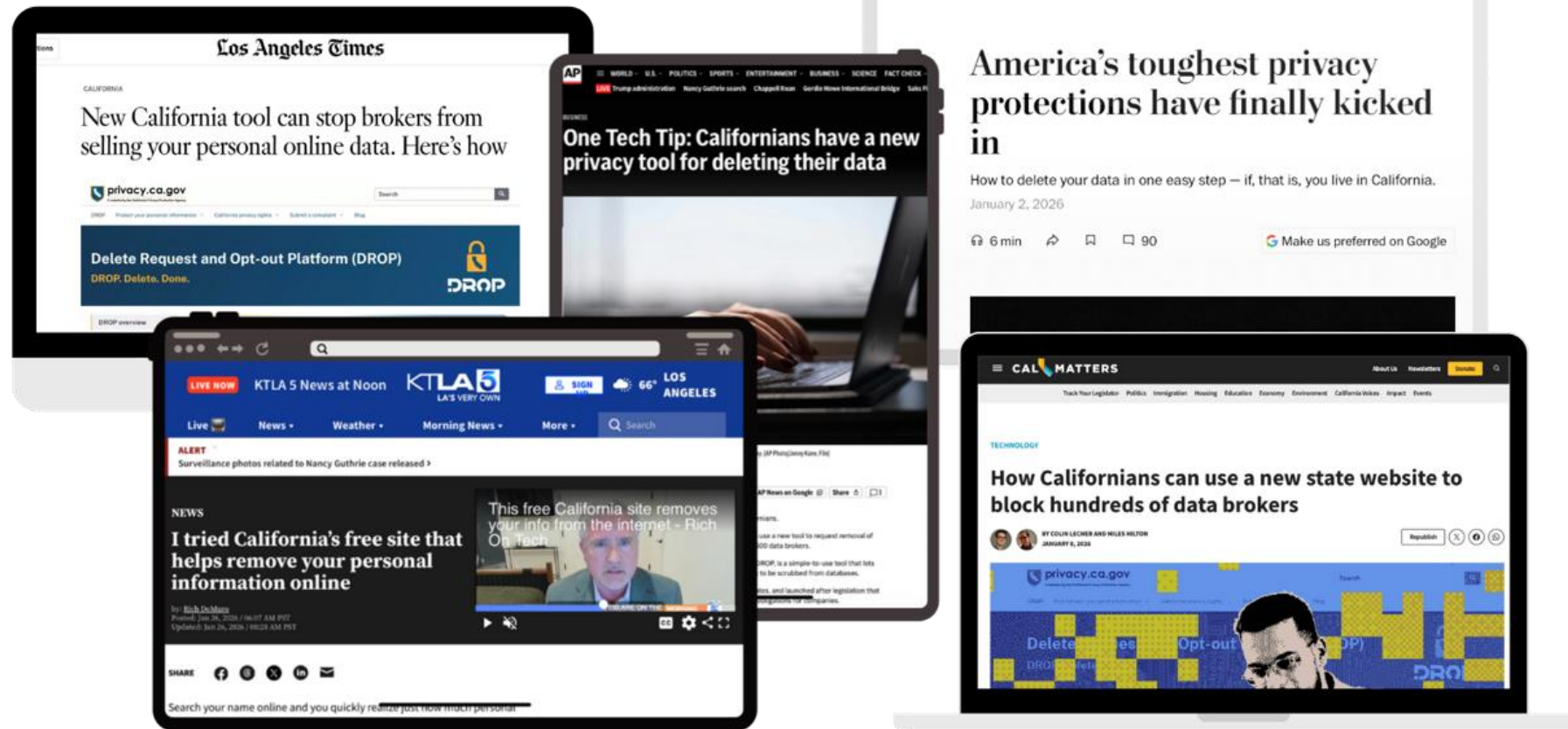


Platform Overview



18,000+

Deletion Requests submitted within 48 hours of launch



How it works



STEP 1

Verify your eligibility

Confirm that you are a California resident using the California Identity Gateway.



STEP 2

Create your profile

Give basic information about yourself. You choose how much to provide.



STEP 3

Submit your request

DROP lets you send a single request to over 500 registered data brokers.

