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April 22, 2015

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RE: AB1262 (Wood)

Dear Assembly Appropriations Committee Members:

We are writing to express our strong support for AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account. The bill passed unanimously on Consent in the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

For the past three years, rural and urban regional consortia have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come.

We think AB 1262 is essential to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

We sincerely thank Assembly Member Wood for introducing this legislation and we commend the Assembly Appropriations Committee on your commitment to help close the Digital Divide in California. Attached is a list and letters endorsing AB 1262 showing widespread support throughout the state and providing evidence that funding for the regional consortia is fiscally prudent.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Mr. Tony Bui  
Ms. Jennifer Galehouse  
Mr. John Scribner  
Ms. Annabel Snider

## **AB 1262 (Wood) Support List**

Updated: April 21, 2015

- 211 San Bernardino County
- Access Humboldt
- Anza Electric Cooperative
- Cal State San Bernardino
- California Center for Rural Policy
- CA Emerging Technology Fund
- California State Association of Counties (CSAC)
- Central Coast Broadband Consortium
- Central Sierra Connect Broadband Consortia
- City of Bishop
- City of California City
- City of Ridgecrest
- City of Riverside
- City of Tehachapi
- Connected Capital Area Broadband Consortium
- Contra Costa Economic Partnership
- Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in CA (CENIC)
- County of Alpine
- County of Del Norte
- County of El Dorado
- County of Humboldt
- County of Mariposa
- County of Modoc
- County of Mono
- County of Nevada
- County of Riverside
- County of Tehama
- County of Trinity
- County of Tuolumne
- County of Sacramento
- County of San Bernardino
- County of Shasta
- County of Sierra
- County of Ventura
- County of Yolo
- Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortium
- Economic Development Collaborative – Ventura County
- Economic Vitality Corporation
- Edgewood Companies
- High Desert Community Foundation
- Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium
- Kern Community College Districts



- Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce
- Los Angeles County Regional Broadband Consortia
- North Bay/North Coast Broadband Consortium
- Northeastern CA Connect Consortium
- North Lake Tahoe Chamber
- Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications
- Praxis Associates
- Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC)
- San Bernardino Community College District
- San Diego Imperial Regional Consortium
- San Joaquin Valley Regional Broadband Consortium
- Sierra Ecosystem Associates
- Sierra Economic Development Corporation (SedCrop)
- SMARTRiverside
- Tahoe Prosperity Center
- Town of Mammoth Lakes
- Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority
- Upstate CA Connect Consortium
- Volcano Communications Group
- West Kern Community College Districts
- Yuba Community College Districts

March 28, 2015

VIA EMAIL: [tony.bui@asm.ca.gov](mailto:tony.bui@asm.ca.gov)

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: AB 1262 (Wood) – Support**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

This letter is to express strong support for AB1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

The Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium (IERB) addresses broadband access, infrastructure, planning, service reliability, and affordability in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Our region has a critical need for collaborative broadband planning and strategy to close the digital divide.

We are a member and actively participate with the Consortium and believe in their mission.

The sad fact is that while most of us take our connectedness totally for granted, the digital divide in Riverside County and San Bernardino County is getting wider. About 600,000 of residents just in San Bernardino County are NOT connected to the internet by broadband in their homes, putting them at a serious disadvantage. United Way 211 data shows that 50% of their callers are in this chasm.

For the past three years, rural and urban regional consortia have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come.

IERB is actively working on this problem and they provide a path for public officials and community leaders to be involved in finding solutions to this difficult challenge. Our Consortium created and adopted the Inland Empire Broadband Infrastructure and Access Plan, which provides contextual framework and strategy for broadband implementation within the region.

We believe AB 1262 is essential to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

We sincerely thank you Assembly Member Wood for introducing this important legislation. We commend on your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Sincerely,



Gary Madden  
Director, 211 San Bernardino County  
Cc: Tony Bui, Legislative Director

## **ACCESS HUMBOLDT**

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**15 April 2015**

**VIA EMAIL:** [tony.bui@asm.ca.gov](mailto:tony.bui@asm.ca.gov)

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **RE: AB1262 (Wood) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

Access Humboldt strongly supports AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

Access Humboldt is a non-profit, community media organization formed in April 2006 to manage local cable franchise benefits on behalf of the County of Humboldt, California and the Cities of Eureka, Arcata, Fortuna, Rio Dell, Ferndale and Blue Lake.

Community media and broadband resources of Access Humboldt include: cable access TV channels; a wide area broadband network with dedicated optic fiber connections to twenty locations serving local jurisdictions, educational institutions and other public facilities; broadband access wireless networks; a Community Media Center with studio and other production equipment and training on the Eureka High School campus; and ongoing operational support for public, educational and governmental access media services from franchised cable operator, Suddenlink Communications.

In 2008, Access Humboldt launched the Broadband Policy Project with funding from ZeroDivide <http://accesshumboldt.net/site/zerodivide-funds-broadband-policy-project>, to accomplish three goals: to inform public policy deliberations; to convene local discussions of regulatory policies; and, to articulate principles for public interest policies - especially regarding Localism and Diversity.

In 2010, Access Humboldt became the only organization in our region to receive broadband stimulus funds through the NTIA's BTOP program. The "Generation ZeroDivide" project provided training for youth across Humboldt County and adjacent Tribal lands to support digital literacy and broadband media production skills.

For the past three years, Access Humboldt has been collaborating with the California Center for Rural Policy, community anchors in Humboldt County and local stakeholders, serving as lead organization for Humboldt County in the Redwood Coast Region Broadband Consortium.

Rural and urban regional consortia have been working as part of the California Advanced Services Fund's statewide program to address the digital divide, to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come.

Access Humboldt believes that AB 1262 is essential to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

Access Humboldt sincerely thanks you, Assembly Member Wood, for introducing this important legislation. We rely upon your leadership to reach our shared goal of universal access to open networks for broadband media access.


Please feel free to contact me anytime (c: 707-616-2381, e: [sean@accesshumboldt.net](mailto:sean@accesshumboldt.net)) if we can be of assistance in these and related efforts to address the digital divide across California.

Respectfully,  
(signed)

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The Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium (IERB) addresses broadband access, infrastructure, planning, service reliability, and affordability in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Our region has a critical need for collaborative broadband planning and strategy to close the digital divide.

**Anza Electric Cooperative has been actively involved with IERB to bring true high speed internet access to the 10,000 residents of our service territory. The ability to utilize CASF grant funding is crucial to our project, due to the high rate of unemployment and low income that is typical of our area.** We believe that by making high speed internet access available to our area residents, we will be able to improve economic conditions by providing job opportunities, making telecommuting possible, and creating a more business friendly environment. IERB brings elected officials, policy makers, IT professionals, engineers, healthcare providers, educators, and business leaders together to address broadband service and close the digital divide in our region.

IERB also addresses our region's need for broadband speeds and reliability that support business start-ups, job retention and economic growth. IERB works to promote and strengthen "Smart Region" strategies in the Inland Empire to foster regional competitiveness and prosperity for our communities.

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underserved areas throughout the state. AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come.

We believe AB 1262 is essential to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

We sincerely thank you Assembly Member Wood for introducing this important legislation. We commend you on your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Short", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kevin Short  
General Manager

Cc: Tony Bui, Legislative Director

Cc: Danica Mazenko, Senior Field Representative, Assembly Member Brian Jones, 71<sup>st</sup> District

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The Honorable Anthony Rendon, Chair  
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 VIA EMAIL: [tony.bui@asm.ca.gov](mailto:tony.bui@asm.ca.gov)

**RE: AB 1262 (Wood) California Advances Services Fund – Support**

Dear Assembly Member Rendon:

I am writing on behalf of the **Broadband Consortium of the Pacific Coast** to express our strong support for AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

As a regional economic development corporation, and as a partner to numerous stakeholders dedicated to improving broadband connectivity throughout our region,

For the past three years, rural and urban regional consortia have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come.

The continuing allocation of CASF funding to the consortia is essential to reaching our local priorities, through our partnership with the Broadband Consortium of the Pacific Coast. Those priorities include identification and remediation of gaps in local service, accessing and leveraging other public and private grant funding to improve high-speed connectivity and choice, improving broadband adoption, particularly among our low-income residents, and coordinating the work of our local stakeholders in aligning infrastructure, policy and practice.

Our Consortium and economic partnership believe AB 1262 is essential to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

We would like to sincerely thank you for introducing this important legislation. We commend you on your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Respectfully,

BRUCE STENSLIE  
 President/CEO

Cc: Assemblyman Jim Wood  
 Tony Bui, Assembly



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Assembly Member Jim Patterson  
Vice Chair, Assembly Committee on  
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RE: AB1262 (Wood)

Dear Chairman Rendon and Vice Chairman Patterson:

The California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) respectfully submits this letter to express our strong support for AB 1262 (Wood): Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account (from the CASF Revolving Loan Account which has unused funds). AB 1262 only provides for a internal transfer of funds within CASF—it does not involve any new fees nor any additional appropriation.

CETF is a statewide non-profit organization directed to be established by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) with the mission to close the Digital Divide in California as a result of corporate mergers in 2005. Thus, CETF is focused on both broadband deployment and adoption, coupled with ensuring accessible technology for people with disabilities.

For the past three years, rural and urban regional consortia have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with broadband providers and community stakeholders to cost-effectively use CASF funds. Historical data shows that regional consortia have been able to generate information and aggregate demand for the private sector (particularly smaller companies) that foster successful applications to CASF for workable deployment projects to reach unserved households.

AB 1262 is pivotal to achieving the goal of 98% broadband deployment adopted by the Legislature and signed into law in 2013 because high-speed Internet access projects that reach unserved rural communities require cooperation with multiple stakeholders and government agencies that often is either cost-prohibitive or beyond the ability of any single provider. Further, broadband infrastructure projects must be tailored to the particular circumstances of each community and the assets within a region.


The primary role of the regional consortia is to engage all providers and stakeholders to work together to achieve the 98% deployment goal.

We sincerely thank Assembly Member Wood for introducing this important legislation and we commend the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee on your commitment to help close the Digital Divide in California. Attached is a list of letters to date endorsing AB 1262 showing widespread support throughout the state and providing evidence that your leadership to continue funding for the regional consortia is fiscally prudent.

Sincerely,



Sunne Wright McPeak  
President and CEO



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Associate Vice President

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April 15, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB1262 (Wood) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

We are writing on behalf of the Connected Capital Area Broadband Consortium (CCABC) to express our strong support for AB 1262, Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

The CCABC is one of 18 consortia in California working to expand connections to and usage of high-speed Internet in underserved communities in Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties. Valley Vision, a nonprofit social enterprise focused on economic, environmental and social issues in the Sacramento and surrounding regions, manages CCABC.

We work in a region with more than 3 million residents and a footprint of 7,720 miles, from the northern central valley to the peaks of the Sierra Nevada. We recognize how important broadband is to the future of urban centers and rural communities, which is why since our inception we have worked to expand broadband deployment and adoption.

For the past three years, these 18 rural and urban regional consortia have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. AB 1262 would allow these consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come.

You may know us well or this may be an initial introduction, but we have achieved much progress in a short time. The following is a brief list of accomplishments:

- Prepared broadband as a green strategy outreach, research, reports, and policy documents, i.e., *Broadband and the Environment, Technology Strategies for Greener California*  
<http://valleyvision.org/projects/broadband-as-a-green-strategy>
- Convened a Local Government Officials Roundtable on broadband, and continue to support elected officials around broadband policy and

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- Assisted in the planning and facilitation of the Yolo Broadband Strategic Plan <http://www.yolocounty.org/general-government/yolo-lafco/shared-services-initiative/yolo-broadband>
- Compiled an inventory of adoption and digital literacy assets in the region and mapped existing infrastructure and primary gaps, needed to apply for CASF funding  
[http://valleyvision.org/sites/files/pdf/bb\\_scoping\\_study\\_findings\\_final\\_report.pdf](http://valleyvision.org/sites/files/pdf/bb_scoping_study_findings_final_report.pdf)
- Created the *Wireless Broadband and You* communications document <http://valleyvision.org/resources/wireless-broadband-and-you>
- Implemented Digital Access projects at four area high schools in conjunction with Scholarship Sacramento
- Created an adaptable tri-fold broadband resource document for Yuba, Sutter and Sacramento counties in three different languages
- Convened stakeholders and community partners on a quarterly basis around key topical areas such as Core Curriculum, Telehealth, and economic development
- Produced a widely distributed newsletter called e-Connect engaging more than 1,000 key stakeholders on issues such as grants for broadband infrastructure and rural county connectivity projects
- Worked with the California Air Resources Board on the AB 32 Scoping Plan update resulting in the inclusion of broadband as a core infrastructure
- Promoted the pollution-reduction benefits of broadband to the EPA and to the California Office of Planning and Research among others

We believe AB 1262 is essential to both economic competitiveness and achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

We commend your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Best regards,



**Bill Mueller**  
Chief Executive

**Trish Kelly**  
Senior Vice President

**Jodi Mulligan-Pfile**  
Project Lead

Cc: Toni Bui



# Central Coast Broadband Consortium

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

April 7, 2015

RE: AB1262 (Wood) – SUPPORT

Dear Mr. Stone,

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

I am writing on behalf of the Central Coast Broadband Consortium to express our strong support for AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

The Central Coast Broadband Consortium is a community-based organization that brings together businesses, local agencies, non-profits and educational institutions in San Benito, Monterey and Santa Cruz counties with the goal of developing broadband infrastructure in our region and bringing its benefits to the people who live in our region. For the past 15 years we have successfully backed major broadband infrastructure and access projects, and contributed to the economic development and welfare of the region.

