



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

Thursday, June 23, 2022 10:00 a.m.

Locations:

In Person:

197 Mono Way, Suite B
 Sonora, CA 95370
 (209) 533-3396

Teleconference:

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6067573943>
 Dial-in audio: 669-900-9128
 Meeting ID: 606 757 3943

CSEDD Governing Board Members (12):

JPA Member Agency	Elected Board Member	Citizen Board Member
Alpine County	Terry Woodrow, Supervisor	JT Chevallier
Amador County	Frank Axe, Supervisor	Simon Montagu
Calaveras County	Benjamin Stopper, Supervisor (Vice-Chair)	Kathryn Gallino
Mariposa County	Marshall Long, Supervisor (Chair)	Tara Schiff
Tuolumne County	Anaiah Kirk, Supervisor	<Open>
City of Angels Camp	Caroline Schirato, Council Member	
City of Sonora	Ann Segerstrom, Council Member	

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

1. ACTION ITEM:

- a. Consideration of Adopting a Resolution *Re-Authorizing* Findings in Support of Allowing Remote Meetings Pursuant to AB361 (Modifies Brown Act Procedures During a Declared Emergency) and Direction Regarding Holding CSEDD Board Meetings in Person or Remotely

2. **ORAL COMMUNICATION:** The Public may speak on any item not on the printed agenda. No action may be taken. [Gov. Code § 54954.2(b)(2)]

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:** The following Consent Agenda items are expected to be routine. They will be acted upon by the District Board at one time. Any Board Member, staff member or interested person may request that any Consent items be removed for discussion.
 - a. Approval of the Minutes of the May 19, 2022 meeting of the CSEDD Governing Board

4. **ACTION ITEMS:**
 - a. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2022
 - b. Discussion and possible approval for CSEDD to apply for the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant

5. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
 - a. Board member topics of interest (Roundtable)

6. **NEXT MEETING(S):**

2022 meeting dates (all at 9:30 AM)
Aug. 18, Nov. 10

7. **ADJOURN**

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1 **Board of Directors, Central Sierra Economic Development District**

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3 **FINDINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CENTRAL SIERRA ECONOMIC**
4 **DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT RE-AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS**
5 **FOR THE PERIOD [JUNE 23, 2022](#) – [JULY 23, 2022](#)**
6 **PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT.**
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8 **WHEREAS**, all meetings of the Board of Directors of the Central Sierra Economic Development
9 District and its legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov.
10 Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and view the legislative
11 bodies conduct their business; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote
13 teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the
14 requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions and
15 requirements; and

16 **WHEREAS**, a required condition of Government Code section 54953(e) is that a state of emergency
17 is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of
18 conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by
19 conditions as described in Government Code section 8558(b); and

20 **WHEREAS**, a further required condition of Government Code section 54953(e) is that state or local
21 officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body
22 holds a meeting to determine or has determined by a majority vote that meeting in person would present
23 imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

24 **WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency
25 declaring a state of emergency exists in California due to the threat of COVID-19, pursuant to the California
26 Emergency Services Act (Government Code section 8625); and,

27 **WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-07-21, which
28 formally rescinded the Stay-at-Home Order (Executive Order N-33-20), as well as the framework for a

1 gradual, risk-based reopening of the economy (Executive Order N-60-20, issued on May 4, 2020) but did
2 not rescind the proclaimed state of emergency; and,

3 **WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom also issued Executive Order N-08-21, which set
4 expiration dates for certain paragraphs of the State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020 and
5 other Executive Orders but did not rescind the proclaimed state of emergency; and,

6 **WHEREAS**, as of the date of this Finding, neither the Governor nor the state Legislature have
7 exercised their respective powers pursuant to Government Code section 8629 to lift the state of emergency
8 either by proclamation or by concurrent Finding the state Legislature; and,

9 **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Industrial Relations has issued regulations related to
10 COVID-19 Prevention for employees and places of employment. Title 8 of the California Code of
11 Regulations, Section 3205(5)(D) specifically recommends physical (social) distancing as one of the
12 measures to decrease the spread of COVID-19 based on the fact that particles containing the virus can travel
13 more than six feet, especially indoors; and,

14 **WHEREAS**, on [May 19, 2022](#), the Board of Directors of the Central Sierra Economic Development
15 District previously adopted findings that the requisite conditions existed for the Board of Directors of the
16 Central Sierra Economic Development District to conduct remote teleconference meetings without
17 compliance with Government Code section 54953 (b)(3), as authorized by Section 54953(e); and,

