



CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 21, 2026

TO:	Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Interim City Manager Justin Chaney
SUBJECT:	Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA)

Background

The Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) is a Joint Powers Authority that works to expand high-speed broadband internet service in rural communities throughout California.

GSCA is moving forward with broadband infrastructure improvements in Glenn County, including planned construction within and around the City of Orland. To support this work, GSCA has requested that the City enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) similar to the agreement approved by Glenn County.

GSCA representatives will present an overview of the project and answer any questions from the City Council.

Discussion

The proposed MOU establishes a cooperative working relationship between the City and GSCA as broadband infrastructure is planned and constructed within the City.

The agreement provides a framework for:

- Coordinating project planning and construction activities.
- Streamlining permit review and communication.
- Working together on infrastructure located within City rights-of-way.

- Expanding reliable broadband service for the community.

The MOU does not require the City to fund, construct, own, or operate the broadband system. All construction will continue to require City permits and comply with applicable laws and regulations. GSCA will be responsible for the construction, operation, and maintenance of its broadband facilities.

Recommendation

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Orland and the Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) and authorize the City Administrator to execute the agreement

Attachment

Golden State Connect Authority and County of Glenn MOU

Fiscal Impact

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with approval of the MOU. City staff coordination and permit processing will occur as part of normal operations.