For the past three years, rural and urban regional consortia have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come.

The Central Coast Broadband Consortium believes AB 1262 is essential to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

The Central Coast Broadband Consortium would like to sincerely thank you Assembly Member Wood for introducing this important legislation. We commend on your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joel Staker', with a stylized, flowing script.

Joel Staker  
Chair, Central Coast Broadband Consortium  
Network Administrator, City of Watsonville  
250 Main Street  
Watsonville, CA 95076



February 27, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

I am writing on behalf of the California Center for Rural Policy (CCRP) at Humboldt State University to express our strong support for AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), which would transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

CCRP is a research center committed to informing policy, building community, and promoting the health and well-being of the more than five million Californians living in rural and frontier communities. We recognize how important broadband is to the future of rural communities which is why since our inception we have worked to expand broadband deployment and adoption.

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CCRP would like to sincerely thank you Assembly Member Wood for introducing this important legislation. We commend on your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Respectfully,

Connie Stewart  
Executive Director



April 13, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Chair, Assembly Utilities & Commerce Committee  
State Capitol Building, Room 5136  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 1262 (Wood)**  
**Position: Support**  
**Hearing: April 20, 2015**

Dear Assembly Member Rendon,

On behalf of the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC), I am writing to express our support for Assembly Bill 1262 (Wood). This bill would allow for funds to be transferred among existing accounts under the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) in order to continue funding for regional broadband consortiums.

By way of background, CENIC connects California to the world—advancing education and research statewide by providing the world-class network essential for innovation, collaboration and economic growth. The nonprofit organization operates the California Research and Education Network (CalREN), a high-capacity network designed to meet the unique requirements of over 20 million users, including the vast majority of K-20 students together with educators, researchers and other vital public-serving institutions. CENIC's Charter Associates are part of the world's largest education system; they include the California K-12 system, California Community Colleges, the California State University system, California's Public Libraries, the University of California system, Stanford, Caltech, and USC. CENIC also provides connectivity to leading-edge institutions and industry research organizations around the world, serving the public as a catalyst for a vibrant California.

Specifically, this bill will transfer \$5 million from the Broadband Infrastructure Revolving Loan Account to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account. The funding for the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant is nearly exhausted, and this bill will ensure there is continued funding to support the critical work of the regional consortia.

CENIC believes that the work of the regional consortia has been influential in helping to bring regional stakeholders together to address local broadband needs. CENIC engages and partners with many of regional consortia so that we can serve those schools without adequate



broadband access, which is part of our mission, **and** ensure that all students, parents, teachers, and administrators can obtain broadband access at home, which is part of the mission of the consortia. Both facets of access are critical if communities are to be part of this digital age.

CENIC is supportive of efforts to promote the expansion of broadband availability. For these reasons, we are pleased to support AB 1262, and urge you to vote “aye” on this important bill.

Sincerely,

*Louis Fox*

Louis Fox  
President & CEO

cc: Members and Staff of the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee  
Assembly Member Jim Wood



## Central Sierra Connect Broadband

Serving Alpine, Amador, Calaveras,  
Mariposa & Tuolumne Counties

March 20, 2015

VIA EMAIL: [tony.bui@asm.ca.gov](mailto:tony.bui@asm.ca.gov)

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### RE: AB1262 (Wood) – SUPPORT

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Bringing broadband to the Central Sierra Foothills: [www.centralsierraconnect.org](http://www.centralsierraconnect.org)

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For the past three years, our rural consortium and other regional consortia have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. If passed, AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF and regional goals for the next two years.

We believe AB 1262 is an essential element to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015. These goals are acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

In addition, we would like express its sincerest gratitude to you, Assemblyman Wood, for introducing this important legislation. We commend your commitment to this objective: bridging the digital divide in California!

Respectfully,

Shelly Hance  
Executive Director  
Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency

Cc: Tony Bui



# CITY OF BISHOP

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March 23, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0002

RE: Assembly Bill 1262

Dear Assemblymember Wood:

On behalf of the City of Bishop, I would like to extend our utmost appreciation and respect for authoring Assembly Bill 1262. The City of Bishop supports your effort and the importance of Regional Consortia to improve broadband resources.

By allocating additional funds into the Rural & Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account, you are ensuring the continued effort of Consortia statewide. The work that has been done is critical to laying a local and regional foundation for broadband deployment and adoption. The continuation of Consortia activity is essential to reach State and Federal goals for connectivity and adoption. We are eager to support your effort and partner with the goals of the Bill.

In our region, Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortia (ESCRBC) has been working diligently to gather public support, increase adoption, improve connectivity, and better the reliability of internet services. Their work has been a critical element of economic development and initiatives to improve quality of life in the City of Bishop. The continuance of their work is crucial to closing the digital divide and ushering in modern business practices, health services, educational resources, and quality of life standards.

The City of Bishop applauds your progressive attitude toward broadband expansion and your willingness to ambitiously advocate for the continuation of Consortia work. The City of Bishop officially supports Assembly Bill 1262 and joins the growing list of Cities and Counties identifying the need for continued advocacy, outreach, and programming on a local and regional level.

Thank you again for your dedication to remote and rural communities in the expansion of broadband resources, bridging the digital divide, and providing a critical economic and quality of life resource to the underserved of California.

Sincerest Regards,

Pat Gardner  
Mayor



## RESOLUTION NO. 15-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING THE CRITICAL WORK OF EASTERN SIERRA CONNECT REGIONAL BROADBAND CONSORTIUM IN DEPLOYING BROADBAND THROUGHOUT THE REGION AND THE NECESSITY TO LEVERAGE BROADBAND RESOURCES THROUGH THE CONTINUATION OF CONSORTIA ACTIVITY BY STATE FUNDING AS PROPOSED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 1262 AUTHORED BY ASSEMBLYPERSON JIM WOOD.

WHEREAS, Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortium (ESCRBC) has been actively improving broadband resources through the City and region through adoption programs, outreach efforts, and networking; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bishop recognizes the need for the continuation of Consortium activity to develop and leverage broadband resources for economic development and quality of life; and

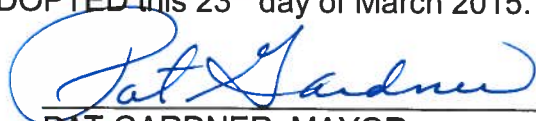
WHEREAS, the City of Bishop wishes to partner with ESCRBC in its activities by providing local leadership and stakeholder advocacy for broadband; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bishop demands universally available broadband at competitive prices and delivered at reliable, high-level services for the purpose of supporting economy and standard of living; and

WHEREAS, AB 1262, as authored by California Assemblyperson Jim Wood of District 2, proposes to reallocate \$5 million from the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Broadband Infrastructure Revolving Loan Account (currently at \$10 million) to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account for the purpose of continued funding of statewide Consortia;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Bishop formalizes its support of Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortium and the critical need for broadband as a resource for a stable economy and high quality of life and further supports Assembly Bill 1262 in the continuation of Consortia activity and applauds Assemblyperson Jim Wood for his progressive attitude toward community and economic development.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2015.

  
PAT GARDNER, MAYOR

ATTEST: Jim Tatum, City Clerk

By:   
Robin Picken, Assistant City Clerk





STATE OF CALIFORNIA }  
COUNTY OF INYO }  
CITY OF BISHOP }

I, Robin Picken, Assistant City Clerk for the City of Bishop, do hereby certify that the whole number of members of the City Council of said City of Bishop is five (5); that the foregoing Resolution No. 15-06 was duly passed and adopted by said City Council; approved and signed by the Mayor of said City; and attested by the City Clerk of said City, all at a regular meeting of said City Council, held on March 23, 2015, and that the same was so passed and adopted by the following roll call vote.

AYES: Schwartz, Ellis, Pecs, Smith, Gardner

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

DISQUALIFIED: None

WITNESS, my hand and the seal of the City of Bishop this 24th day of March 2015.



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Robin Picken, Assistant City Clerk  
CITY OF BISHOP



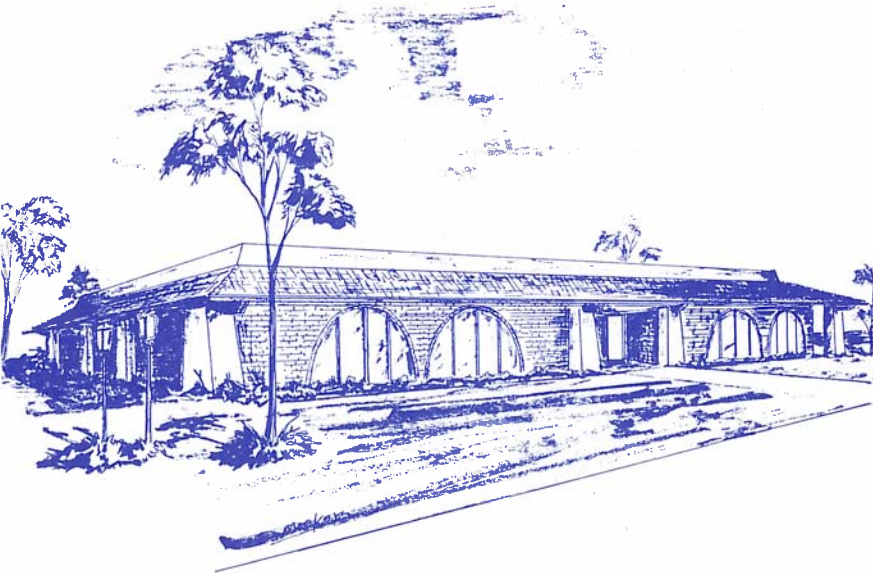
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# City of California City

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21000 HACIENDA BLVD. - CALIFORNIA CITY, CALIFORNIA 93505



March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0002  
RE: AB 1262

Dear Assemblymember Wood,

On behalf of California City, I would like to extend our utmost appreciation and respect for authoring Assembly Bill 1262. California City supports your effort and the importance of Regional Consortia to improve broadband resources.

By allocating additional funds into the Rural & Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account, you are ensuring the continued effort of Consortia statewide. The work that has been done is critical to laying a local and regional foundation for broadband deployment and adoption. The continuation of Consortia activity is essential to reach State and Federal goals for connectivity and adoption. We are eager to support your effort and partner with the goals of the Bill.

In our region, Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortia (ESCRBC) has been working diligently to gather public support, increase adoption, improve connectivity, and better the reliability of internet services. Their work has been a critical element of economic development and initiatives to improve quality of life in California City. The continuance of their work is crucial to closing the digital divide and ushering in modern business practices, health services, educational resources, and quality of life standards.

California City applauds your progressive attitude toward broadband expansion and your willingness to ambitiously advocate for the continuation of Consortia work. California City officially supports AB 1262 and joins the growing list of Cities and Counties identifying the need for continued advocacy, outreach, and programming on a local and regional level.

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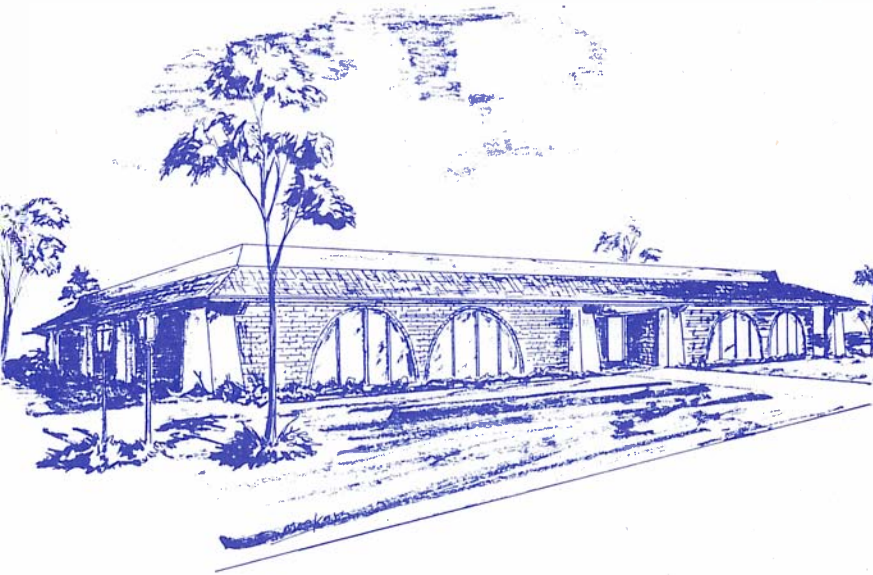
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Thank you again for your dedication to remote and rural communities in the expansion of broadband resources, bridging the digital divide, and providing a critical economic and quality of life resource to the underserved of California.

Sincerest regards,

  
Jennifer Wood, Mayor of California City

California City  
21000 Hacienda Blvd.  
California City, CA 93505



## CITY OF RIDGECREST

Telephone 760 499-5000

FAX 760 499-1500

100 West California Avenue, Ridgecrest, California 93555-4054

March 18, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0002  
RE: AB 1262

Dear Assembly Member Wood,

On behalf of the City of Ridgecrest, I would like to extend our utmost appreciation and respect for authoring Assembly Bill 1262. The City of Ridgecrest supports your effort and the importance of Regional Consortia to improve broadband resources.

By allocating additional funds into the Rural & Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account, you are ensuring the continued effort of Consortia statewide. The work that has been done is critical to laying a local and regional foundation for broadband deployment and adoption. The continuation of Consortia activity is essential to reach State and Federal goals for connectivity and adoption. We are eager to support your effort and partner with the goals of the Bill.

