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Broadband conference will discuss improving north state coverage

Event will be held exclusively online



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CHICO – Bringing together representatives of regional broadband advocates, Chico State's North State Planning and Development Collective will host its fifth annual Virtual Broadband Summit, 9 a.m. to noon Thursday. Attendance at the event will be available online only.

Representatives from the California Department of Technology, California Emerging Technology Fund, California Public Utilities Commission, Rural Counties Representatives of California and National Telecommunications Industry Association will discuss north state broadband internet – including current efforts, legislation and initiatives.

Registration is \$25, and is available through Eventbrite. Enter “5th annual virtual broadband” in the search field to locate the registration tab.

Summit attendees can learn about what’s happening across the north state to help bridge the digital divide, including sessions covering Broadband for All and Middle Mile update, Legislation and Policy update, Digital Equity and BEAD Initiative update, North State Rural Projects and Consortia Funding Timeline update, Golden State Connect Overview and Project Area update, Affordable Connectivity Program overview and a National Telecommunications Industry Association update.

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