18 **WHEREAS**, as a condition of extending the use of the teleconferencing provisions for another 30
19 days beyond the Finding adopted on [May 19, 2022](#), pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e), the
20 Board of Directors of the Central Sierra Economic Development District must reconsider the circumstances
21 of the state of emergency that exists and find that either the state of emergency continues to directly impact
22 the ability of the members to meet safely in person or state or local officials continue to impose or
23 recommend measures to promote social distancing; and,

24 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Central Sierra Economic Development District has
25 reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and finds that state or local officials continue to
26 impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing, based on the California Department of
27 Industrial Relations regulations related to COVID-19 Prevention, specifically, Title 8 of the California Code
28 of Regulations, Section 3205(5)(D), continuing to remain in effect; and,

1 **WHEREAS**, as a consequence, the Board of Directors of the Central Sierra Economic Development
2 District does hereby find that it may continue to conduct their meetings by teleconferencing without
3 compliance with Government Code section 54953 (b)(3), pursuant to Section 54953(e), and that such
4 legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as
5 prescribed by Government Code section 54953(e)(2).

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND AND ORDERED** by the Board of
7 Directors of the Central Sierra Economic Development District, in regular session assembled on [June 23,](#)
8 [2022](#), does hereby find as follows:

9 Section 1. Recitals. All of the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated into this
10 Finding by this reference.

11 Section 2. Reconsideration of the State of Emergency. The Board of Directors of the Central
12 Sierra Economic Development District has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency that
13 continues to exist and was proclaimed by the Governor through a State of Emergency Proclamation on
14 March 4, 2020.

15 Section 3. State or Local Officials Continue to Impose or Recommend Measures to Promote
16 Social Distancing. The Board of Directors of the Central Sierra Economic Development District hereby
17 proclaims that state officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social (physical)
18 distancing based on the continuance of California Department of Industrial Relations regulations related to
19 COVID-19 Prevention through Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 3205(5)(D).

20 Section 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The Board of Directors of the Central Sierra
21 Economic Development District is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out
22 the intent and purpose of this Finding including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with
23 Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

24 Section 5. Effective Date. This Finding shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and
25 shall be effective until the earlier of (i) [July 23, 2022](#), or (ii) such time the Board of Directors of the Central
26 Sierra Economic Development District adopts a subsequent Finding in accordance with Government Code
27 section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which its legislative bodies may continue to teleconference
28 without compliance with Section 54953(b)(3).

1 ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2022 by the Board of Directors of the Central Sierra Economic
2 Development District, by the following vote:

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4 YES:

5 NO: _____

6 ABSENT: Marshall Long

7 ABSTAIN: Chair, Central Sierra Economic Development Board of Directors

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MINUTES

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Alpine County Citizen Member	JT Chevallier	X	
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Tuolumne County Supervisor	Anaiah Kirk	X	
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City of Angels Camp	Caroline Schirato, Council Member		X
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Guests: *Kristin York (Sierra Business Council), Courtney Farrell (Chico State), David Griffith (Alpine County), Elaine Kabala (Eastern Sierra Council of Governments), Miquela Beall (Inyo County Economic Development), Meaghan McCamman (Inyo County), Jeff Simpson (Mono County Economic Development), Barbara Hayes (RCRC)*

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Motion accepted. (M) T. Woodrow, (S) B. Stopper, ayes carried, 2 absent.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATION:

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA: The following Consent Agenda items are expected to be routine. They will be acted upon by the District Board at one time. Any Board Member, staff member or interested person may request that any Consent items be removed for discussion.

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the February 17, 2022 meeting of the CSEDD Governing Board
Minutes accepted. (M) B. Stopper, (S) T. Woodrow, ayes carried, 1 abstained, 2 absent.

4. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Approval to enter into contract with Chico State Enterprises for the creation of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
Courtney Farrell of Chico State addressed the board on this matter. She walked the board through the contract presented to CSEDD to write a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Motion to enter contract with Chico State accepted. (M) B. Stopper, (S) K. Gallino, ayes carried, 2 absent.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. *Farewell to Cole Przybyla, Tuolumne citizen member*
- b. Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) Regional Planning Grant
Kristin York of Sierra Business Council (SBC) addressed the board on this matter. She gave a brief presentation of what the grant is, what the grant requires, and what the outreach plan would look like. She then requested that county representatives send her any plans, data, and projects they have for their

counties. B. Stopper proposed that CSEDD plan special meetings to touch bases on the timeline of the CERF grant, so notifications and progress updates are not limited to quarterly meetings. The board agreed to Ben's proposal.