Step 1: Verify your residency



To be eligible to submit a deletion request, you must be a California resident.

To verify you are a California resident, you can use your personal information or sign in to an existing account with Login.gov.

The screenshot shows the DROP website interface. On the left is a dark blue sidebar with the DROP logo (a padlock icon followed by the text 'DROP') and two menu items: 'DROP status' and 'Exit DROP'. The main content area has a dark blue header with the text 'Verify you're a California resident'. Below the header is a progress bar with three steps: 'Check eligibility' (the first step, which is active and highlighted with a blue dot), 'Fill out request', and 'Submit request'. The main text area contains the following information: 'You can use DROP if you're a [California resident](#)', 'Verify you're a California resident using personal information ? or through using Login.gov ?', and 'Once verified, you'll be directed back to DROP.' Below this is a white warning box with a red exclamation mark icon and the text: 'Each time you use DROP, you must use the same method to verify you're a California resident. Example: If you used Login.gov, then you must always use Login.gov.' At the bottom of the main content area are two blue buttons: 'Use personal information' and 'Use Login.gov', and a blue link labeled 'Exit DROP'.

Step 2: Create your profile



You will create a request by entering some of your data.

Data brokers will compare this information with their records.

Protect your privacy

Check eligibility Create Request Submit request

***Required fields**
Fill out your DROP profile below. The more information you provide, the more likely your personal data will be deleted.

[What will be deleted?](#)

> Submitting a request for someone else?

Basic Information

In addition to the required fields, you must add at least one of the following in order to submit your request: email, phone number, or a unique identifier.

Name

First name* Last name*

Names must include both a first name and last name.

+ Add another name for the same person
Example: legal names, maiden name, other variations, etc.

Date of Birth*

Month DD YYYY

Zip/postal code

Only the initial five characters of the ZIP/postal code are used.

+ Add another Zip Code

Email address

We'll send you an email to make sure it's correct.

+ Add another email address

Phone number

+1 ###-###-#### Verify

Text me Call me
We'll call or text to make sure the number is correct.

+ Add another phone number

Unique identifiers

A unique identifier (ID) is assigned to a specific device or item like a smartphone, smart TV, or car. Data brokers may use these IDs to track your habits and sell or share your data.

Mobile Advertising ID (MAID) ?

XXXXXXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXXXXXXXXXX

+ Add another MAID

Connected TV ID ?

+ Add another TV ID

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) ?

+ Add another VIN

Check this if you're submitting this information for someone else.

[Confirm Request](#) [Exit DROP](#)

All current and future data brokers who register with CalPrivacy are included in your deletion request. If you would like specific data brokers to keep your data, you can remove them in the [data broker list](#).

Step 3: Submit your request



Review the data you entered and submit your request. Be sure to save your DROP ID.

The screenshot shows the DROP website interface. On the left is a dark blue sidebar with the DROP logo (a padlock icon) and the text 'DROP'. Below the logo are four menu items: 'DROP status', 'My Data Profile', 'Data Broker List', and 'Exit DROP'. The main content area has a dark blue header with the text 'Deletion request submitted'. Below this, the main message reads: 'You successfully submitted a request to delete your data.' This is followed by the text: 'Your DROP ID is WPTS-VN2P' and 'You can use this ID to check your DROP status. Be sure to keep this number.' There is a 'Print' button below this text. A section titled 'What's next?' follows, with the text 'After you submit your request, here's what happens:' and a bulleted list of instructions. At the bottom, a white box contains a 'Reminder' about using the same verification method as when logging in.

DRDP

Deletion request submitted

You successfully submitted a request to delete your data.

Your DROP ID is **WPTS-VN2P**

You can use this ID to check your DROP status. Be sure to keep this number.

Print

What's next?

After you submit your request, here's what happens:

- Data brokers process your deletion request within 45 days, beginning August 1, 2026.
- You can check your DROP status to see if your data was deleted.
- You can add more information about yourself anytime. New data can take up to 90 days to process.
- You can review the [DROP website](#) for resources.

Reminder: Each time you use DROP, you must use the same method to verify you're a California resident. Example: If you used Login.gov, then you must always use Login.gov.

What happens next?