In our region, Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortia (ESCRBC) has been working diligently to gather public support, increase adoption, improve connectivity, and better the reliability of internet services. Their work has been a critical element of economic development and initiatives to improve quality of life in the City of Ridgecrest. The continuance of their work is crucial to closing the digital divide and ushering in modern business practices, health services, educational resources, and quality of life standards.

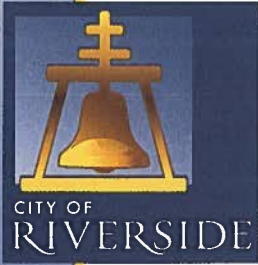
The City of Ridgecrest applauds your progressive attitude toward broadband expansion and your willingness to ambitiously advocate for the continuation of Consortia work. The City of Ridgecrest officially supports AB 1262 and joins the growing list of Cities and Counties identifying the need for continued advocacy, outreach, and programming on a local and regional level.

Thank you again for your dedication to remote and rural communities in the expansion of broadband resources, bridging the digital divide, and providing a critical economic and quality of life resource to the underserved of California.

Sincerest regards,

Peggy Breeden, Mayor of Ridgecrest

City of Ridgecrest  
100 W. California Ave.  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555



Office of the Mayor  
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March 31, 2015

VIA EMAIL: [tony.bui@asm.ca.gov](mailto:tony.bui@asm.ca.gov)

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: AB 1262 (Wood) – Support**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

This letter is to express strong support for AB1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

The Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium (IERB) addresses broadband access, infrastructure, planning, service reliability, and affordability in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Our region has a critical need for collaborative broadband planning and strategy to close the digital divide.

IERB also addresses our region's need for broadband speeds and reliability that support business start-ups, job retention and economic growth. IERB works to promote and strengthen "Smart Region" strategies in the Inland Empire to foster regional competitiveness and prosperity for our communities.

For the past three years, rural and urban regional consortia have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come.

IERB brings elected officials, policy makers, IT professionals, engineers, healthcare providers, educators, and business leaders together to address broadband and close the digital divide.

We are a member and actively participate with the Consortium and believe in their mission. The Consortium created and adopted the Inland Empire Broadband Infrastructure and Access Plan, which provides contextual framework and strategy for broadband implementation within the region.

We believe AB 1262 is essential to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

We sincerely thank you Assembly Member Wood for introducing this important legislation. We commend on your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Sincerely,

Mayor Rusty Bailey

Cc: Tony Bui, Legislative Director



**Build Up. Play Up. Work Up. Explore Up. Live Up.**

March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015



The Honorable Jim Wood  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0002  
RE: AB 1262

Dear Assemblymember Wood,

On behalf of the City of Tehachapi, I would like to extend our utmost appreciation and respect for authoring Assembly Bill 1262. The City of Tehachapi supports your effort and the importance of Regional Consortia to improve broadband resources.

By allocating additional funds into the Rural & Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account, you are ensuring the continued effort of Consortia statewide. The work that has been done is critical to laying a local and regional foundation for broadband deployment and adoption. The continuation of Consortia activity is essential to reach State and Federal goals for connectivity and adoption. We are eager to support your effort and partner with the goals of the Bill.

In our region, Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortia (ESCRBC) has been working diligently to gather public support, increase adoption, improve connectivity, and better the reliability of internet services. Their work has been a critical element of economic development and initiatives to improve quality of life in the City of Tehachapi. The continuance of their work is crucial to closing the digital divide and ushering in modern business practices, health services, educational resources, and quality of life standards.

The City of Tehachapi applauds your progressive attitude toward broadband expansion and your willingness to ambitiously advocate for the continuation of Consortia work. The City of Tehachapi officially supports AB 1262 and joins the growing list of Cities and Counties identifying the need for continued advocacy, outreach, and programming on a local and regional level.

Thank you again for your dedication to remote and rural communities in the expansion of broadband resources, bridging the digital divide, and providing a critical economic and quality of life resource to the underserved of California.

Sincerest regards,

Susan Wiggins, Mayor of Tehachapi

City of Tehachapi  
115 S. Robinson St.  
Tehachapi, CA 93561

cc: Deborah Hess

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# CITY OF TEHACHAPI

## RESOLUTION 20-15

### IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1262 AND BROADBAND REGIONAL CONSORTIA

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TEHACHAPI RECOGNIZING THE CRITICAL WORK OF EASTERN SIERRA CONNECT REGIONAL BROADBAND CONSORTIUM IN DEPLOYING BROADBAND THROUGHOUT THE REGION AND THE NECESSITY TO LEVERAGE BROADBAND RESOURCES THROUGH THE CONTINUATION OF CONSORTIA ACTIVITY BY STATE FUNDING AS PROPOSED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 1262 AUTHORED BY ASSEMBLYPERSON JIM WOOD.

**WHEREAS**, Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortium (ESCRBC) has been actively improving broadband resources through adoption programs, outreach efforts, and networking, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tehachapi recognizes the need for the continuation of Consortium activity to develop and leverage broadband resources for economic development and quality of life, and

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEHACHAPI AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the foregoing recitals are true and correct.

2. That the City of Tehachapi hereby declares its support of Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortium and the critical need for broadband as a resource for a stable economy and high quality of life and further supports Assembly Bill 1262 in the continuation of Consortia activity and applauds Assemblyperson Jim Wood for his progressive attitude toward community and economic development.

**ADOPTED, AND APPROVED**, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015, by the following vote:

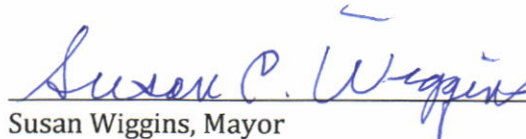
AYES: WIGGINS, NIXON, GRIMES, WAHLSTROM

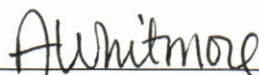
NOES: NONE

ABSENT: SMITH

ABSTAIN: NONE

ATTEST:

  
Susan Wiggins, Mayor

  
City Clerk





April 14, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

I am writing on behalf of the Contra Costa Economic Partnership to express our strong support for AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

The Contra Costa Economic Partnership (Partnership) is a coalition of business, education and public sector leaders dedicated to promoting economic vitality and an excellent quality of life in the East Bay region. The Partnership works collaboratively to support and expand existing businesses, and to attract high-wage, high-skill jobs and emerging technology companies to the region. The Partnership proudly serves as the fiscal agent of the East Bay Broadband Consortium (EBBC), a regional initiative covering Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano counties focused on improving Broadband (high-speed Internet) deployment, access and adoption in the East Bay. EBBC has 41 formal organizational and institutional members and has been endorsed by 25 leadership organization.

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The Partnership strongly believes AB 1262 is essential to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

The Partnership sincerely thanks you, Assembly Member Wood, for your leadership and for introducing this important legislation. We applaud your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristin Connelly".

Kristin Connelly  
Executive Director



**COUNTY OF ALPINE  
Board of Supervisors**

April 7, 2015

VIA EMAIL: [tony.bui@asm.ca.gov](mailto:tony.bui@asm.ca.gov)

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB1262 (Wood) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Supervisors for Alpine County to express our strong support for AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

Our regional broadband consortium, Central Sierra Connect (CSC) is a project managed by Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency for the counties of Mariposa, Tuolumne, Calaveras, Amador and the west side of Alpine. Their mission is to support the region's residents, businesses, visitors and organizations through the promotion, coordination and enhancement of e-technology: broadband access / adoption and technology education.

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The Alpine County Board of Supervisors believes AB 1262 is an essential element to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015. These goals are acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

At this time, the Alpine County Board of Supervisors would like express its sincerest gratitude to you, Assemblyman Wood, for introducing this important legislation. We commend your commitment to this objective: bridging the digital divide in California!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Katherine Rakow".

Katherine Rakow  
Board Chair



**COUNTY OF DEL NORTE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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March 10, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB1262 (Wood) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

The County of Del Norte supports AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), which would transfer \$5.0 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

For the past three years, rural and urban regional consortia have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state.

AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come.

The County of Del Norte believes AB 1262 is essential to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

We would like to sincerely thank you Assembly Member Wood for introducing this important legislation. We commend you on your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

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Respectfully,

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David Finigan, Chair

Board of Supervisors

Del Norte County, California

Cc: Tony Bui, Legislative Director, Assembly Member Wood: [Tony.bui@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Tony.bui@asm.ca.gov)

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April 14, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
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## **RE: AB1262 (Wood) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

As the District V Supervisor for the County of El Dorado representing a predominantly rural, underserved area from Lake Tahoe's West Shore, Meyers and Pollock Pines, I am pleased to provide my support for Assembly Bill 1262 (Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund) to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

Broadband is critically important for rural, unserved and underserved areas and AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and community stakeholders to promote development, deployment and expansion efforts for state, regional and local goals; the same goals endorsed and pursued by the California Broadband Council, the California Public Utilities Commission and the California Emerging Technology Fund.

Please add my name, on behalf of my constituency that, during peak seasons at Lake Tahoe, can number in the hundreds of thousands of visitors and part time residents, and on behalf of businesses along the major, albeit underserved, corridors of US Highway 50 and US Highway 89, along with the many underserved areas of El Dorado County, in support of AB 1262.

Sincerely,

Sue Novasel, County Supervisor  
District V, El Dorado County  
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## COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

For the meeting of: March 10, 2015

Date: March 03, 2015

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Rex Bohn

Subject: AB 1262 (Assembly Member Wood) Telecommunication: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund which would Transfer \$5 Million to Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign a letter in support of AB 1262.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: AB 1262 would transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account, and is vital in promoting broadband deployment and advancing broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. The Board continues to recognize the importance of broadband to rural communities and is sending a letter in support of this very important legislation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Bill Text and Letter of Support

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature 

REVIEW:

Auditor

County Counsel

Personnel

Risk Manager

Other

TYPE OF ITEM:

☒ XX Consent

☐ Departmental

☐ Public Hearing

☐ Other

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting of: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**  
Upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes

Nays

Abstain

Absent

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



March 10, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

I am writing on behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to express our support for AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), which would transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

We are committed to building community, and promoting the health and well-being of the more than five million Californians living in rural and frontier communities. We recognize how important broadband is to the future of rural communities which is why we have worked diligently to expand broadband deployment and adoption.

For the past three years, rural and urban consortia have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come.

Our Board believes that AB 1262 is essential to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

We wholeheartedly thank you for introducing this important legislation, and comment you for your efforts to help close the digital divide in California.

Sincerely,

Estelle Fennell, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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# Mariposa County Board of Supervisors



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April 7, 2015

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The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
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## RE: AB 1262 (Wood) – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors supports Assembly Bill 1262, which authorizes an internal transfer of moneys collected for the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) to fund the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

Mariposa County is located at the southern end of the California's Mother Lode Region. It has a population of approximately 18,000 and the topography varies from steep, rugged mountains and drainages to rolling hills of grass and oak woodlands. Internet access also varies considerably, from good high speed internet access to dial up. Some areas are well served with broadband access; others are unserved. It is imperative to Mariposa's economy and to its children that access to basic telecommunication services, especially broadband, is universally available.

Our regional broadband consortium, Central Sierra Connect (CSC) is a project managed by Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency for the counties of Mariposa, Tuolumne, Calaveras, Amador and the west side of Alpine. Their mission is to support the region's residents, businesses, visitors and organizations through the promotion, coordination and enhancement of broadband access, adoption and technology education.

Key CSC accomplishments over the past three years:

- Held numerous face-to-face broadband training sessions for a large cross-section of new users including the disadvantaged and senior populations to increase education, access and adoption.
- Developed and launched the innovative "Broadband Improvement Project" which netted over 700 responses to help correct errors on the State broadband map.
- Successfully encouraged and assisted an Internet Service Provider (ISP) to apply for CASF grant funding in all five of its counties.
- Held two regional broadband summits to update community leaders on broadband issues facing our region.

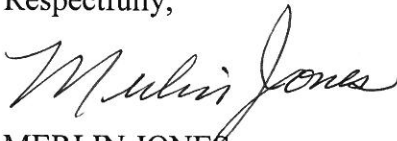
Critical work that CSC would like to finish over the next two years:

- Once the CVIN fiber project has been completed in our area, CSC expects to conduct extensive outreach to promote and build out numerous last mile projects.
- The above-mentioned ISP will need CSC's continued support for projects just submitted to the CASF for funding consideration.
- Assisting local jurisdictions in the development and deployment of robust broadband policies and inclusion of broadband in their respective General Plans.

For the past three years, Mariposa's rural consortium and other regional consortia have been working to promote universal broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the State. If passed, AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF and regional goals for the next two years.

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors appreciates this important legislation and we commend your commitment to bridging the digital divide in California.