- c. [Joint Planning Resource Guide](#) from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA RD).
- d. Board member topics of interest (Roundtable)
Tara Schiff notified the board that, with Cole leaving, she is still planning to finish the Regional Broadband Road map previously discussed at CSEDD board meetings. She is currently waiting for a template for request for accommodations and is hoping to have a finished product by the end of June.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 VAN NESS AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298



June 1, 2022

**NOTICE OF NEW APPLICATION CYCLE FOR CASF RURAL AND URBAN
REGIONAL BROADBAND CONSORTIA ACCOUNT GRANT FUNDING**

To: Members of CASF Distribution and Service Lists

On May 19, 2022, the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) adopted [Decision \(D.\) 22-05-029](#), which modified program rules for the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia (Consortia Account) including expansion of allowable Consortia activities, increasing the annual maximum funding cap, and clarifying Consortia regional boundary requirements; and allocated an additional \$10.71 million in available funding for fiscal year 2022-2023. This notice is to inform prospective applicants that a new Consortia Account application cycle is now open. Please refer to the Consortia Account website at <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/california-advanced-services-fund/casf-consortia-account> for new Consortia Account application templates and materials per D.22-05-029.

Eligibility

An eligible Consortium may include representatives of organizations including, but not limited to, local and regional government, public safety, elementary and secondary education, health care, libraries, postsecondary education, community-based organizations, tourism, parks and recreation, agricultural, business, workforce organizations, and air pollution control or air quality management districts. An eligible Consortium is not required to have as its lead fiscal agent an entity with a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

Pursuant to D.22-05-029, the Commission will consider funding Consortium activities that achieve the following objectives:

- Collaborating with the Commission and other state agencies to engage regional consortia, local officials, internet service providers (ISPs), stakeholders, and consumers regarding priority areas and cost-effective strategies to achieve the broadband access goal.
- Identifying potential CASF infrastructure projects or potential broadband deployment projects related to new programs created under SB 156 and AB 164, along with other opportunities, where providers can expand and improve their infrastructure and service offerings to achieve the goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment in each consortia region.

- Assisting potential CASF infrastructure applicants or potential applicants for broadband deployment projects related to the new programs created under SB 156 and AB 164 in the project development or grant application process.
- Conducting activities that will lead to or that can be reasonably expected to lead to CASF infrastructure projects or broadband deployment projects related to new programs created under SB 156 and AB 164, including but not limited to the following examples of allowable activities:
 - Supporting project permitting activities.
 - Engaging local government officials and communities to better understand and explain regional broadband needs and solutions and providing technical assistance to such entities.
 - Conducting an inventory of public assets (e.g., rights-of-ways, publicly owned towers, public utility poles, equipment housing, publicly owned property) and aggregate demand, including speed tests and the identification and updates of priority areas.
- Assisting the Commission in publicizing requests for wireline testing volunteers in areas, as needed.
- Assisting the Commission in promoting broadband deployment in California, related to the Federal Funding Account and other programs including Middle-Mile, Broadband Loan Loss Reserve, and Local Agency Technical Assistance created under SB 156 and AB 164.

The Commission is accepting Consortia Account grant applications to represent regions starting in January 2023.¹ The allocated funding for the Consortia Account is \$10.71 million for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The Consortia Account grants are subject to a maximum funding cap of \$200,000 per year per Consortium.²

Application Package

To assist prospective applicants with the application process, the CASF Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Program Administrative Manual (Administrative Manual, *Version 8, May 2022*) is available on the CASF Consortia webpage: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/california-advanced-services-fund/casf-consortia-account>. Key attachments include:

- CASF Consortia Grant Application Checklist
- Description of Existing and Past Non-CASF Funded Projects
- Board Member Background and Project Role
- Work Plan and Performance Metrics Plan

¹ The currently active Consortia grants are expected to end by December 2022. Both existing and newly formed consortia may submit applications.

² Plus up to \$10,000 (per consortium for up to 5 representatives) for attendance to at least one of the annual public workshops held pursuant to Public Utilities Code (Pub. Util. Code), § 281.

- Proposed Budget Plan
- Affidavit Form.

Applications will be evaluated based on meeting all the requirements in the Information Required from Applicants and scoring criteria. Applications will be objectively evaluated on how well they meet the goals of the CASF Consortia Program consistent with Pub. Util. Code, § 281.

CD will notify an applicant by letter specifying the reasons for rejection, should an application fail to meet the criteria set forth in D.22-05-029.

Applicants must submit their proposals by July 15, 2022, via email to the below email address to ensure consideration.

[CASF Consortia Grant Administrator@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:CASF_Consortia_Grant_Administrator@cpuc.ca.gov)

If you have questions, please contact the Consortia Account staff at

[CASF Consortia Grant Administrator@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:CASF_Consortia_Grant_Administrator@cpuc.ca.gov).

Thank you,

CASF Team