



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of June 23, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 4-E

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SUBJECT:

California State Broadband Action Plan

Enclosure: No

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

The California State Broadband Action Plan was prepared in response to Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-73-20. This plan reflects the State's belief that broadband is essential to economic and workforce development, public safety, education, and an engaged public.

The Plan focuses on achieving three long term goals:

Goal 1: All Californians have high-performance broadband available at home, schools, libraries, and businesses.

Goal 2: All Californians have access to affordable broadband and necessary devices.

Goal 3: All Californians can access training and support to enable digital inclusion.

Key actions identified in the Plan to ensure all Californians have high-performance broadband available at home, school, libraries, and businesses, include:

- Modernize broadband speed and performance standards
- Simplify processes and leverage existing assets and construction
- Set reliability standards
- Increase access to affordable broadband services and devices
- Promote affordable broadband services devices
- Encourage broadband competition
- Strengthen partnerships and coordinate initiatives
- Improve broadband data and mapping transparency and usability
- Develop technical assistance and support
- Bolster partnerships

The California Broad Action Plan may be found at: [Broadband Action Plan 2020](#).

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2020-21 Overall Work Program and Budget.