Local Government Best Practices Check List for Digital Equity

Friday, April 26, 2024

➤Provide an Overview of the Best Practices Check List.

➤Review the Best Practices for the 5 Roles of Leadership.

➤Encourage Local Governments to participate.

Resources to Support Best Practices

❑Resource Guide

Getting Connected: A Broadband Deployment and Adoption Resource Guide for Local and Regional Government Leaders

❑Strategic Action Plan Outline

❑Best Practices Check List

❑2023 Statewide Digital Equity Survey

❑Examples To Be Shared

California Statewide Regional Broadband Consortia

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California Advanced Services Fund - 2023 Active Consortia Grants

Current Consortia Regions
- Broadband Consortium of the Pacific Coast
- Central Coast Broadband Consortium
- Central Sierra Economic Development District
- Connected Capital Area Broadband Consortium
- Gold Country Broadband Consortium
- Tahoe Basin Project
- Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium
- Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium
- Los Angeles Digital Equity Action League Consortium
- Northeast California Connect Consortium
- North Bay / North Coast Consortium
- Redwood Coast Connect Consortium
- San Joaquin Valley Regional Broadband Consortium
- Southern Border Broadband Consortium
- Upstate California Connect Consortium

Previously Funded Consortia Regions
- East Bay Broadband Consortium

Source: 2022 California Advanced Services Fund Consortia Grant Applications
Map created by the CPUC, Communications Division, March 13, 2023.

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Digital Equity Checklist
Planner Role - Best Practices

1. **Convene Community Meetings about Broadband Needs.**
2. **Prepare Map of Unserved and Digitally Disadvantaged Areas and Identify Public Assets.**

3. **Share Map and Information with Regional and State Leadership.**

   <u>Broadband Mapping Resources</u>

   - Review CPUC and FCC Broadband Map showing unserved areas and levels of service.

   - Add CPUC Broadband Data and Map Shapefiles to your agency's GIS mapping.

   - Review the California Middle Mile Network Map progress in your community.

4. **Identify Strategies and Adopt Policies to Accelerate Broadband Deployment/Adoption.**

   - **Local Agency Utility Coordination Meetings** - Invite Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to join.
   - **Micro-Trenching - SB378** requires local agencies to allow micro trenching for broadband fiber installation. Adopt micro trenching policy and engineering standards.

   - **Broadband Tower review streamlining** - Adopting guidelines and preferred standards.

5. **Incorporate Maps, Strategies, and Policies into General Plan and CEQA Process:**
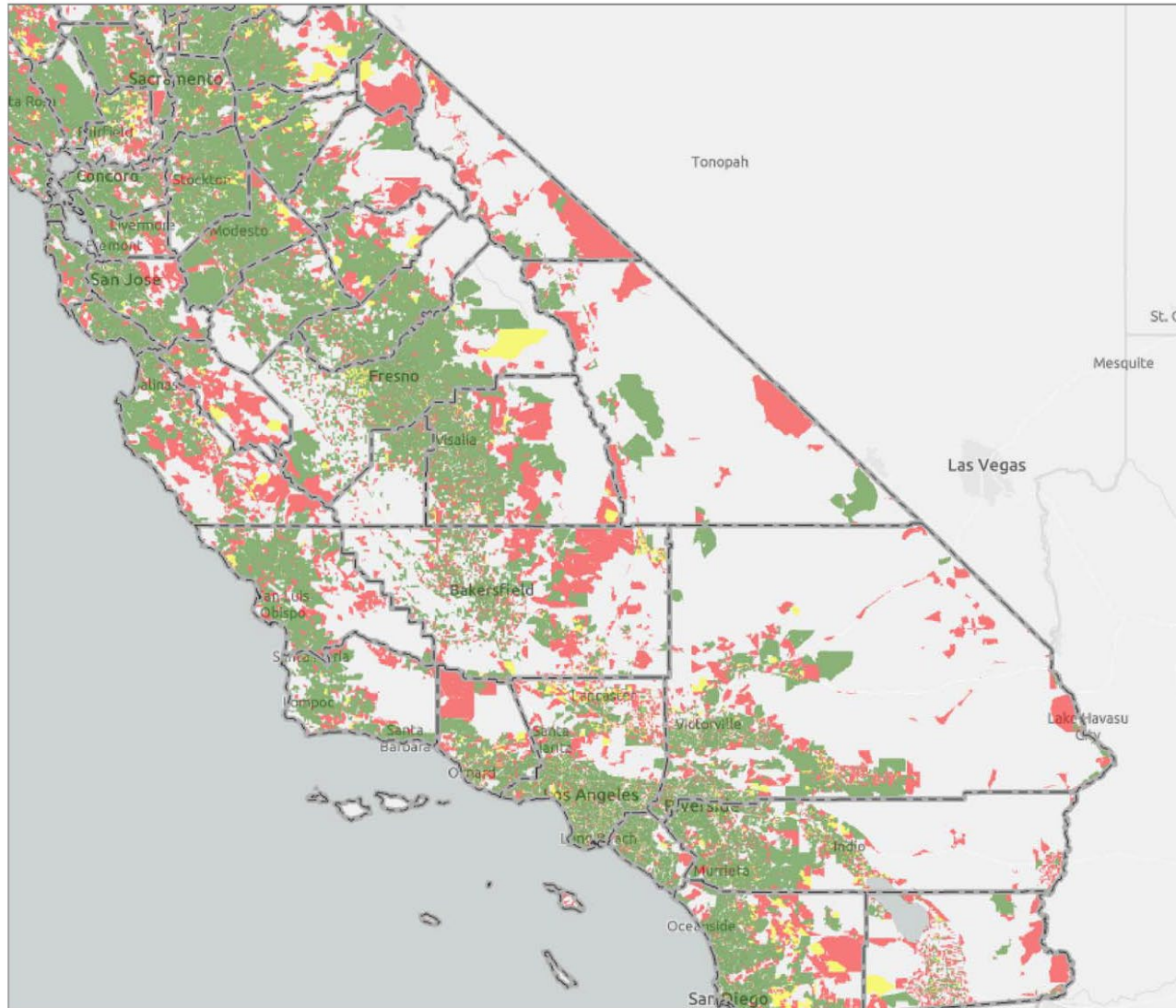
   - **General Plan Update** to add "Broadband" and "Dig Once" terminology per State Guidelines.

   - **Broadband Programmatic EIR** to streamline CEQA Review.

     EIR Example: Countywide Programmatic EIR for Nevada County Broadband Program.
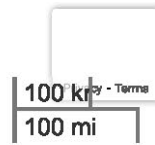
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Interactive Broadband Map - Served and Unserved Areas

Fixed Consumer Served Status
Served >= 25 Mbps Down / 3 Mbps Up
Unserved < 25 Mbps Down / 3 Mbps Up
Priority Unserved < 10 Mbps Down / 1 Mbps Up
Unpopulated
Counties

- **California Statewide Middle Mile Network**

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- Attend May 17 Workshop (Optional)

- Submit Completed Check List by Friday, May 31

- Submit Short Application by Friday, June 28

- Participate in 3 Online Learning Communities (September 2024 – March 2025)

- Submit Follow-Up Check List by March 31, 2025

Thank you for your Leadership and Partnership!