Respectfully,

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MERLIN JONES  
Board Chair

cc: Regional County Representatives of California  
California State Association of Counties  
Mary Hodson, Mariposa County Administrative Officer

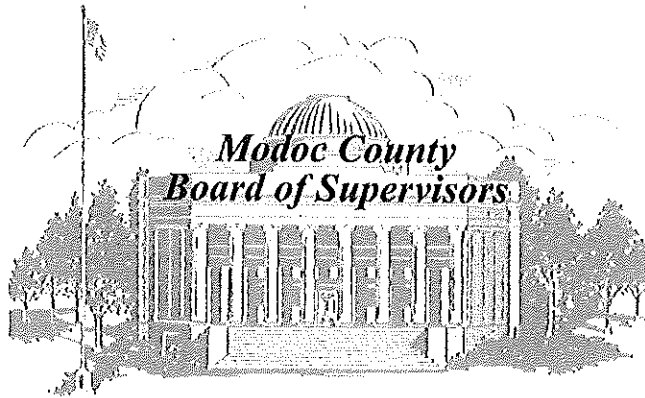
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April 14, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
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RE: AB1262 (Wood) – Letter of Support

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

On behalf of the Modoc County Board of Supervisors, and the broadband interests of all Modoc County residents, business owners, educators, students, visitors and public safety/1st responders, I/we support AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 Million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

The Northeastern CA Connect Consortium (NECCC) was started in January 2012, and in partnership with its counterpart, the Upstate CA Connect Consortium (UCCC), garnered community support from multiple stakeholders representing twelve counties that fostered development and submission of the Northern CA Regional Middle Mile Infrastructure Plan on 1/31/13. This NC RMMI plan proposed to leverage existing fiber infrastructure, build new routes to connect the currently independent and isolated networks and thereby would have interconnected Modoc to CA's northern counties via redundant and diverse fiber backhaul routes, bringing Modoc County into the 21st Century. Unfortunately, the majority of the proposed project areas were ultimately dis-allowed, hence the entire project was withdrawn due to unsustainability. Today, if efforts to deploy broadband infrastructure throughout northern CA's rural remote areas are to be successful, there is still a great deal of work to be done, because it is the lack of middle mile broadband infrastructure that restricts access to last mile broadband services, whether via land-line fiber, cable, or fixed wireless networks.

We believe the regional broadband planning consortia have made significant progress in promoting the development of broadband deployment projects to advance broadband access in unserved and underserved areas of CA's counties, however, there remain too many barriers deterring both national, regional and local Internet service providers from investing their own capital funds, largely due to lack of return on investment (ROI): rural remote areas by definition lack population density and therefore are not attractive to service providers because they lack potential for enough revenue to be traditionally profitable. For example, Frontier deployed fiber along Rte 299 from Palo Cedro through Alturas out past Cedarville in September of 2010, and has yet to make fiber to the premises (fttp) or fiber to the home (fthh) connections that are affordable to Modoc County residents. Today, the libraries will be able to upgrade their current T-1 lines via CENIC's educational network backbone, yet the Modoc County Administration is still limited to DSL (digital subscriber line), which is as slow as dial-up.



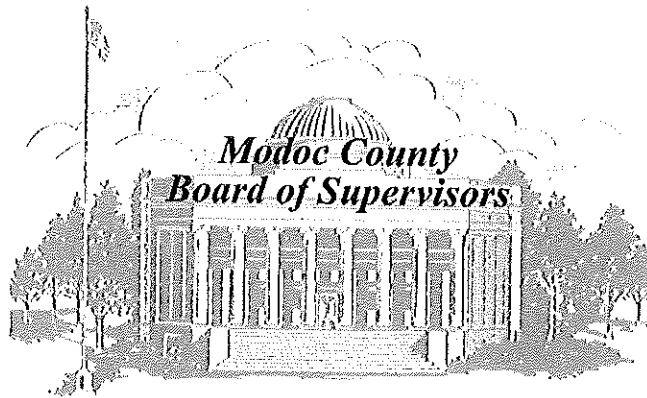
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Additionally, through data research and analysis conducted by the Geographical Information Center at CSU, Chico on the CA Broadband Availability data collected by the state, per Round 10 (June 2014), currently there remain 541,118 Households statewide without access to broadband wireline services at or above the state's minimum speeds, representing 4.3% of the entire state's total households. Here in Modoc County, 32.3% of our 4,099 households remain unserved. Should the state decide to raise the minimum speed for broadband to 25 Mpbs down and 3 Mpbs up, 100% of all Modoc County Households will be unserved.

AB 1262 will allow NECCC and other consortia statewide to continue outreach and community efforts to promote development of broadband infrastructure grant applications. Without additional future funding, the work of all seventeen (17) regional broadband planning consortia that commenced in January of 2012 will halt, severely limiting any future efforts in 85% of the state (49 of CA's 58 counties).

We endorse AB 1262, and we recommend language be included in the Bill that specifies the grant funds are to be used by the regional consortia to:

- 1) Assist in the engineering and design of infrastructure projects to meet the unserved and underserved communities across the state;
- 2) Promote the adoption of language that stipulates "broadband is fundamental infrastructure" as part of counties' General Plans; and
- 3) Facilitate the establishment of an ongoing mechanism in every county ensuring that broadband keeps pace with today's evolving standards.

Modoc County Board of Supervisors would like to sincerely thank you, Assembly Member Wood for introducing this important legislation. We commend you on your commitment to help close the broadband divide in California.

Respectfully,

Kathie Alves  
Chair

cc: Tony Bui, Staff to Assembly Member Wood  
Assemblymember Brian Dahle  
Sunne McPeak, Pres & CEO, CETF  
Gladys Palpallatoc, Assoc. V.P, CETF  
Paul Smith, Rural County Representatives of California  
CASF's Regional Broadband Consortia Leaders



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February 6, 2015

Paul Smith, Senior Legislative Analyst  
Rural County Representatives of California  
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Dear Mr. Smith:

On behalf of the Mono County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to add our support for the continuing work of the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia. Mono County deeply appreciates the language you, on behalf of RCRC, submitted to legislative counsel two weeks ago asking for a transfer of \$5-6 million from the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Revolving Loan Account into the Regional Consortia Account so that the work of the consortia can be sustained for two more years. This funding would continue to support efforts to expand broadband to rural areas and to provide digital literacy outreach and programs.

There is much more deployment needed to provide access to underserved and un-served areas for residential and business usage. In Mono County, all aspects of our rural communities require access to high functioning broadband and as home to Digital 395, the world's premiere middle mile project, we must finish the work of connecting communities. We are not alone in this and there is an unfinished amount of work to bringing broadband to all Californians.

In Mono County, the expansion of broadband to rural areas of California is our one of our highest priorities. This is a transformative economic development and community sustainability issue. In order to sustain businesses in rural communities and improve our local economies, we need robust broadband infrastructure. The consortia has been working and continues to work on this as a top priority. We want to help our regions turn in quality infrastructure grant applications in the foreseeable future.

Mono County has the fortune of being one of the most fantastic destinations in the world for an international range of visitors. However, the quality of life for residents who provide public and private services and are our community backbone will only be maintained by the continuing needed investment in broadband. We hope that RCRC efforts can get the funding shifted to support this ongoing effort.

Sincerely,

Timothy E Fesko, Chair  
Mono County Board of Supervisors

cc: Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC)  
California State Association of Counties (CSAC)

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March 31, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0002

**RE: Assembly Bill 1262 (Wood) - SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

On behalf of the County of Nevada, I offer my strong support for your bill, AB 1262, Telecommunications: Universal Service: CASF, to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

AB 1262 will allow statewide Consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to ensure unserved and underserved needs are met and we continue to recover from the "Great Recession".

Consortia work is tireless as our county's rural conditions and topography present enormous deployment challenges. AB 1262 will allow us to continue our partnerships and collaborative efforts to help make a "Real Difference, Right Now!" for our mostly rural communities.

AB 1262 is essential to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

Thank you for introducing this important legislation and for your hard work.

Sincerely,

Edward C. Scofield  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Copied to:

Assembly Member Brian Dahle  
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Greg Norton, President/CEO, Rural County Representatives of California

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**Tom Mullen**  
Geographic Information Officer

March 28, 2015  
The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

VIA EMAIL: [tony.bui@asm.ca.gov](mailto:tony.bui@asm.ca.gov)

**Subject: AB 1262 (Wood) – Support**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

This letter is to express strong support for AB1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

The Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium (IERB) addresses broadband access, infrastructure, planning, service reliability, and affordability in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Our region has a critical need for collaborative broadband planning and strategy to close the digital divide.

IERB also addresses our region's need for broadband speeds and reliability that support business start-ups, job retention and economic growth. IERB works to promote and strengthen "Smart Region" strategies in the Inland Empire to foster regional competitiveness and prosperity for our communities.

For the past three years, rural and urban regional consortia have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come.

IERB brings elected officials, policy makers, IT professionals, engineers, healthcare providers, educators, and business leaders together to address broadband and close the digital divide.

We are a member and actively participate with the Consortium and believe in their mission. The Consortium created and adopted the Inland Empire Broadband Infrastructure and Access Plan, which provides contextual framework and strategy for broadband implementation within the region.

We believe AB 1262 is essential to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

We sincerely thank you Assembly Member Wood for introducing this important legislation. We commend on your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Sincerely,

***Tom Mullen***

Tom Mullen  
Geographic Information Officer  
Riverside County, California

Cc: Tony Bui, Legislative Director  
Martha van Rooijen, Consortium Manager

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April 14, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Room, 5164  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1262 (Wood). Telecommunications. Universal Service. California Advanced Services Fund.**

Dear Assemblyman Wood,

On behalf of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, I write to express the County's support for your Assembly Bill 1262, which would transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

In Sacramento County, the Connected Capital Area Broadband Consortium (Consortium) has been promoting universal broadband deployment and advancing broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas. Specifically, among many efforts, the Consortium implemented a digital access project with four area high schools, developed a working tri-fold broadband resources guide in three languages, worked on dispelling myths about cell phone towers and mobile wireless infrastructure, conducted outreach on low-cost internet options to underserved communities in Sacramento County, and educated affordable housing agency staff about broadband public housing grant opportunities. This bill will help the Consortium continue its good work in our community.

For these reasons, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors is pleased to support AB 1262. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your questions at (916) 874-4627 or at [karln@saccounty.net](mailto:karln@saccounty.net).

Sincerely,

Natasha Karl

Governmental Relations and Legislative Officer

cc: Members, Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee  
Edmond Cheung, Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee  
Daryl Thomas, Consultant, Republican Caucus  
Sacramento County Delegation



**County Administrative Office**  
**Governmental & Legislative Affairs**

**Josh Candelaria**  
Director

April 20, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1262 – As introduced February 27, 2015 - **SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblyman Wood:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 1262, legislation that would transfer \$5 million from the Broadband Infrastructure Revolving Loan Account to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

The Housing Authority of San Bernardino County has used similar funding to expand and enhance the services of five public computer centers located in public housing developments within our County and has recently submitted for a \$1.2 million grant that that would implement and adopt a broadband infrastructure for affordable housing residents to access high speed internet in their housing units.

AB 1262 would allow local rural consortia to continue to promote universal broadband deployment and to advocate broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 1262. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or [jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov](mailto:jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Ramos".

JAMES RAMOS  
Board of Supervisors Chairman  
Third District Supervisor  
County of San Bernardino

c: County of San Bernardino Delegation

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April 7, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
P.O. Box 942849 Sacramento, CA 94249-0002

RE: Assembly Bill 1262 (Wood) - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

The Sierra County Board of Supervisors offer their strong support for your bill, AB 1262, Telecommunications: Universal Service: CASF, to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

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Thank you for introducing this important legislation and for your hard work.

Sincerely,

Jim Beard, Chairman

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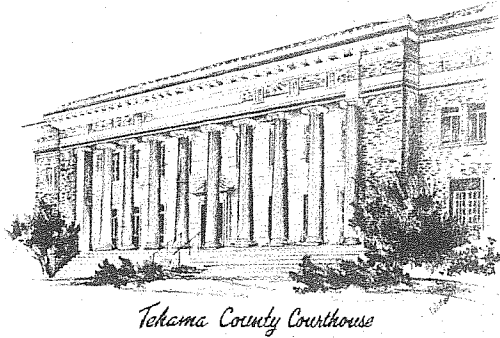
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April 21, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
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P.O. Box 942849m Room 5164  
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RE: AB1262 (Wood) – Letter of Support

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

On behalf of the Tehama County Board of Supervisors, and the broadband interests of all Tehama County residents, business owners, educators, students, visitors and public safety/1<sup>st</sup> responders, Tehama County is in support AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 Million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

The Northeastern California Connect Consortium (NECCC) was started in January 2012, and in partnership with its counterpart, the Upstate California Connect Consortium (UCCC), garnered community support from multiple stakeholders representing twelve counties that fostered development and submission of the Northern California Regional Middle Mile Infrastructure Plan on January 31, 2013. This NC RMMI plan proposed to leverage existing fiber infrastructure, build new routes to connect the current independent and isolated networks and thereby would have interconnected Modoc to California's northern counties via redundant and diverse fiber backhaul routes, bringing Modoc County into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Unfortunately, the majority of the proposed project areas were ultimately dis-allowed, hence the entire project was withdrawn due to unsustainability. Today, if efforts to deploy broadband infrastructure throughout northern California's rural remote areas are to be successful, there is still a great deal of work to be done, because it is the lack of middle mile broadband infrastructure that restricts access to last mile broadband services, whether via land-line fiber, cable, or fixed wireless networks.

The County believes the regional broadband planning consortia has made significant progress in promoting the development of broadband deployment projects to advance broadband access in unserved and underserved areas of California's counties, however, there remain too many barriers deterring both national, regional and local Internet service providers from investing their own capital funds, largely due to lack of return on investment (ROI): rural remote areas by definition lack population density and therefore are not attractive to service providers because they lack potential for

enough revenue to be traditionally profitable. For example, Tehama County departments use Internet services provided by multiple ISPs/WISPs, preventing the county from developing its own intra-net. Some departments are still limping along on DSL.

Additionally, through data research and analysis conducted by the Geographical Information Center at CSU, Chico on the California Broadband Availability data collected by the state, per Round 10 (June 2014), currently there remain 541,118 Households without access to broadband wireline services at or above the state's minimum speeds, representing 4.3% of the entire state's total households. Here in Tehama County, 46.9% of our total 24,038 households remain underserved or unserved. Should the state decide to raise the minimum speed for broadband to 25 Mpbs down and 3 Mpbs up, 77.46% of all Tehama County rural Households will be unserved.