Data brokers begin processing DROP requests in August 2026



You can check your DROP status using your DROP ID, anytime



You can edit or add more information to your request

DROP Metrics + Insights

240,000+

requests submitted
since launch on Jan
1st

98%

of consumers are
verified as California
residents

8 mins

Average time to
complete DROP
request

What Californians are saying

This rocks. Thank you so much for giving us tools to protect our privacy!



VERY HELPFUL, I WAS EVEN ABLE TO GO ON MY TV AND CHANGE AD SETTINGS!

Thank you so much for spearheading the efforts to protect our data in CA and providing this free service!

**DROP.
Delete.
Done.**



Delete Request and Opt-out Platform (DROP) Toolkit

Resources for consumers

Guides

Toolkits

Videos

On this page

- [How DROP works video](#)
- [Email and newsletter templates](#)
- [Printable materials](#)
- [Social media](#)

Share DROP with others

Excited about DROP and want your friends, relatives, community members, and others in California to protect their privacy too? Here are some resources you can customize to spread the word.

How DROP works video



privacy.ca.gov/shareDROP

Questions



Broadband for All



DIGITAL EQUITY RESOURCE FINDER

Shawn Daugherty

PRINCIPAL

Broadband Equity Partnership

Digital Equity Resource Finder

Goal: A tool designed to assist partner organizations and residents with finding essential digital inclusion programs and services in their communities.

Services: Highlights the following digital inclusion services:

- Locating Low-Cost Internet Service Programs
- Enrollment Assistance in Low-Cost Internet
- Digital Navigation (in-person or virtual/call center)
- Digital literacy & skills training
- Technical Support
- Free/Low-Cost Devices
- Free/Low-Cost Hotspots
- Public Wi-Fi
- Computer Center(s)
- Online Educational Resources
- Workforce Development Resources

Digital Equity Resource Survey

Service Focus

Residents: **206**; Organization to Organization: **168**

Overview

Responses	206
Presentations/Demos	4
Bulk Upload Requests	25
Bulk Uploads Received	25
Total Locations	867

By Org Type (Responses/Locations)

Libraries	48	524
CBO	105	204
Schools & Colleges	9	12
Broadband Consortia	8	10
Other	61	117

Responses as of 3/24/26

New Features



Mapping function



User friendly icons



Option to change number of cards shown per page



Fuzzy logic to keyword search



A-Z or Proximity Search



Option to Update Resource



Added in-person vs virtual search filter

*Available in over 100 languages

Digital Equity Resource Finder

- **DERF Live on Portal!**
- [Digital Equity Resource Finder | Broadband for All](#)

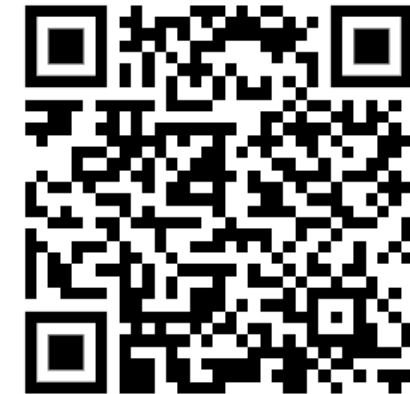
The screenshot shows the 'Digital Equity Resource Finder' web application. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the 'Broadband for All' logo and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, a dark blue banner displays the title 'Digital Equity Resource Finder' and a language dropdown menu set to 'English'. A welcome message states: 'Welcome to the California Digital Equity Resource Finder – a tool designed to assist residents and organizations to find digital inclusion programs and services in their communities. The Resource Finder was updated in March 2026.' Below this, there are two buttons: 'Add a Resource' and 'Update a Resource'.

The main search area contains several filters and controls:

- I am...:** Radio buttons for 'A Resident' (selected) and 'An Organization'.
- Location:** A dropdown menu currently showing 'Any county'.
- Service type:** A dropdown menu currently showing 'All services'.
- Service delivery:** A dropdown menu currently showing 'Either Virtual or In-Person'.
- Open Search:** A search input field with a magnifying glass icon.
- View:** A 'Map view' button (active) and a 'table view' button.
- Sort results by:** A dropdown menu currently showing 'A-Z'.

