



AGENDA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Special Meeting

Mammoth Lakes CAO
Conference Room, 3rd Floor,
Sierra Center Mall, 452 Old
Mammoth Rd., Suite 306,
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

January 29, 2013

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9:00 AM **Call meeting to Order**

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OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD on items of public interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. (Speakers may be limited in speaking time dependent upon the press of business and number of persons wishing to address the Board.)

REGULAR AGENDA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1a) **Certificate of Appreciation** - Present Certificate of Appreciation thanking a departing employee for their service.

5 minutes

Recommended Action: Read and present Certificate of Appreciation.

Fiscal Impact: None.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

2a) **Letter to CPUC regarding Verizon deadline extension request** (Nate Greenberg) - Request the Board send a Letter to California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) in response to Verizon's request for a deadline extension regarding the Crowley Lake/Swall Meadows Broadband Project.

20 minutes

Recommended Action: Approve letter and authorize signature by Vice Chairman of the Board.

Fiscal Impact: None.

Additional Departments: Public Works

2b)
40 minutes

Praxis request to remove snow on Green Creek and Dunderberg Meadow Roads (Nate Greenberg, Jeff Walters, Michael Ort) - Hear Praxis' request to remove snow on Green Creek and Dunderberg Meadow Roads for the purpose of accessing vaults to install fiber optic cable before February 15, 2013.

Recommended Action: Discuss terms and conditions. Approve request to remove snow.

Fiscal Impact: None.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

3a) Closed Session - CAO Position - PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.

3b) Closed Session - Director of Facilities and Risk Management - PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: Director of Facilities and Risk Management.

3c) Closed Session--Human Resources - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Marshall Rudolph and Jim Arkens. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association), Local 39--majority representative of Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers Unit (DPOU), Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association (PARA), Mono County Public Safety Officers Association (PSO), and Mono County Sheriff Department's Management Association (SO Mgmt). Unrepresented employees: All.

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MEETING DATE	January 29, 2013	DEPARTMENT	Board of Supervisors
ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS			
TIME REQUIRED	5 minutes	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD	
SUBJECT	Certificate of Appreciation		

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Present Certificate of Appreciation thanking a departing employee for their service.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Read and present Certificate of Appreciation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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Approval

1/24/2013 2:21 PM	County Administrative Office	Yes
1/24/2013 5:13 PM	County Counsel	Yes
1/24/2013 3:50 PM	Finance	Yes



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MEETING DATE	January 29, 2013	DEPARTMENT	Information Technology
ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS			
TIME REQUIRED	20 minutes	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD	Nate Greenberg
SUBJECT	Letter to CPUC regarding Verizon deadline extension request		

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Request the Board send a Letter to California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) in response to Verizon's request for a deadline extension regarding the Crowley Lake/Swall Meadows Broadband Project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve letter and authorize signature by Vice Chairman of the Board.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CONTACT NAME: Nate Greenberg

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Please scan and email to pac@cpuc.ca.gov, fvr@cpuc.ca.gov, thomas.glegola@cpuc.ca.gov.

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YES NO

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- [Staff Report](#)
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- [Mono County comment letter to CPUC \(Greenberg - 1/23/13\)](#)
- [Verizon extension request letter](#)

[County comments on T-17350 \(Staff Report - 6/14/2012\)](#)

[County comments on T-17350 \(Letter - 6/19/2012\)](#)

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Clay Neely
Information Technology Director

Nate Greenberg
GIS Coordinator & Digital 395 Project Manager

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Nate Greenberg, GIS Coordinator & Digital 395 Project Manager

Date: January 23, 2013

Subject

Letter to California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) in response to Verizon's request for a deadline extension (Crowley Lake/Swall Meadows Broadband Project).

Recommendation

Approve letter and authorize signature by Chairman of the Board.

Discussion

In July, 2011 the CPUC adopted Resolution T-17330 which required Verizon to provide Broadband Internet (DSL) service to the communities of Crowley Lake and Swall Meadows within 18 months. The service requirement was a penalty offered in lieu of a fine, as a result of Verizon over-heading a fiber optic line within the Highway 395 Scenic Corridor without prior approval.