AB 1262 will allow NECCC and other consortia statewide to continue outreach and community efforts to promote development of broadband infrastructure grant applications. Without additional future funding, the work of all seventeen (17) regional broadband planning consortia that commenced in January of 2012 will halt, severely limiting any future efforts in 85% of the state (49 of CA's 58 counties).

In our endorsement of AB 1262, it is recommended that language be included in the Bill that specifies that grant funds are to be used by the regional consortia to:

- 1) Assist in the engineering and design of infrastructure projects to meet the unserved and underserved communities across the state;
- 2) Promote the adoption of language that stipulates "broadband is fundamental infrastructure" as part of counties' General Plans; and
- 3) Facilitate the establishment of an ongoing mechanism in every county ensuring that broadband keeps pace with today's evolving standards.

Tehama County sincerely thanks you, Assembly Member Wood for introducing this important legislation. We commend you on your commitment to help close the broadband divide in California.

Respectfully,



Dennis Garton  
Supervisor District #3

cc: Tony Bui, Staff to Assembly Member Wood – via email to: [tony.bui@asm.ca.gov](mailto:tony.bui@asm.ca.gov)  
Assemblymember Brian Dahle  
Assemblyman James Gallagher  
Senator Jim Neilsen  
Sunne McPeak, Pres & CEO, California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF)  
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April 7, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

RE: Support for AB 1262 Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund

The Trinity County Board of Supervisors would like to express our strong support for AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), which would transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

With more than five million Californians living in rural and frontier communities we recognize how important broadband is to the economic future, educational and safety of rural communities. Since forming our consortia with our neighboring North Coast counties we have worked to expand broadband deployment and adoption through the Redwood Coast Connect Consortium.

For the past three years, rural and urban consortia have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come.

AB 1262 is essential to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

We would like to sincerely thank you Assembly Member Wood for introducing this important legislation. We commend you on your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Sincerely,

Judy Morris, Chairman  
Trinity County Board of Supervisors

KEITH GROVES  
DISTRICT 1

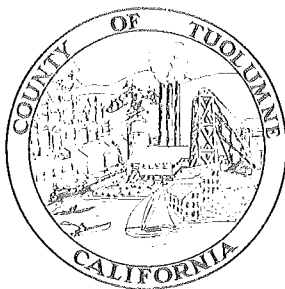
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*April 7 2015*

### **Via Email**

[tony.bui@asm.ca.gov](mailto:tony.bui@asm.ca.gov)

Jim Wood, Assemblyman  
District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB1262 (Wood) - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblyman Wood:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Supervisors for Tuolumne County to express our strong support for AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

Our regional broadband consortium, Central Sierra Connect (CSC) is a project managed by Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency for the counties of Mariposa, Tuolumne, Calaveras, Amador and the west side of Alpine. Their mission is to support the region's residents, businesses, visitors and organizations through the promotion, coordination and enhancement of e-technology: broadband access / adoption and technology education.

Key CSC accomplishments over the past three years:

- \* Held numerous face-to-face broadband training sessions for a large cross-section of new users including the disadvantaged and senior populations to increase education, access and adoption.
- \* Developed and launched the innovative "Broadband Improvement Project" which netted over 700 responses to help correct errors on the state broadband map.

- \* Successfully encouraged and assisted an Internet Service Provider (ISP) to apply for CASF grant funding in all five of its counties.
- \* Held two regional broadband summits to update community leaders on broadband issues facing our region.

Critical work that CSC would like to finish over the next two years:

- \* Once the CVIN fiber project has been completed in our area, CSC expects to conduct extensive outreach to promote and buildout numerous last mile projects.
- \* The above-mentioned ISP will need CSC's continued support for projects just submitted to the CASF for funding consideration.
- \* Assisting local jurisdictions in the development and deployment of robust broadband policies and inclusion of broadband in their respective General Plans.

For the past three years, our rural consortium and other regional consortia have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. If passed, AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF and regional goals for the next two years.

The Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors believes AB 1262 is an essential element to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015. These goals are acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

At this time, the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors would like express its sincerest gratitude to you, Assemblyman Wood, for introducing this important legislation. We commend your commitment to this objective: bridging the digital divide in California!

Sincerely,



John L. Gray  
Chairman

Cc: Tony Bui

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

AUCIA L. JAMAR  
Clerk of the Board

By: 



April 9, 2015

Assemblyman Anthony Rendon, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Utilities & Commerce  
State Capitol, Room 5136  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB1262 (Wood) – California Advanced Services Fund – SUPPORT  
Assembly Committee on Utilities & Commerce – April 20, 2015**

Dear Assemblyman Rendon:

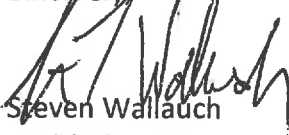
On behalf of the **Ventura County Board of Supervisors**, I urge your support for AB 1262 by Assemblyman Jim Wood. This bill would provide needed funding to continue the work of the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) in order to encourage the deployment of advanced communication services to all Californians.

The County of Ventura is dedicated to facilitating business and residential broadband access, having adopted policy, allocated resources, and supported the establishment of the Broadband Consortia of the Pacific Coast in our region. Earlier this month, the Board also supported a new project that will bring gigabit broadband speeds to all locations in our County Library system.

The continuing allocation of CASF funding to the consortia is essential to reaching the County's priorities, through its partnership with the Broadband Consortium of the Pacific Coast. Those priorities include identification and remediation of gaps in local service, accessing and leveraging other public and private grant funding to improve high-speed connectivity and choice, improving broadband adoption, particularly among our low-income residents, and coordinating the work of our local stakeholders in aligning infrastructure, policy and practice.

The County of Ventura believes AB 1262 is essential to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California. Therefore, on behalf of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors, I urge your support for AB 1262 (Wood).

Sincerely,

  
Steven Wallaich  
Legislative Advocate

Cc: Members and Consultant to the Assembly Committee on Utilities & Commerce  
Assemblyman Jim Wood  
Sue Hughes, County of Ventura

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# COUNTY OF YOLO

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March 18, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 5164  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1262 (Wood) Telecommunications: universal service: California Advanced Services Fund- SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

Yolo County supports your Assembly Bill 1262. This bill would deposit \$15m into the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account and \$10m into the Broadband Infrastructure Revolving Loan Account from the California Advanced Services Fund, allowing for the Rural and Urban Broadband Consortium to continue working for the next two years.

The County recently completed its Broadband Strategic Plan and it is currently open for public review. The Connected Capital Area Broadband Consortium (CCABC) has consistently been a partner and supporter of Yolo County during the process of data collection, review, and finalization. CCABC has created platforms to promote the plan during the review process and it is our hope that they can continue their assistance through the implementation process.

We are currently working on applying for grants for broadband deployment to underserved and unserved areas of Yolo County to benefit residents and business owners. The creation of high-speed broadband is a critical infrastructure need for our communities. Our residents need access to thrive – in educations, for civic engagement, for work, and for connecting with their communities locally and globally. Farmers need it to access technology for better and more efficient use of water and farming practices as well as having the ability to move big data. Small businesses need it to take advantage of the newest technologies for future success and sustainability. We need it to attract larger businesses to our region for economic development and have identified gaps and areas of need through our Strategic Plan that call for the continual support of the regional consortium.



We thank you for taking a leadership role by authoring AB 1262. Please contact Alexander Tengolics in the County Administrator's Office at (530) 666-8068 or [alexander.tengolics@yolocounty.org](mailto:alexander.tengolics@yolocounty.org) with any questions about the County's position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Rexroad". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matt Rexroad  
Chair, Yolo County Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Senator Richard Pan  
The Honorable Senator Lois Wolk  
The Honorable Assembly Member Bill Dodd  
The Honorable Assembly Member Kevin McCarty



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April 14, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Chair, Assembly Utilities and Commerce  
State Capitol, Room 5136  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1262 (Wood) – Telecommunications: Universal Service: California  
Advance Services Fund  
As introduced Feb 27, 2015 - SUPPORT  
Hearing date: April 20, 2015, Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee**

Dear Assembly Member Rendon:

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) supports Assembly Bill 1262 (Wood), which will provide vital dollars to the urban and rural consortia across the state to promote broadband access and adoption to unserved and underserved communities.

Specifically, AB 1262 would transfer \$5 million dollars to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account from the Broadband Infrastructure Revolving Loan Account. This additional funding will help ensure the consortia may continue their work in collaboration with service providers and community stakeholders. These efforts have included improving maps of existing broadband deployment, developing model broadband policy for local agencies, convening regional summits that bring together local leadership with the residents they serve, and assisting smaller telecommunication service providers apply for infrastructure grants.

CSAC strongly supports policy that seeks to enhance digital inclusion and overcome the digital divide that still persists in our state. Counties understand the importance of broadband for both county service delivery and also creating jobs, attracting new businesses, improving health care and education outcomes, and maximizing the efficient use of resources, all while connecting residents to these efforts and other opportunities.

For the aforementioned reasons, CSAC supports AB 1262. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding our position at (916) 327-7500, extension 515.

Sincerely,

*As signed*

Dorothy Holzem  
Legislative Representative

cc: The Honorable Jim Wood, California State Assembly  
Members, Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee  
Consultant, Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee  
Daryl Thomas, Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus



March 28, 2015  
The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

VIA EMAIL: [tony.bui@asm.ca.gov](mailto:tony.bui@asm.ca.gov)

**Subject: AB 1262 (Wood) – Support**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

This letter is to express strong support for AB1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

The Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium (IERB) addresses broadband access, infrastructure, planning, service reliability, and affordability in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Our region has a critical need for collaborative broadband planning and strategy to close the digital divide.

IERB also addresses our region's need for broadband speeds and reliability that support business start-ups, job retention and economic growth. IERB works to promote and strengthen "Smart Region" strategies in the Inland Empire to foster regional competitiveness and prosperity for our communities.

For the past three years, rural and urban regional consortia have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come.

We actively participate with the IERB Consortium. IERB brings elected officials, policy makers, IT professionals, engineers, healthcare providers, educators, and business leaders together to address broadband service and close the digital divide in our region.

We believe AB 1262 is essential to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

We sincerely thank you Assembly Member Wood for introducing this important legislation. We commend you on your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Sincerely,  
Samuel Sudhakar

**NAME: Samuel Sudhakar**

**TITLE: Vice President for Information Technology Services & CIO**

**ORGANIZATION: California State University San Bernardino**

Cc: Tony Bui, Legislative Director

5500 UNIVERSITY PARKWAY, SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407-2393

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Assembly member Jim Wood  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0002  
RE: AB 1262

Dear Assemblymember Wood,

On behalf of Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortium (ESCRBC), I would like to extend our utmost appreciation and support for Assembly Bill 1262.

By allocating additional funds into the Rural & Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account, you are ensuring the continued effort of Consortia statewide. The work that has been done is critical to laying a local and regional foundation for broadband deployment and adoption. The continuation of Consortia activity is essential to reach State and Federal goals for connectivity and adoption. We are eager to support your effort and partner with the goals of the Bill.

ESCRBC incorporates a vast service area, covering Mono, Inyo, and Eastern Kern Counties. To ensure that investments in broadband infrastructure are leveraged, local leadership must be engaged, sometimes educated, and encouraged to partner with our efforts. These efforts have seen the implementation of broadband policy in Inyo and Mono Counties, the training of more than 150 individuals in digital literacy, the establishment of four videoconferencing sites to be used by remote communities, the increase in broadband demand, and the approval of three projects to build last mile connection with Race Communication in Boron, Crowley Lake, and Stallion Springs.

To continue ushering remote and rural communities into the digital future, supporting Consortia effort is a necessary investment. By engaging regional stakeholders, developing supportive relationships with community leadership and elected officials, and supporting in the development and implementation of local projects, every grant dollar invested in infrastructure and broadband develop is maximized.

ESCRBC applauds your progressive attitude toward broadband expansion and your willingness to ambitiously advocate for the continuation of Consortia work. ESCRBC officially supports AB 1262 and lends itself to the choir of those identifying the need for continued advocacy, outreach, and programming on a local and regional level.

Thank you again for your dedication to remote and rural communities in the expansion of broadband resources, bridging the digital divide, and providing a critical economic and quality of life resource to the underserved of California.

Sincerely,



Nate Greenberg  
ESCRBC Chair



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April 14, 2015

VIA EMAIL: [tony.bui@asm.ca.gov](mailto:tony.bui@asm.ca.gov)

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
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**RE: AB1262 (Wood) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

I am writing on behalf of the Edgewood Companies to express our strong support for AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

Edgewood Companies has been a landowner at Lake Tahoe since 1896. A private, closely-held diversified real estate company, Edgewood Companies owns 500 acres in Nevada that includes the Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course, Friday's Station (an original Pony Express stop and where Mark Twain wrote portions of *Roughing It*), Edgewood Water Company, the MontBleu Casino Resort, and the land around Harveys Resort Casino. Edgewood further owns numerous undeveloped parcels and pristine beachfront in the South Lake Tahoe, California area.

For the past three years, rural and urban regional consortia have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come.

Edgewood Companies believes AB 1262 is essential to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

Edgewood Companies would like to sincerely thank you Assembly Member Wood for introducing this important legislation. We commend on your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Respectfully,

John McLaughlin  
Chief Financial Officer

Cc: Tony Bui,





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April 15, 2015

Via email: [tony.bui@asm.ca.gov](mailto:tony.bui@asm.ca.gov)

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **AB1262 (Wood) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Economic Vitality Corporation, a non-profit economic development organization for all of San Luis Obispo County, we wish to express our strong support for AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

The County of San Luis Obispo and the business community are dedicated to facilitating business and residential broadband access, having adopted policy, allocated resources, etc. For the past three years, rural and urban regional consortia have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come.