Below the filters, the interface shows 'Showing 862 results serving All Counties'. On the left is a map of California with a red pin indicating a resource location. On the right, a list of resources is displayed:

- ABLE Community Development Foundation**
 - Address: 1963 Carlson Blvd, Richmond, CA 94804
 - Website: <https://ablecommunitydf.org>
 - Button: 'Learn more'
 - Button: 'Zoom to this resource'
- Acton & Agua Dulce Democratic Club**
 - Service type: Virtual
 - Website: <https://actonaguadulcedemocraticclub.com/democracy-in->



Demo: Digital Equity Resource Finder

I am... 📘
 A Resident An Organization

Location 📘
Alameda County ✕ ▾

Service type 📘
All services ▾

Service delivery 📘
In-Person ▾

Open Search 📘
Search 🔍

View 📘
📍 Map view 📄 Table view

I am... 📘
 A Resident An Organization

Location 📘
Fresno County ✕ ▾

Service type 📘
All services ▾

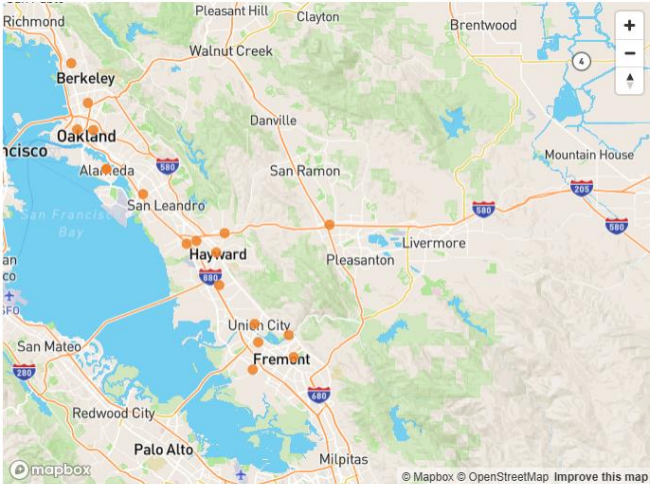
Service delivery 📘
Either Virtual or In-Person ▾

Open Search 📘
Search 🔍

View 📘
📍 Map view 📄 Table view

Showing **19** results serving **Alameda County** available **in-person**

Sort results by 📘
A-Z ▾



Alameda County Library - Albany Library
📍 1247 Marin Ave, Albany, CA, 94706
<https://aclibrary.org>
Learn more

Alameda County Library - Castro Valley Library
📍 2600 Norbridge Ave, Castro

Zoom to this resource

Showing **82** results serving **Fresno County**

Sort results by 📘
A-Z ▾

Binational of Central California
📍 3302 N Blackstone Ave, Suite 221, Fresno, CA, 93726
<https://binationalca.org/>
Learn more

Community Media Access Collaborative
📍 1555 Van Ness Ave, Suite 201, Fresno, CA, 93721
<https://cmac.tv>
Learn more

Education and Leadership Foundation
📍 1308 E. Olive Avenue, Fresno, CA, 93728
<https://elfus.org>
Learn more

Familias Empoderadas del Valle Central
📍 2901 N 3rd St, Fresno, CA, 93703
<https://familiasempoderadas.org>
Learn more

Fresno County Public Library - Auberry Library
📍 33049 Auberry Road, Auberry, CA, 93602
<https://fresnolibrary.org/index.html>
Learn more

Fresno County Public Library - Bear Mountain Library
📍 30733 E Kings Canyon Road, Yokuts Valley, CA, 93675
<https://fresnolibrary.org/index.html>
Learn more

Digital Equity Resource Finder

Help Expand & Maintain This Tool:

- 1) Add your organization or locations
 - Up to 5 locations
 - For a bulk upload (more than 5 locations) contact DEResourceFinder@state.ca.gov

- 2) Keep your organization's information accurate and up-to-date
 - Confirm your organization's data** is correct
 - Provide direct service URLs** instead of generic homepage links when possible
 - Update contact information** (personal staff contact or general department contact)
 - Verify locations** so services are correctly linked to in-person sites
 - Share any other corrections or updates**

To add or make changes

Submit the **Add a Resource** or **Update a Resource Form**



Digital Equity Resource Finder

Interested in learning more?

