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## Tech Beat

**Articles written by RTC members and published in the Times-Standard, Humboldt Beacon and the Redwood Times.**

**How Can Our Community Improve...By High Speed Internet...? - Tech Beat Article - 05/01/07 - By Sunne McPeak**

### **The MISSION of the California Emerging Technology FUND**

The California Emerging Technology Fund provides leadership statewide to minimize the Digital Divide by accelerating the deployment of broadband and other advanced communication services to underserved communities and populations.

CETF is very concerned about the future facing members of underserved communities. CETF will serve three primary consumer communities:

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**Broadband Forum III Is Coming - Tech Beat Article - 04/24/07 - By Gregg Foster**

For the past two years, Redwood Coast Rural Action (RCRA), the Redwood Technology Consortium (RTC) and Redwood Region Economic Development Commission (RREDC), have sponsored annual Redwood Coast Broadband Forums. These forums have focused on identifying the key telecommunications issues and challenges facing our community. Each year, important new information is gathered and shared with those who make decisions affecting local telecommunications.

This year, the day-long forum will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Arcata Community Center starting at 8:30 a.m. The title of the event is "Rural Connections: Where Should We Fit in California's Broadband Future?" Right now, key policy and investment decisions are being considered by both the Governor's Broadband Task Force and the new California Emerging Technologies Fund (CETF). This forum will provide our region with a key opportunity to provide input into that decision making process.

We are fortunate that two Humboldt County residents, Rollin Richmond and Peter Pennekamp, are members of the twenty-two member Broadband Task Force. Created in November through an Executive Order of the Governor, this Task Force is charged with recommending policies and investments to remove barriers to broadband access, identify opportunities for