

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA # *B-3

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE July 12, 2011

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Approval of a Resolution Supporting the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley as the San Joaquin Valley Regional Broadband Consortium

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve a resolution supporting the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley as the San Joaquin Valley Regional Broadband Consortium.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the adoption of the proposed Resolution.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2011-418

On motion of Supervisor O'Brien, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and Chairman Monteith

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, (the Partnership) established in 2005 and represented by all 8 counties of the San Joaquin Valley serves as the regional leader in Advanced Communication Services and Information Technology in the Central Valley. One of the initiatives undertaken by the Partnership is the expansion of high-speed internet access, generically referred to as "broadband", to unserved and underserved communities throughout the Valley.

In 2010, 30% of all Californians, 51% of low-income households, 50% of Latino families, 45% of people with disabilities and 49% of Central Valley households were not connected to the internet with broadband, leaving more than 10 million Californians without high-speed internet access at home. The Partnership believes that broadband is essential 21st century infrastructure in a digital world and global economy, and is vital to the economic prosperity and quality of life for residents in Stanislaus County and throughout California.

California is home to a wellspring of innovation that has given rise to the evolution of broadband and other information technologies, but Californians' adoption and use of broadband technology is only approximately equivalent to the national average. The use of the internet connected through a broadband infrastructure can save both time and money for residents while helping them bridge the economic divide. In our 21st century learning environment, high-speed internet connectivity will help students obtain the highest-quality education possible. The availability of computing devices both at school and at home are critical teaching and learning tools for academic achievement.

The Partnership also notes that broadband is a strategic "green" technology that decreases greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on foreign oil by enabling e-government and the provision of more services online.

SB 1040 authorizes the extension and expansion of the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) established by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to promote and support broadband infrastructure deployment to unserved and underserved communities. If approved, the proposed resolution would formally support the Partnership as the Regional Broadband Consortium and the deployment of broadband infrastructure to unserved and underserved communities.

POLICY ISSUES:

The Board of Supervisors is asked to consider the adoption of a resolution supporting the implementation of SB 1040 which authorizes the extension and expansion of the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF). Approval of this

resolution would lend the County's support to a proposed project that, when implemented will support the Board's priorities of A Well Planned Infrastructure, Efficient Delivery of Public Services, and Effective Partnerships through the establishment of new broadband infrastructure and the expansion of existing broadband infrastructure to unserved and underserved communities in Stanislaus County.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.

CONTACT PERSON:

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

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**APPROVAL OF SUPPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN
VALLEY AS THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY REGIONAL BROADBAND CONSORTIUM**

WHEREAS, closing the Digital Divide is vital to the economic prosperity and quality of life for residents in Stanislaus County and throughout California; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County finds and declares that high-speed Internet access—referred to generically as “broadband” and including both wire line and wireless technologies—is essential 21st Century infrastructure in a digital world and global economy; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County recognizes that California is home to a wellspring of innovation that has given rise to the evolution of broadband and other information technologies, however Californians’ adoption and use of broadband technology is only approximately equivalent to the national average; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County acknowledges that in 2010 that 30% of all Californians, 51% of low-income households, 50% of Latino families, 45% of people with disabilities and 49% of Central Valley households are not connected to the Internet with broadband, leaving more than 10 million Californians without high-speed Internet access at home; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County is committed to helping families and children be healthy, productive and self-sufficient and realizes that the use of broadband can save both time and money for residents while helping them bridge the economic divide; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County is committed to helping students obtain the highest-quality education possible incorporating digital literacy and understands that high-speed Internet connectivity and the availability of computing devices both at school and at home are critical teaching and learning tools for academic achievement; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and recognizes that broadband is a strategic "green" technology that decreases greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on foreign oil by enabling e-government and the provision of more services online; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County is committed to Digital Inclusion and increasing citizen participation in the public process through expanded engagement using broadband; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County understands that SB 1040 authorizes the extension and expansion of the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) established by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to promote and support broadband infrastructure deployment to unserved and underserved communities; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County recognizes that the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, established in 2005 and represented by all 8 counties of the San Joaquin serves as the regional leader in Advanced Communication Services and Information Technology; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County welcomes the opportunity to partner with the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley to encourage adoption of broadband technology,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors supports the Partnership as the Regional Broadband Consortium and supports the deployment of broadband infrastructure to unserved and underserved communities.

ATTEST: **CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk**
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,
State of California



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