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We commend on your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Sincerely,

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Michael E. Manchak  
President & CEO

cc: Tony Bui



**Sierra Economic Development Corporation**

*Serving El Dorado, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Sierra and Yolo Counties*

April 1, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB1262 Board Resolution & Letter of Support**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

On behalf of the Sierra Economic Development Corporation (SED Corp) and the California Advance Services Fund (CASF) Gold Country Broadband Consortium (GCBC) we express our strong support for AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: CASF, to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

SED Corp is a US Economic Development Administration (EDA), US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Small Business Administration approved 501(c)(4) non-profit focused on northern California Sierra Nevada county economic development. Our group also spearheads the GCBC which is an essential region economic growth effort. Our rural unserved and underserved households are a much needed economic engine (e.g. home offices or home-based businesses).

AB 1262 will allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to ensure unserved and underserved needs are met and we continue to recover from the "Great Recession". Our work is tireless as our rural conditions and topography present enormous challenges. AB1262 will allow us to continue our partnerships and collaborative efforts to help make a "Real Difference, Right Now!" and into the future.

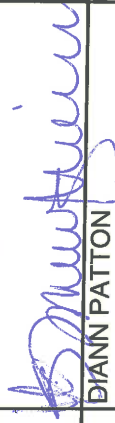
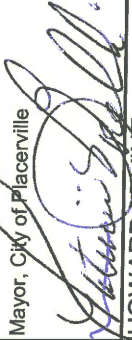

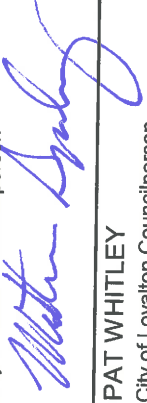
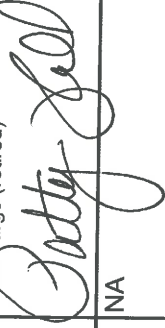



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Thank you for introducing this important legislation and your hard work.

Sincerely,

SED Corp Chief Executive Officer (CEO) &  
GCBC Program Manager

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April 14, 2015

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Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
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We sincerely thank you Assembly Member Wood for introducing this important legislation. Thank you on your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Sincerely,

Lisa Lawrence  
Executive Director  
High Desert Community Foundation

Cc: Tony Bui, Legislative Director

April 14, 2015  
The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: AB 1262 (Wood) – Support**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

This letter is to express strong support for AB1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

The Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium (IERB) addresses broadband access, infrastructure, planning, service reliability, and affordability in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Our region has a critical need for collaborative broadband planning and strategy to close the digital divide.

IERB also addresses our region's need for broadband speeds and reliability that support business start-ups, job retention and economic growth. IERB works to promote and strengthen "Smart Region" strategies in the Inland Empire to foster regional competitiveness and prosperity for our communities.

For the past three years, rural and urban regional consortia have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come.

IERB brings elected officials, policy makers, IT professionals, engineers, healthcare providers, educators, and business leaders together to address broadband and close the digital divide.

The Inland Empire Economic Partnership (IEEP) actively participates with the IERB Consortium and believes in their mission to close the digital divide. The Consortium created and adopted the Inland Empire Broadband Infrastructure and Access Plan, which provides contextual framework and strategy for broadband within the region. The funds through AB 1262 are needed for implementation of these strategies.



We believe AB 1262 is essential to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

We sincerely thank you, Assembly Member Wood, for introducing this important legislation. We commend you on your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Sincerely,

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Paul Granillo  
President and CEO

Cc: Tony Bui, Legislative Director

March 25, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Member, California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 5164  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1262  
Position: Support

Dear Assemblyman Wood:

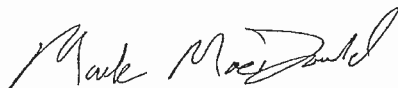
On behalf of the Kern, West Kern, and Yuba community college districts, I am writing in support of your AB 1262. This bill would transfer funds from the Broadband Infrastructure Revolving Loan Account to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Account to provide another two years of funding for the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF).

Under current law, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is required to administer a program, using funds from CSAF, to encourage deployment of high quality advance communication services to all Californians. When CSAF was created the Legislature provided \$10 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account. This account is crucial for providing funds to broadband infrastructure programs in rural areas as well as to consortia that assist in preparing grant applications and educating communities on their broadband needs.

Community college districts often form part of the consortia, are valuable resources in reaching out to local communities, and are best situated to comment on the needs of the area. Colleges are also vital to local, rural, economies by providing low-cost, efficient, job training programs and are becoming more reliant on high-quality broadband access in order to deliver those programs. Without the \$5 million transfer that this bill provides the Grant Account would no longer be able to provide any funds to important infrastructure projects and consortia. This would mean that there would be limited improvements in broadband access that would leave these rural areas, as well as community colleges, a step behind as this type of access becomes a more critical part of our digital era.

For these reasons we thank you for introducing this bill.

Sincerely,



Mark MacDonald

CC: Members of the Assembly Utilities & Commerce Committee



March 25, 2015  
VIA EMAIL: [tony.bui@asm.ca.gov](mailto:tony.bui@asm.ca.gov)

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB1262 (Wood) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

We are writing on behalf of the Los Angeles County Regional Broadband Consortia (LACRBC) to express our strong support for AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.


The LACRBC is comprised of five non-profit organizations, each representing a different sub-region in LA County and offering unique but unified services to the community. The technologically underserved population in Los Angeles would greatly benefit from enhanced communications infrastructure and the LACRBC welcomes the opportunity to support this legislative process.


For the past three years, rural and urban regional consortia have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come. Although in an urban environment, the technologically underserved population in Los Angeles also require enhanced infrastructure as well as having adoption challenges.

The LACRBC believes AB 1262 is essential to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

The LACRBC would like to sincerely thank you Assembly Member Wood for introducing this important legislation. We commend on your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Respectfully,

  
Diana Rodriguez  
Co-Coordinator

  
Revlyn L. Williams  
Co-Coordinator

On behalf of the members of the:  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL BROADBAND CONSORTIA



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March 18, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol, Room 5164  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 1262 – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Mammoth Lakes to express our support for AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), which would transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes is a small, rural community in the Eastern Sierra of about 8,000 full-time residents. We are geographically isolated from populated areas by several hundred miles and our remote location makes it difficult for many services to be provided at a high level in our area. Mammoth Lakes is also a tourist destination, servicing thousands of visitors each year. With today's technology needs, our visitors, along with our residents, expect high speed internet to be readily accessible. Additionally, access to high speed internet is critical to future economic development within the Town of Mammoth Lakes and the entire Eastern Sierra region.

You are probably aware that in late 2013, the Digital 395 Project, a "Middle Mile" project that built a new 583 mile fiber optic network between Barstow, CA and Carson City, NV, went live. Digital 395 encompasses 36 communities, six Indian reservations, two military bases, over 25,000 households and 2,500 businesses. The project brought high speed internet to over 250 key anchor institutions and points of interest, including local government, public safety entities, schools, libraries, and health care facilities. In addition, high capacity fiber is now available to Last Mile Providers for use in extending internet service to additional residential and business customers throughout the project area.

Completion of the Digital 395 project significantly improved access to high speed internet both in our local community of Mammoth Lakes and within the entire Eastern Sierra region. The proposed AB 1262 would provide critical funding to local broadband consortiums to help continue to support these types of projects throughout rural areas in California. The Town of Mammoth Lakes would like to thank you for introducing this important legislation. We commend you on your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Respectfully,

  
Jo Bacon, Mayor  
Town of Mammoth Lakes

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# North Bay/North Coast Broadband Consortium

April 2, 2015

VIA EMAIL: [tony.bui@asm.ca.gov](mailto:tony.bui@asm.ca.gov)

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB1262 (Wood) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

On behalf of the North Bay/North Coast Broadband Consortium (**NBNCBC**) and the four counties we represent, the Oversight Committee of **NBNCBC** supports AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5.0 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

**NBNCBC** represents the broadband interests of the citizens of Marin, Mendocino, Napa and Sonoma Counties. The purpose of the **NBNCBC** is to carry out its stated mission. In essence the purpose is twofold:

1. To organize communities, organizations, entities and residents from Marin, Mendocino, Napa and Sonoma counties, all of whom have a vested interest in ensuring that at a minimum standard broadband capacities and services are accessible and widely adopted throughout the region, and
2. To coordinate planning efforts among the four counties to achieve the goal set forth in the January 2008 recommendation of the California Broadband Task Force – **“Build out high-speed broadband infrastructure to all Californians”** – throughout the region.

To facilitate the work of the **NBNCBC** each county Board of Supervisors has designated one of its supervisors to serve on the **NBNCBC Oversight Committee**. The roles of the **NBNCBC Oversight Committee** include:

- Monitor the progress of the **NBNCBC** Management Team
- Act as the common interface to the four Boards of Supervisors
- Facilitate the formulation of issues and opportunities that cut across the four counties

Although we have been in existence for only the past nine months, we believe we have made significant progress in promoting the development of broadband deployment projects to advance broadband access in unserved and underserved areas of our four counties. Unlike the other regional consortia that received three-year CASF Rural Broadband Consortia Grant awards, **NBNCBC** only received a CASF grant for two years. AB 1262 would allow us and the other consortia to continue our important work.

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***While we endorse AB 1262, we recommend language be included in the Bill that specifies the grant funds are to be used by the regional consortia to: 1) assist in the engineering and design of infrastructure projects to meet the unserved and underserved communities across the state; 2) promote the adoption of broadband policies and guidelines as part of the General Plans of counties and communities within the counties; and 3) facilitate the establishment of an ongoing mechanism in each county that involves all the stakeholders to ensure that broadband keeps pace with the evolving standards.***

NBNCBC would like to sincerely thank you Assembly Member Wood for introducing this important legislation. We commend you on your commitment to help close the broadband divide in California.

Respectfully,



Thomas W. West  
Non-Voting Chair of the Oversight Committee

On behalf of the Oversight Committee Members

Steve Kinsey    Marin County Supervisor  
Dan Hamburg    Mendocino County Supervisor  
Diane Dillon    Napa County Supervisor  
Efren Carrillo    Sonoma County Supervisor

cc:    Tony Bui, Staff to Assembly Member Wood  
County Boards of Supervisors: Marin, Mendocino, Napa, and Sonoma  
State Senators: Mike McGuire and Lois Wolk  
Assembly Members: Marc Levine, and Bill Dodd  
Congressman: Jared Huffman  
CETF: Sunne McPeak and Gladys Palpallatoc  
Rural County Representatives of California: Paul Smith  
CASF's Regional Broadband Consortia: Leaders

April 14, 2015

**VIA EMAIL:** [tony.bui@asm.ca.gov](mailto:tony.bui@asm.ca.gov)

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB1262 (Wood) – Letter of Support**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

On behalf of the Northeastern CA Connect Consortium (NECCC), and the broadband interests of Butte, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou and Tehama counties, we support AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 Million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

NECCC was started in January 2012, and in partnership with its upstate counterpart, UCCC, garnered community support from multiple stakeholders representing twelve counties that fostered development and submission of the Northern CA Regional Middle Mile Infrastructure Plan on 1/31/13. This NC RMMI plan proposed to leverage existing fiber infrastructure, build new routes to connect the currently independent and isolated networks and thereby would have interconnected 16 of CA's northern counties via redundant and diverse fiber backhaul routes. Unfortunately, the majority of the proposed project areas were ultimately dis-allowed, hence the entire project was withdrawn due to unsustainability. Today, if efforts to deploy broadband infrastructure throughout northern CA's rural remote areas are to be successful, there is still a great deal of work to be done, because it is the lack of middle mile broadband infrastructure that restricts access to last mile broadband services, whether via land-line fiber, cable, or fixed wireless networks.

We believe we have made significant progress in promoting the development of broadband deployment projects to advance broadband access in unserved and underserved areas of our three counties, however, there remain too many barriers deterring both national, regional and local Internet service providers from investing their own capital funds, largely due to lack of return on investment (ROI): rural remote areas by definition lack population density and therefore are not attractive to service providers because they lack potential for enough revenue to be traditionally profitable.

Additionally, through data research and analysis conducted by the Geographical Information Center at CSU, Chico on the CA Broadband Availability data collected by the state, per Round 10 (June 2014), currently there remain 541,138 households without access to wireline broadband speeds at or above 6 Mgbps down and 1.5 Mgbps up (267,048 households are underserved, and 274,090 households are unserved). These under-/unserved households represent 4.3% of the

entire state's total households.

Should the state decide to raise the minimum speed for broadband to 25 Mpbs down and 3 Mpbs up, this number jumps to 854, 587 households that will be unserved, a 64% increase in the number of households statewide that do not have access to broadband services. Of all the statewide households that will be unserved, 68.04% are in rural areas.

AB 1262 will allow NECCC and other consortia statewide to continue outreach and community efforts to promote development of broadband infrastructure grant applications. Without additional future funding, the work of all seventeen (17) regional broadband planning consortia that commenced in January of 2012 will halt, severely limiting any future efforts in 85% of the state (49 of CA's 58 counties).

***We endorse AB 1262, and we recommend language be included in the Bill that specifies the grant funds are to be used by the regional consortia to:***

- 1) assist in the engineering and design of infrastructure projects to meet the unserved and underserved communities across the state;***
- 2) promote the adoption of language that stipulates "broadband is fundamental infrastructure" as part of counties' General Plans; and***
- 3) facilitate the establishment of an ongoing mechanism in every county ensuring that broadband keeps pace with today's evolving standards.***

NECCC sincerely thanks you, Assembly Member Wood for introducing this important legislation. We commend you on your commitment to help close the broadband divide in California.