We're offering live DE Resource Finder demos for partner organizations.

- ✓ See how the tool works
- ✓ Ask questions and explore use cases
- ✓ Learn how DE Resource Finder can support your work

Request a Demo:

Contact us at DEResourceFinder@state.ca.gov.

Questions



Broadband for All



UPDATE: BB4ALL SDEP REQUEST FOR INNOVATIVE IDEAS

James Spencer

BROADBAND ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER

Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy
California Department of Technology

Request for Innovative Ideas (RFI²)



Promote/Track Low-Cost Offers/Subsidies/Streamline Enrollment



Digital Literacy Skills & Training Platform



Digital Navigation Training & Services



Devices & Statewide Device Ecosystem



Annual DE Survey



Online Educational & Workforce Development Resources



Collective Funding Action

RFI² Timeline

Action	Date and Time (PT)
Phase 1	
Release RFI ²	January 5, 2026
RFI ² Conference	January 9, 2026 at 10:00 AM (PT)
Last Day to submit questions	January 12, 2026 at 12:00 PM (PT)
Innovation Concept Papers (ICP) due	January 30, 2026 at 12:00 PM (PT)
Evaluations and, if necessary, confidential discussions	*February 2, 2026 – February 13, 2026 (estimated)
Notification of finalists	*February 17, 2026 (estimated)
Negotiate contract to perform Phase 2	*February 17, 2026 – March 16, 2026 (estimated)
Phase 2 (Estimated)	
Submit Phase 2 Final proposals	*March 23, 2026
Contract Award	*April 6, 2026 (estimated)

**Note: Tentative timeline subject to revision and change*



UPDATE: UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Aracely Hernandez

DIGITAL INCLUSION MANAGER

Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy
California Department of Technology

CPUC CA Advanced Services Fund Programs

CASF Tribal Technical Assistance

Deadline: April 1, 2026

- *Eligible:* CA Tribes & Tribal Consortia
- *Funding:* Up to \$250K per Tribe per fiscal year
- *Focus:* Improve voice & broadband access and planning



CASF Broadband Adoption Account

Deadline: July 1, 2026

- *Eligible:* Local gov, schools, libraries, nonprofits, CBOs
- *Funding:* \$100K–\$4M+ and 15% match
- *Focus:* Digital literacy & broadband access in community spaces



CASF Broadband Public Housing Account

Deadline: July 1, 2026

- *Eligible:* Public & farmworker housing, mobile home parks, MDUs, tribal housing
- *Funding:* Up to 100% of wiring & network equipment
- *Focus:* Build or connect networks offering free broadband service



CPUC CASF Broadband Infrastructure Account Program Updates

NEW 2026 Deadline: October 1, 2026

(Postponement of the Deadline for Action on Pending 2025 CASF Infrastructure Applications and 2026 CASF Infrastructure Project Application Deadline)

Overview: Grants to subsidize the cost of last mile broadband infrastructure, and related middle-mile, in communities not currently served by reliable broadband.

**Revised 2026 CASF Infrastructure Account Timeline

CASF 2025 Infrastructure Account Application Deadline	October 31, 2025
2026 Broadband Availability Map Published	April 1, 2026
Original Deadline for 2025 Application Approvals Under Ministerial Review	March 31, 2026
Original Deadline for Publishing Draft Resolutions Recommending Project Approval from the 2025 cycle	May 15, 2026
<i>Updated Deadline for 2025 Application Approvals Under Ministerial Review</i>	<i>July 31, 2026</i>
<i>Updated Deadline for Publishing Draft Resolutions Recommending Project Approval from the 2025 cycle</i>	<i>July 31, 2026</i>
CASF 2026 Infrastructure Account Application Deadline	October 1, 2026

CASF Infrastructure
Fund Letter



CPUC Annual CASF Public Workshop

What: Annual Workshop to collaborate and discuss cost-effective strategies to expand broadband infrastructure and promote broadband adoption in unserved communities across California.