In August, 2012, CPUC Resolution T-17350 was adopted which granted Verizon \$286,398 to purchase the equipment required to complete the project – the targeted completion date was formally recognized as January 28, 2013.

Since this time, the County and its residents have been operating with the understanding that service would be available beginning this date. When County staff, and residents have inquired with the CPUC or Verizon in the past couple months about the progress of the project and the accuracy of this date, no indication was given that the date would change.

On January 22, 2013 Mono County received a letter from Kurt Rasmussen, Verizon's Vice President of Government Relations via the CPUC Service Listing. The letter indicated that Verizon was formally requesting a twelve week extension to the January 28, 2013 date specified. They claimed that a delay in upgrading an existing backhaul which was necessary to complete the project, as well as the location and elevation of the communities as the cause.

Nate Greenberg submitted a letter to the CPUC on January 23, 2013 that voiced the County's dissatisfaction with Verizon and urging that the Commission deny Verizon's request. The letter stated that the reasons Verizon claimed as delay were unreasonable or non-applicable, especially considering their ability to complete a cell tower project in Crowley Lake in less than a year (which relied on many of the same resources required for the DSL service).

Fiscal Impact

None



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January 29, 2013

Mr. Paul Clanon
Executive Director
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
via email to pac@cpuc.ca.gov

RE: Response to Verizon's request for an extension in deadline established in T-17350

Dear Mr. Clannon:

The Mono County Board of Supervisors would like to send a letter reiterating the January 23, 2013 letter sent by County staff Nate Greenberg regarding Verizon's request for an extension to the Crowley Lake/Swall Meadows Broadband project.

As stated in the original letter, the County feels that Verizon's request for a time extension in order to meet the commitments set forth in Resolution T-17350 are unreasonable, unnecessary, and should be denied. The County and residents of the communities of Crowley Lake and Swall Meadows have been anticipating availability of DSL service through Verizon for eighteen months, and have been told multiple times that the project was on track.

The County again requests the CPUC consider the issues and comments raised by the County and its residents regarding this request, and carefully evaluate their decision in light of these. Should the CPUC decide to grant Verizon the request for an extension, we feel it is important that appropriate penalties are imposed on them. The purpose of the penalties should not only indicate the CPUC and County's displeasure to Verizon, but also be structured in such a way that they benefit the customers in the service areas that are being impacted by these actions. Though financial penalties may be appropriate or customary, they do not directly benefit the County or its residents.

We appreciate the Commission's attention to this matter and look forward to hearing your decision.

Sincerely,

Larry Johnston
Vice Chair



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January 23, 2013

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RE: Response to Verizon's request for an extension in deadline established in T-17350

Dear Mr. Clannon:

Mono County feels that Verizon's request for a time extension in order to meet the commitments set forth in Resolution T-17350 are unreasonable, unnecessary, and should be denied. The County and residents of the communities of Crowley Lake and Swall Meadows have been anticipating availability of DSL service through Verizon for eighteen months, and have been told multiple times that the project was on track.

The County requests the PUC consider the following issues while evaluating Verizon's request:

1. The originally stated deadline of January 28, 2013 was understood and agreed upon by Verizon as the original was drafted and approved. The eighteen-month timeframe was ample enough, though work on the project reportedly did not commence until recent months.
2. Verizon's explanation for the delay is unclear and misleading. If the cause of the delay was indeed the availability of the backhaul, this is now resolved and in place, and has been since late December.

Verizon had ample time to install their equipment in both communities, though it appears that they have not yet done so in Swall Meadows. This work should have been done months ago in anticipation of the backhaul upgrade being completed in November or December as stated by Verizon.

3. Weather is not a significant factor in the communities of Crowley Lake and Swall Meadows. As a matter of evidence, contractors working on various portions of the Digital 395 route in Mono County have been working continuously over the past several months, and will continue to do so in areas that are higher in elevation, and are significantly impacted by snow. While the working conditions may not be ideal, a three month delay is unreasonable.