Respectfully,



Cathy Emerson  
Consortium Manager



Jason Schwenkler  
Director, Geographical Information Center

cc: Tony Bui, Staff to Assembly Member Wood  
County Boards of Supervisors: Butte, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama  
Assembly Member Brian Dahle  
Senator Jim Nielsen  
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Gladys Palpallatoc, Assoc. V.P, CETF  
Paul Smith, Rural County Representatives of California  
CASF's Regional Broadband Consortia Leaders



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The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB1262 (Wood) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

I am writing on behalf of the North Lake Tahoe Chamber/CVB/Resort Association to express our strong support for AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

The North Lake Tahoe Chamber/CVB/Resort Association provides direction to Eastern Placer County on the expenditure of Transient Occupancy Tax for the purpose of improving visitor service, capital investments, destination marketing and visitor information.

For the past three years, rural and urban regional consortia have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come. Current efforts are working on the unserved and underserved areas adjacent to Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows ski areas. These areas serve approximately 30% of the visitation to North Lake Tahoe during the winter months and host world class events. The need for adequate to excellent service from broadband in this area is critical to the success of the region.

North Lake Tahoe Chamber/CVB/Resort Association believes AB 1262 is essential to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

We would like to sincerely thank you Assembly Member Wood for introducing this important legislation. We commend on your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Respectfully,

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Sandy Evans Hall  
CEO/Executive Director  
North Lake Tahoe Chamber/CVB/Resort Association

Cc: Tony Bui,



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April 16, 2015

VIA EMAIL: [tony.bui@asm.ca.gov](mailto:tony.bui@asm.ca.gov)

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### RE: AB1262 (Wood) – Letter of Support

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative and Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications support AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 Million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

We believe the regional broadband planning consortia have made significant progress in promoting the development of broadband deployment projects to advance broadband access in unserved and underserved areas of California's counties, and recently provided significant data research and technical support for our second CASF Broadband Infrastructure grant application, submitted February 26, 2015 and currently pending review. However, there still remain too many barriers deterring both national, regional and local Internet service providers from investing their own capital funds, largely due to lack of return on investment: rural remote areas by definition lack population density and therefore are not attractive to service providers because they lack potential for enough revenue to be traditionally profitable.

Additionally, through data research and analysis conducted by the Geographical Information Center at CSU, Chico on the California Broadband Availability data collected by the state, per Round 10 (June 2014), currently, there remain 541,138 households without access to broadband wireline services at or above the state's minimum speeds, representing 4.3 percent of the entire state's total households. Should the state decide to raise the minimum speed for broadband to 25 Mbps down and 3 Mbps up, 68.04 percent of all rural households will be **unserved**.

AB 1262 will allow NECCC and other consortia statewide to continue outreach and community efforts to promote development of broadband infrastructure grant applications. Without additional future funding, the work of all 17 regional broadband planning consortia that commenced in January of 2012 will halt, severely limiting any future efforts in 85 percent of the state (49 of California's 58 counties).

*We endorse AB 1262, and we recommend language be included in the Bill that specifies the grant*



*funds are to be used by the regional consortia to:*

- 1) assist in the engineering and design of infrastructure projects to meet the unserved and underserved communities across the state;*
- 2) promote the adoption of language that stipulates “broadband is fundamental infrastructure” as part of counties’ General Plans; and*
- 3) facilitate the establishment of an ongoing mechanism in every county ensuring that broadband keeps pace with today’s evolving standards.*

PSREC and PST sincerely thank you, Assembly Member Wood for introducing this important legislation. We commend you on your commitment to help close the broadband divide in California.

Respectfully,

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Corby Erwin  
Member Services Manager

cc: Tony Bui, Staff to Assembly Member Wood



April 14, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB1262 (Wood) – Support

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

I am writing on behalf of Praxis Associates, Inc. and Inyo Networks, Inc., who collaborated to create the Digital 395 broadband network in the Eastern Sierra, a \$110M project funded by the California Advance Services Fund (CASF) and the Department of Commerce. The Regional Broadband Consortia program has supported this project and provided substantial support for the subsequent broadband adoption efforts throughout the region, which covers about 11% of the state.

Praxis Associates, Inc. and Inyo Networks, Inc., wish to express strong support for AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

Developing broadband throughout California is critical for the State's economic development. This assertion is very seldom challenged in today's high tech world -- a world substantially conceived and nurtured by California's uniquely innovative culture and leadership. What started here at UCLA and UC Santa Barbara in 1969 has reached into all geographies, industries and socio-economic strata around the globe. In 2011 the United Nations declared Internet Access to be a basic human right that underlies freedom and human expression. Other states and countries have seen what we've done and covetously want to make this economic force and inherently democratic technology their own. And many are succeeding -- so far.

An important element in retaining high tech leadership is to have in place a robust and comprehensive broadband infrastructure. Other countries and states recognize this does not happen on its own in the timeframes required. They have intervened, with full understanding that the challenges of deliberately and rapidly bringing into place these changes are substantial. As a fiber optic construction company and certificated (CPCN) broadband provider, we can say that building networks in urban and rural areas is only one part of the challenge. Like any change, the social engineering involved is complex and requires agency. There is no better change agent in California for broadband development and adoption than the Urban and Rural Regional Consortia. They have

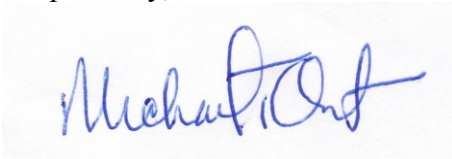
proved effective at focusing citizens on the issues and bringing needed energy to the effort.

While the Consortia's work has been effective thus far, each area of the State continues to present its own challenges. The State exercised great insight when it initiated the Urban and Rural Broadband Consortia and formally created a broadband change agent. But the work is unfinished, and if left to chance, the initiatives underway will atrophy and the broadband expenditures will substantially under-perform. More work is needed to address the challenges of ensuring network deployment and on-going sustainability of this valuable infrastructure.

Praxis Associates and Inyo Networks believe AB 1262 is essential to achieving the state's broadband goals of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

Praxis Associates and Inyo Networks would like to sincerely thank you, Assembly Member Wood, for introducing this important legislation. We commend on your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Ort", is shown on a light-colored background.

Michael Ort  
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Inyo Networks, Inc.  
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March 10, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Member, California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 5164  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 1262 – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), I offer our support for your Assembly Bill 1262, which makes an internal transfer of moneys collected for the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF).

RCRC is an association of thirty-four rural California counties and the RCRC Board of Directors is comprised of elected supervisors from those member counties. The deployment of technology in rural areas of California is a high priority for our member counties. As we continue to work with the Federal government, the Legislature, the Governor, and the private sector to achieve greater broadband expansion, it is imperative to continue the state's commitment to help ensure universal access to basic telecommunications services, such as broadband.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is required to administer a program using moneys in the CASF to encourage deployment of high-quality advance communication services to all Californians. This occurs in two areas: first, by providing funding for infrastructure projects that provide broadband access to households that are unserved or underserved; and second, by providing monies to consortia that assist in preparing grant applications and educating communities on their specific broadband needs.

When the CASF was first created, the Legislature recognized the need to provide specific funding to consortia. As such, \$10 million was deposited into the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account. Unfortunately, this account is about to be exhausted. Thus, if further monies are not available, many rural consortia will no longer be able to provide the appropriate broadband educational service nor assist in preparing applications for CASF grants. One option to preserve funding for

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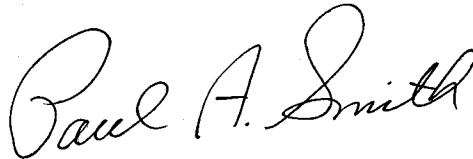
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consortia activities is to make an internal transfer within the CASF. AB 1262 proposes such a transfer, specifically moving \$5 million from the Broadband Infrastructure Revolving Loan Account to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account. This will provide approximately two additional years of funding.

RCRC and a number of consortiums located throughout California appreciate your authorship of AB 1262. And, we look forward to enacting this bill into law so that we can extend the current efforts of consortiums in addressing the broadband needs of many rural communities.

If you should have any questions or concerns regarding RCRC's support of AB 1262, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 447-4806.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul A. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

PAUL A. SMITH  
Senior Legislative Advocate

cc: Members of the Assembly Utilities & Commerce Committee





San Diego  
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March 31, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB1262 (Wood) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

I am writing on behalf of the San Diego Imperial Regional Broadband Consortium to express our strong support for AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

The San Diego Imperial Regional Broadband Consortium focuses on expanding deployment and adoption of broadband for education, health and safety, and economic development in Imperial and San Diego County. SDIRBC was funded through a grant from the California Public Utilities Commission. To accomplish its mission, SDIRBC intends to direct its regional efforts on these goals:

- Increasing the availability and adoption of broadband technology in the region;
- Developing and maintaining information about the region's unique technology barriers and needs;
- Establishing, maintaining, and mapping a lowest common denominator baseline broadband speed;
- Creating reports and plans that clearly articulate community needs in order to develop projects that address them appropriately.

Members of SDIRBC possess expertise in technology, education, and economic development and include representation from economic development offices; a non-profit technology/technical service foundation; county offices of education; the University of California San Diego Calit2 Institute; and, the Tribal Digital village, a computer network connecting 17 tribal reservations in the San Diego region. Their combined background and experience in technology for community benefit provides a unique understanding of the region's needs and an ability to recommend suitable broadband solutions.

For the past three years, rural and urban regional consortia have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. AB 1262 would allow

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Our Vision: The San Diego region will be a pillar of the global economy & a magnet for investment, talent and innovation*

consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come.

SDIRBC believes AB 1262 is essential to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

SDIRBC would like to sincerely thank you Assembly Member Wood for introducing this important legislation. We commend on your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Respectfully,

***Jennifer Storm***

Jennifer Henry Storm  
Executive Director, Economic Development Foundation  
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Cc: Tony Bui



SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY REGIONAL  
**Broadband**  
CONSORTIUM

March 23, 2015

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The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB1262 (Wood) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

I am writing on behalf of the **San Joaquin Valley Regional Broadband Consortium** to express our strong support for AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

The San Joaquin Valley Regional Broadband Consortium (SJVRBC) is an initiative of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley and is administered by Office of Community and Economic Development at Fresno State. SJVRBC is dedicated to accelerating the deployment, accessibility, and adoption of broadband within the San Joaquin Valley. The transfer of funds to the Rural and Urban Regional Consortia Grant Account will help continue SJVRBC's comprehensive regional approach to improving broadband infrastructure, expanding telehealth, and increasing digital literacy across the San Joaquin Valley.

SJVRBC comprises members from both public and private sectors. Members include government, telecommunications providers and industry associations, economic development corporations and business development centers, local educational agencies and institutions of higher education, health delivery organizations, community-based and nonprofit organizations, and accessibility advocates.

It is the mission of SJVRBC to enhance the region's quality of life and economic vitality by facilitating the deployment, accessibility, and utilization of broadband throughout the San Joaquin Valley, integrating it into the region's 21<sup>st</sup> Century infrastructure. AB1262 will help provide funding for SJVRBC to achieve its goal by successfully executing deliverables within the five major activity areas:

- Expedite the provision of broadband access in all areas of the San Joaquin Valley;



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- Promote accessibility and adoption of broadband in targeted unserved and underserved communities and populations;
- Expand and replicate successful model programs to increase broadband access and bridge the digital divide;
- Accelerate deployment of broadband infrastructure through telemedicine and telehealth technology; and
- Work with neighboring regional consortia to ensure the development of cohesive intra-regional infrastructure.

For the past three years, SJVRBC has been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the San Joaquin Valley. SJVRBC convened work groups pertaining to infrastructure, digital literacy, and telehealth, as well as a rural broadband committee. AB 1262 would allow SJVRBC to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come.

SJVRBC believes AB 1262 is essential to achieving the State's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% broadband adoption across California by 2015. These goals are acknowledged by California Broadband Council (CBC), California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

SJVRBC would like to sincerely thank you, Assembly Member Wood, for introducing this important legislation. We commend you on your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Respectfully,

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Mike Dozier

Cc: Tony Bui

April 15, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
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Dear Assembly Member Wood:

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The Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium (IERB) addresses broadband access, infrastructure, planning, service reliability, and affordability in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Our region has a critical need for collaborative broadband planning and strategy to close the digital divide.

IERB also addresses our region's need for broadband speeds and reliability that support business start-ups, job retention and economic growth. IERB works to promote and strengthen "Smart Region" strategies in the Inland Empire to foster regional competitiveness and prosperity for our communities.

For the past three years, rural and urban regional consortia have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come.

We actively participate with the IERB Consortium. IERB brings elected officials, policy makers, IT professionals, engineers, healthcare providers, educators, and business leaders together to address broadband service and close the digital divide in our region.

We believe AB 1262 is essential to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

We sincerely thank you Assembly Member Wood for introducing this important legislation. We commend you on your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Regards,



Alan Braggins  
**Deputy Sector Navigator**  
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Cc: Tony Bui, Legislative Director





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The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
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### RE: AB1262 (Wood) – Letter of Support

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

On behalf of the Shasta County Board of Supervisors, and the broadband interests of all Shasta County residents, business owners, educators, students, visitors and public safety and our First responders, I support AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 Million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

The Northeastern CA Connect Consortium (NECCC) was started in January 2012, in partnership with the Upstate CA Connect Consortium (UCCC), garnered community support from multiple stakeholders representing twelve counties that fostered development and submission of the Northern CA Regional Middle Mile Infrastructure Plan..