Who: Regional consortia, local governments, broadband providers, stakeholders, and consumers

When: April 22, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Location: CPUC Auditorium, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102

Remote Access:

-Webcast: www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc

-Phone: 1-800-857-1917, passcode: 1673482#

-Remote participants may email questions during the workshop to: CASF_Workshop@cpuc.ca.gov

[CPUC to Host Annual CASF Public Workshop](#)



NTIA Reminder: NOFO pending

Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TCBP)

- Tribal Consultations held in January
- NOFO will be launched in Spring
- \$500M in estimated funding
- NTIA anticipates that the focus of the new program will be on projects that complement BEAD infrastructure to ensure that BEAD investment is maximized.

[TCBP FAQs 112125](#)



California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF)-Verizon Public Benefits Agreement Listening Sessions

2 Tracks of Listening Sessions (March – April)

Digital Inclusion: Thursdays, 2-4 PM

Small Business: Fridays, 12-2 PM





LOOKING AHEAD

Anh Nguyen

ENGAGEMENT & OPERATIONS MANAGER

Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy
California Department of Technology

Community Feedback

Topics

- Access to digital media tools, storytelling platforms, and creative technology that amplify the underrepresented
- Broadband accessibility during times of emergency events
- Broadband adoption
- Dashboards and decision-making processes
- Engaging healthcare entities in digital inclusion initiatives
- Examples of successful Get Connected State campaigns
- Distinguishing commonalities/differences between Get Connected & LifeLine
- Funding and grant opportunities
- Infrastructure efforts in rural counties
- Lifeline Broadband Pilot / Is Xfinity going to provide services for the Broadband for All Pilot?
- RFI2 - more information about the papers submitted and decisions made
- Rural resilience: Offline tools and mobile tech labs during disruptions, emergencies
- Tips for teaching digital literacy online
- Ways to find free or low-cost captioning that is accurate.
- Where to learn how to use cell phones, laptops, & pcs!!

Community Feedback

Future Speakers

- Brian Rathbone
- CPUC regarding the Broadband Lifeline Program
- Harold Feld
- LaVada English
- Liana Bailey-Crimmins
- Media makers, storytellers, educators, and creative technologists who work at the intersection of voice, culture, and digital eq
- Speakers from diverse backgrounds (racial, abilities, etc.)
- Speakers that are interested in the future and how that would look
- Tech companies
- Vera Zakem, public-private partnerships she champions

Community Feedback

Improvements

- Action Item Tracking
- Lifeline Broadband Pilot -- how can we all work together to get folks aware and enrolled?
- Add real-time captions during meetings and/or presentation slides that capture the key topics
- Focus more on how we can reduce the number of unserved HH
- Have more follow-ups
- Hybrid Meeting
- Interactive
- Keep them organized on time and on topic and about technology
- More equity inclusion presentations
- More meetings
- More structured and action-oriented conversations with opportunities to collaborate and build something.
- Make it a reoccurring calendar invite so I have it on my calendar all year.

Comments

- Already great & informative call
- Be inclusive and open hearted and minded
- Continuing to share resources that would be helpful for impacted communities
- Continue bringing in Subject Matter Experts; last meeting's Speakers from UCSB & Sunne McPeak were excellent!
- I like hearing about how other organizations are implementing Digital Literacy programs
- I think you all are doing a great job.
- Keep open

Future Meeting Dates

Middle Mile Advisory Committee Meeting (Hybrid)

Date: Friday, April 17

Time: 10 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Sacramento County Administration Center 700 H St., 1st Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814

[Meeting Details](#)

California Broadband Council Meeting (Hybrid)

Date: Friday, April 24

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Location: Sacramento County Administration Center 700 H St., 1st Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814

[Zoom](#)

*Upcoming Community of Practice (Thursdays 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM):

- **Thursday, April 30**
- Thursday, May 28
- Thursday, June 25
- Thursday, July 30
- Thursday, August 27
- Thursday, September 24
- Thursday, October 29
- Thursday, November 19
- Thursday, December 17

*Subject to Change

Questions



Broadband for All

Upcoming Community of Practice Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 30, 2026

Time: 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Website:

BroadbandForAll.cdt.ca.gov

Contact:

broadbandforall@state.ca.gov

Sign up:

Broadband for All Email Update



Broadband for All