4. Over the course of the past six months or so, Verizon was able to successfully install equipment and bring online a new cell tower location in Crowley Lake. This required running fiber from their Central Office in Crowley Lake to the antennae location. The tower was turned on in late December. Verizon's ability to complete this project in a short time frame indicates their priorities and interests, including their general lack of motivation to complete the Crowley Lake/Swall Meadows project.
5. Should Verizon's request for an extension be granted, it should be done with associated penalties. While financial penalties may be reasonable, the County feels that it would be of greater value to impose a requirement on Verizon that more immediately benefits the residents who are impacted by Verizon's actions (or lack thereof).

As the County indicated to the PUC in its June 19, 2012 comment letter regarding T-17350, Verizon 'cherry-picked' the communities of Swall Meadows and Crowley Lake to provide service to, though the fiber route used for backhaul passes by the neighboring community of Paradise that remains unserved.

The County requests that the PUC require Verizon to provide service to the community of Paradise as a penalty for not meeting the January 28, 2013 deadline. Verizon should be responsible for the associated costs of this service extension.

We appreciate the Commission's attention to this matter and encourage you to hold Verizon accountable for their actions.

Sincerely,



Nate Greenberg
GIS Coordinator/Digital 395 Project Manager

cc: Tom Glegola (email)



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VIA E-MAIL AND HAND DELIVERY

January 22, 2013

Mr. Paul Clanon
Executive Director
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Request For An Extension In Deadline Established In T-17350 To Begin Offering Broadband Service To The Communities Of Crowley Lake And Swall Meadows

Dear Mr. Clanon:

Pursuant to Rule 16.6 of the California Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, for the reasons set forth below, Verizon California Inc. (U-1002-C) respectfully requests a twelve-week extension to the January 28, 2013 deadline established in T-17350 for Verizon to begin offering broadband service to the communities of Crowley Lake and Swall Meadows. See T-17350, issued August 24, 2012, at Ordering Paragraph No. 5. Resolution T-17350, adopted the January 28, 2013 deadline based on the earlier Resolution T-17330, adopted July 28, 2011, which stated that "Verizon must offer service to these communities within 18 months of the approval of the resolution," regardless of the outcome of its CASF application.

Verizon is requesting permission to extend the deadline by twelve weeks to Monday, April 22, 2013. The Crowley Lake and Swall Meadows last-mile project includes portions of one wire center in the southern part of Mono County along Highway 395, north of Bishop. Resolution T-17350 noted that "(c)ustomers' ability to order high-speed internet or upgrade to a higher speed of service is currently constrained until a multi-year effort to upgrade the backhaul capacity covering the 297 miles between Victorville and Mammoth Lakes is completed in early November 2012." See T-17350 at 11. All existing customers, as well as potential new customers in the Crowley Lake and Swall Meadows project area are dependent on the increased backhaul capacity. However, timely completion of this backhaul project was delayed until late December 2012. As this project progressed it was determined that the scope of work was larger than was anticipated during the initial planning phases of the project. The additional resources diverted to the backhaul upgrade project have delayed completion of necessary

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activities to provide broadband to the Crowley Lake/Swall Meadows community. In addition, given the location and elevation of these communities, weather delays are also likely. Thus, the twelve-week extension is necessary and reasonable.

Therefore, Verizon requests you grant, at your earliest convenience, a twelve-week extension of the deadline to Monday, April 22, 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'KR' followed by a horizontal line.

Kurt Rasmussen
Vice President
Government Relations

c: Mr. Felix Robles – CPUC, Communications Division (via email)
Chief ALJ Clopton (via email and hand-delivery)
Mr. Michael Amato (via email)
Service List for Resolution T-17350 (via email)



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Nate Greenberg
GIS Coordinator

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Nate Greenberg, Digital 395 Project Manager
Date: June 4, 2012

Subject

Letter of Support to California Public Utilities Commission

Recommendation

Approve letter and authorize Board chair's signature

Discussion

This item is to request that the Board of Supervisors review and approve a letter to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) with respect to Resolutions T-17330 and T-17350 which address Verizon's requirement and grant funding to provide Broadband service to the communities of Crowley Lake & Swall Meadows.