Regional broadband planning consortia have made significant progress in promoting the development of broadband deployment projects to advance broadband access in unserved and underserved areas of Californias counties. There remain many barriers deterring both national, regional and local Internet service providers from investing their own capital funds, largely due to lack of return on investment (ROI): rural remote areas by definition lack population density and therefore are not attractive to service providers because they lack potential for enough revenue to be traditionally profitable. For example, to date all of Shasta County's rural districts lack adequate cell phone coverage.

Through data research and analysis conducted by the Geographical Information Center at CSU, Chico on the CA Broadband Availability, data collected by the state, per Round 10 (June 2014), currently there remain 541,118 Households statewide without access to broadband wireline services at or above the state's minimum speeds, representing 4.3% of the entire state's total households. **Here in Shasta County, 17% of our 12,647 rural households remain unserved.** Should the state decide to raise the minimum speed for broadband to 25 Mgbps down and 3 Mgbps up, **83.47% of Shasta County's rural Households will be unserved.**

AB 1262 will allow NECCC and other consortia statewide to continue outreach and community efforts to promote development of broadband infrastructure grant applications.

*We endorse AB 1262, and we recommend language be included in the Bill that specifies the grant funds are to be used by the regional consortia to:*

- 1) assist in the engineering and design of infrastructure projects to meet the unserved and underserved communities across the state;*
- 2) promote the adoption of language that stipulates "broadband is fundamental infrastructure" as part of counties General Plans; and*
- 3) facilitate the establishment of an ongoing mechanism in every county ensuring that broadband keeps pace with today's evolving standards.*

**Shasta County Board of Supervisors** sincerely thanks you, Assembly Member Wood, for introducing this important legislation. We commend you on your commitment to help close the broadband divide in California.

Respectfully,



*Pam Giacomini, Supervisor, District Three*

cc: Tony Bui, Staff to Assembly Member Wood  
Assemblymember Brian Dahle  
Sunne McPeak, Pres & CEO, CETF  
Gladys Palpallatoc, Assoc. V.P, CETF  
Paul Smith, Rural County Representatives of California  
CASF's Regional Broadband Consortia Leaders



Sierra Ecosystem  
Associates

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
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April 15, 2015

**RE: AB 1262 (Wood) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

I am writing to express Sierra Ecosystems Associates' (SEA) strong support for AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million from the Broadband Infrastructure Revolving Loan Account to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

For the past three years, rural and urban regional consortia, such as the Tahoe Prosperity Center (TPC), have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come.

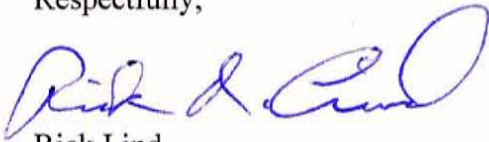
Expanded broadband service is vital to regions like Lake Tahoe, which include recognized Disadvantaged Communities (DAC), because it promotes economic growth by providing the necessary infrastructure to attract businesses and residents requiring advanced communications for day to day activities. Already, through a grant awarded by the CASF, the TPC has been gathering and analyzing internet service data throughout the Tahoe Basin. This data will help identify unserved and underserved areas that would benefit from expanded broadband service. By transferring additional funds to the CASF, entities such as the TPC may continue their work and assist service providers in expanding their network.

SEA believes AB 1262 is not only essential to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF), but also important in assisting regions like Lake Tahoe with their economic and community development goals.

Mr. Wood  
April 15, 2015  
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On behalf of SEA I would like to sincerely thank you for introducing this important legislation. We commend you on your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Respectfully,

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Rick Lind  
President, Sierra Ecosystem Associates

Cc: Tony Bui



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March 28, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: AB 1262 (Wood) – Support

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

This letter is to express strong support for AB1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

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IERB also addresses our region's need for broadband speeds and reliability that support business start-ups, job retention and economic growth. IERB works to promote and strengthen "Smart Region" strategies in the Inland Empire to foster regional competitiveness and prosperity for our communities.

For the past three years, rural and urban regional consortia have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come.

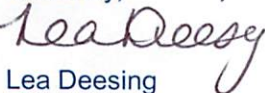
IERB brings elected officials, policy makers, IT professionals, engineers, healthcare providers, educators, and business leaders together to address broadband and close the digital divide.

We are a member and actively participate with the IERB Consortium. The Consortium created and adopted the Inland Empire Broadband Infrastructure and Access Plan, which provides contextual framework and strategy for broadband implementation within the region.

We believe AB 1262 is essential to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

We sincerely thank you Assembly Member Wood for introducing this important legislation. We commend on your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Sincerely,



Lea Deesing  
Executive Director, SmartRiverside  
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cc: Tony Bui, Legislative Director





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April 16, 2015

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Member, California State Assembly, District 2  
State Capitol, Room 5164  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Via E-Mail: [tony.bui@asm.ca.gov](mailto:tony.bui@asm.ca.gov)

Re: Assembly Bill 1262 - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblyman Wood:

On behalf of our more than 660 members and partnership with the Tahoe Prosperity Center (TPC), the Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce [TahoeChamber] is pleased to express strong support for AB 1262.

In our adopted Vision 2020 principles, the Chamber is committed to advocacy and the related activities necessary to advance technical and physical infrastructure that supports business and community. We are proud to be a founding member of the Tahoe Prosperity Center, a non-profit organization focused on uniting Lake Tahoe's communities to strengthen regional prosperity. We recognize how important broadband is to the future of our region. As a recipient of a Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant (May 2014), the TPC has completed a robust assessment and analysis of our broadband infrastructure and needs. TPC is now in the planning and execution phase and actively looking for new Internet Service Providers to expand into the underserved areas within our region.

When the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) was first created, the Legislature recognized the need to provide specific funding to community-based broadband consortia. Unfortunately, the \$10 million that was initially deposited into the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account is about to be exhausted. We appreciate your leadership in introducing AB 1262 to address this issue. We support the internal transfer of \$5 million in funding from the Broadband Infrastructure Revolving Loan Account to the Rural and Urban Broadband Consortia Grant Account. We understand this transfer will provide approximately two additional years of funding to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come.

It is vital to continue to momentum that CASF has generated toward achieving the state's broadband deployment and adoption goals, goals embraced by the California Broadband Council (SBC), California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).



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Please let us know what additional steps we can take to help you secure the passage of AB 1262.

Sincerely,

Betty "B" Gorman  
President/CEO

Jason Collin  
Board Chair

cc: Ms. Sandy Evans Hall, Board Chair  
Ms. Bev Ducey, Program Manager  
Tahoe Prosperity Center



April 8, 2015

Jim Wood, Assemblyman District 2  
State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814  
Via Email  
tony.bui@asm.ca.gov

Re: AB1262 (Wood) – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblyman Wood:

I am writing on behalf of the Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority to express our strong support for AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

The regional broadband consortium, Central Sierra Connect (CSC) is a project managed by Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency for the counties of Mariposa, Tuolumne, Calaveras, Amador and the west side of Alpine. Their mission is to support the region's residents, businesses, visitors and organizations through the promotion, coordination and enhancement of e-technology: broadband access | adoption and technology education.

Key CSC accomplishments over the past three years:

- Held numerous face-to-face broadband training sessions for a large cross-section of new users including the disadvantaged and senior populations to increase education, access and adoption.
- Developed and launched the innovative "Broadband Improvement Project" which netted over 700 responses to help correct errors on the state broadband map.
- Successfully encouraged and assisted an Internet Service Provider (ISP) to apply for CASF grant funding in all five of its counties.
- Held two regional broadband summits to update community leaders on broadband issues facing our region.

Critical work that CSC would like to finish over the next two years:

- Once the CVIN fiber project has been completed in our area, CSC expects to conduct extensive outreach to promote and build out numerous last mile projects.
- The above-mentioned ISP will need CSC's continued support for projects just submitted to the CASF for funding consideration.
- Assisting local jurisdictions in the development and deployment of robust broadband policies and inclusion of broadband in their respective General Plans.



For the past three years, the rural consortium and other regional consortia have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. If passed, AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF and regional goals for the next two years.

The Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority believes AB 1262 is an essential element to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015. These goals are acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

At this time, the Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority would like express its sincerest gratitude to you, Assemblyman Wood, for introducing this important legislation. We commend your commitment to this objective: bridging the digital divide in California!

Respectfully,

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Larry Cope  
Director of Economic Development  
Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority



April 14, 2015

VIA EMAIL: [tony.bui@asm.ca.gov](mailto:tony.bui@asm.ca.gov)

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB1262 (Wood) – Letter of Support**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

On behalf of the Upstate CA Connect Consortium (UCCC), and the broadband interests of Colusa, Glenn and Lake counties, we support AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 Million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

UCCC was started in January 2012, and in partnership with its northeastern counterpart, NECCC, garnered community support from multiple stakeholders representing twelve counties that fostered development and submission of the Northern CA Regional Middle Mile Infrastructure Plan on 1/31/13. This NC RMMI plan proposed to leverage existing fiber infrastructure, build new routes to connect the currently independent and isolated networks and thereby would have interconnected 16 of CA's northern counties via redundant and diverse fiber backhaul routes. Unfortunately, the majority of the proposed project areas were ultimately dis-allowed, hence the entire project was withdrawn due to unsustainability. Today, if efforts to deploy broadband infrastructure throughout northern CA's rural remote areas are to be successful, there is still a great deal of work to be done, because it is the lack of middle mile broadband infrastructure that restricts access to last mile broadband services, whether via land-line fiber, cable, or fixed wireless networks.

We believe we have made significant progress in promoting the development of broadband deployment projects to advance broadband access in unserved and underserved areas of our three counties, however, there remain too many barriers deterring both national, regional and local Internet service providers from investing their own capital funds, largely due to lack of return on investment (ROI): rural remote areas by definition lack population density and therefore are not attractive to service providers because they lack potential for enough revenue to be traditionally profitable.

Additionally, through data research and analysis conducted by the Geographical Information Center at CSU, Chico on the CA Broadband Availability data collected by the state, per Round 10 (June 2014), currently there remain 541,138 households without access to wireline broadband speeds at or above 6 Mgbps down and 1.5 Mgbps up (267,048 households are underserved, and 274,090 households are unserved). These under-/unserved households represent 4.3% of the



entire state's total households.

Should the state decide to raise the minimum speed for broadband to 25 Mpbs down and 3 Mpbs up, this number jumps to 854, 587 households that will be unserved, a 64% increase in the number of households statewide that do not have access to broadband services. Of all the statewide households that will be unserved, 68.04% are in rural areas.

AB 1262 will allow UCCC and other consortia statewide to continue outreach and community efforts to promote development of broadband infrastructure grant applications. Without additional future funding, the work of all seventeen (17) regional broadband planning consortia that commenced in January of 2012 will halt, severely limiting any future efforts in 85% of the state (49 of CA's 58 counties).

***We endorse AB 1262, and we recommend language be included in the Bill that specifies the grant funds are to be used by the regional consortia to:***

- 1) assist in the engineering and design of infrastructure projects to meet the unserved and underserved communities across the state;***
- 2) promote the adoption of language that stipulates "broadband is fundamental infrastructure" as part of counties' General Plans; and***
- 3) facilitate the establishment of an ongoing mechanism in every county ensuring that broadband keeps pace with today's evolving standards.***

UCCC sincerely thanks you, Assembly Member Wood for introducing this important legislation. We commend you on your commitment to help close the broadband divide in California.

Respectfully,



Cathy Emerson  
Consortium Manager



Jason Schwenkler  
Director, Geographical Information Center

cc: Tony Bui, Staff to Assembly Member Wood  
County Boards of Supervisors: Colusa, Glenn and Lake  
State Senators Lois Wolk and Mike MacGuire  
Sunne McPeak, Pres & CEO, CETF  
Gladys Palpallatoc, Assoc. V.P, CETF  
Paul Smith, Rural County Representatives of California  
CASF's Regional Broadband Consortia Leaders



**March 27<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**VIA EMAIL: [tony.bui@asm.ca.gov](mailto:tony.bui@asm.ca.gov)**

The Honorable Jim Wood  
Assembly Member, Assembly District 2  
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**RE: AB1262 (Wood) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

I am writing on behalf of **Volcano Communications Group** to express our strong support for AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

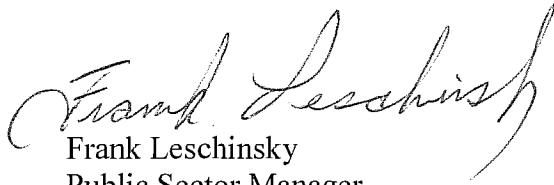
Volcano Communications Group (VCG) began as Volcano Telephone Company in 1903 and has been providing quality communications services to residents and businesses of Amador, Calaveras, Alpine and Eldorado counties. VCG provides broadband services to the aforementioned counties, using DSL, Cable Modem, Fiber Optic and Wireless distribution technologies. VCG highly values the work that the Central Sierra Connect Consortia has accomplished in the Central Sierra. The Consortia has done an excellent job of promotion and education of the citizens and local leaders regarding the value of broadband Internet access. VCG does however feel that the Consortia's work is not finished as additional education and promotion of broadband is needed to insure these rural communities understand the value of this technology to their long term economic survival.

For the past three years, rural and urban regional consortia have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come. Volcano Communications Group (VCG) has worked closely with the Central Sierra Connect (CSC) Consortia during these past three years. CSC identified underserved areas needing broadband coverage which was instrumental in our construction and deployment in those areas.

Volcano Communications Group believes AB 1262 is essential to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

Volcano Communications Group would like to sincerely thank you Assembly Member Wood for introducing this important legislation. We commend on your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Frank Leschinsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "F" and a stylized "L".

Frank Leschinsky  
Public Sector Manager  
Volcano Communications Group

Cc: Tony Bui,