Resolution T-17330 was passed January 13, 2012 and required Verizon to provide Broadband Internet service to the above mentioned communities by January, 2013 as a result of the over-heading of a Fiber Optic line within the Scenic Highway corridor. Subsequently, Verizon applied to receive funding from the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) in July, 2011 under the Round 1 cycle to receive 40% of the finances required to complete this project.

Three separate letters were written to the CPUC in July, 2011 from the Board, Marshall Rudolph, and Scott Burns expressing the County's support of the Verizon mandate (T-17330), and the award of the CASF grant to support the implementation of Broadband to these communities.

On June 12, 2012, the CASF issued a Notice of Availability and Resolution T-17350, which would approve \$329,040 of funding for Verizon to complete the Crowley Lake Underserved Broadband Project. However, over the course of the past year, changes have been made to the CASF program and its guidelines, mostly with respect to the speed requirement benchmarks, which are not accounted for in Resolution T-17350.

While the action being taken by Verizon will make significant improvements to Broadband service in the communities of Crowley Lake and Swall Meadows, it falls short of being the best possible outcome. This is particularly relevant when taking into consideration the Digital 395 project and the capacity that will be available when that infrastructure development is complete.

This request is for the Board to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a comment letter to CPUC with respect to T-17350 to be submitted under the 15 day comment period which closes on June 27, 2012 at 5pm. The key points of the letter are as follows:

1. The intention of the CASF program is to improve the Broadband capabilities in communities that are currently Unserved or Underserved, and bring them up to Served status. The action being taken here contradicts the goals and intentions of the program.
2. The CASF speed benchmarks defining Served communities have changed during the time it took to draft Resolution T-17350.
 - a. Under the old guidelines, speeds of 3mbps down and 1mbps up were considered Served, which is what Verizon is being required to implement in the communities of Swall Meadows and Crowley Lake
 - b. Under the new guidelines, those same speeds would place the communities back into Underserved status.
3. The community of Paradise was excluded from the resolution, and will be bypassed by Verizon in the course of this project.
4. The award of this grant to Verizon closes the door for any other project to be considered within these communities for a three year period. Awarding this grant to Verizon effectively pigeonholes the communities of Crowley Lake and Swall Meadows into Underserved status during this time frame.

In the drafting of this letter, considerable time was spent speaking with various people who are familiar with the issue, including Supervisor Hazard, Marshall Rudolph, and Scott Burns from Mono County, Stephen Kalish from Swall Meadows, Susan Estrada with Aldea Communications and various other members of the Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortium, and Tom Glegola from the Communications Division of the CPUC.

The actual comment letter was not complete at the time of print, but will be circulated to the Board and management via email, and posted to the County's website as an additional item, prior to the June 19, 2012 meeting.

Fiscal Impact

None



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June 19, 2012

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RE: Comments in response to Resolution T-17350

Dear Mr. Amato:

The Mono County Board of Supervisors would like to provide comments to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in response to draft Resolution T-17350 which grants the approval of funding to Verizon California, Inc. for the Crowley Lake Underserved Broadband Project. The County supports this project and grant award, as it benefits two communities in Mono County that were previously determined to be *Unservd* by the CPUC.

Upon review of Resolution T-17350, the guidelines for receiving assistance from the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF), and other information, some questions and concerns arose which we feel the CPUC staff should consider and address before the Commission adopts the resolution. These comments are as follows:

1. The intention of the CASF program is to bridge the 'Digital Divide' by improving the Broadband capabilities in *Unservd* and *Underserved* areas, and bringing them up to *Served* status. The action being taken on T-17350 somewhat contradicts the goals and intentions of the program, however, based on the following:
 - a. The original resolution (T-17330) required Verizon to provide "broadband service" to the communities of Crowley Lake and Swall Meadows. Based on the benchmarks established by the CPUC & CASF program, the current definition of broadband service is defined as 1.5mbps up/6mbps down. However, Verizon is only being held to the standard of 1.0mbps up/3mbps down, which was the standard under the *old* CASF grant program that was in place at the time they submitted their application.

- b. The CPUC broadband maps currently show the community areas affected by this resolution as *Underserved*, implying that these areas currently have some level of broadband service, though less than the 1.5/6mbps benchmark that currently defines *Served* areas.
- c. The County acknowledges that this grant award is based on the old CASF guidelines (Resolution T-17143), which sets speeds of 1mbps up/3mbps down as the benchmark for *Served* areas, and is the standard Verizon is being held to in these areas. However, under the new CASF guidelines (Decision 12-02-015), those same speeds would classify these areas back into *Underserved* status.

The current guidelines would still leave the communities *Underserved* unless Verizon agrees to provide higher speeds that achieve compliance with the new CASF standard for broadband.

2. The County remains concerned that the *Underserved* community of Paradise was not included in this project. Paradise is a small community of approximately 150 residential lots and one fire station. This community lies roughly three miles southeast of Swall Meadows on Lower Rock Creek Road, is within the same Census Block Group (060510001013) as Swall Meadows, and is adjacent to the same fiber route that will be used to provide service to Crowley Lake and Swall Meadows. The County requests that the project be modified to include this community.
3. Getting bandwidth from the future Digital 395 backbone to the communities of Swall Meadows or Paradise will require use of Verizon's fiber optic cable (which triggered the action of the CPUC). Mono County would like to see other providers have access to this infrastructure to serve additional adjacent communities, including Tom's Place, Sunny Slopes, and Paradise, and/or to compete with Verizon in Swall Meadows and Crowley Lake.

Based on Section 3.16 of Decision 12-02-015, which addresses the issues of Open Access and Net Neutrality Requirements, the County acknowledges the CPUC's position and lack of authority in this area. However, the public's interest would be best served if Verizon were encouraged to lease fiber space to other providers.

4. The County requests clarification on some of the ambiguous details in Verizon's pricing plan and service details contained in Resolution T-17350. The County is also interested in what assurances exist that customers will receive the service promised, and what mechanisms exist within the CPUC should those agreed upon levels of service not be provided to customers within those communities.
 - a. It is unclear whether a broadband subscriber would also need to have an account with Verizon for wireline telephone service, or whether the broadband service could be purchased separately.

Verizon should be required to offer broadband service to non-telephone subscribers in these two communities without first having to subscribe to wireline phone service. Furthermore, there should be no bundling requirements for customers.

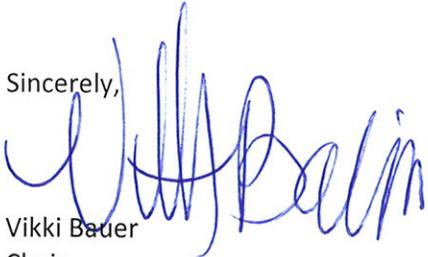
- b. It is unclear the difference between the two higher speed plans (1.1mbps-3.0mbps or 3.1mbps-7.0mbps where available). The fees for both of these plans are priced the same in the draft resolution. Verizon should be required to meet the minimum service standards for even the most remote customers, and have access to the fastest rates possible in all coverage areas (between 3.0-7mbps).
 - c. It has come to the County's attention that Verizon is not currently taking on any new DSL customers in the Town of Mammoth Lakes, and has made representations that they are currently over-sold. Given that the same fiber used to connect Mammoth Lakes to Bishop would also be used to service the communities of Crowley Lake and Swall Meadows, there is a concern over whether the promised service levels can even be met in those communities by the time service is to be provided under this Resolution.
5. Given the unique circumstances described in comments 1-3, the County requests that the CPUC issue a waiver or exemption to the three year waiting period described on Page 2 of Appendix 1 in Decision 12-02-015. This would allow other Last Mile providers to submit projects to CASF and increase the service level in these communities to *Served* status.

The action that is taken by the CPUC with respect to Resolution T-17350 will determine the fate of these Mono County communities for the next several years. With the anticipated capacity of the Digital 395 backbone coming online in the next year, it would be unfortunate to preclude any of our community areas from getting the best broadband service possible in the near future.

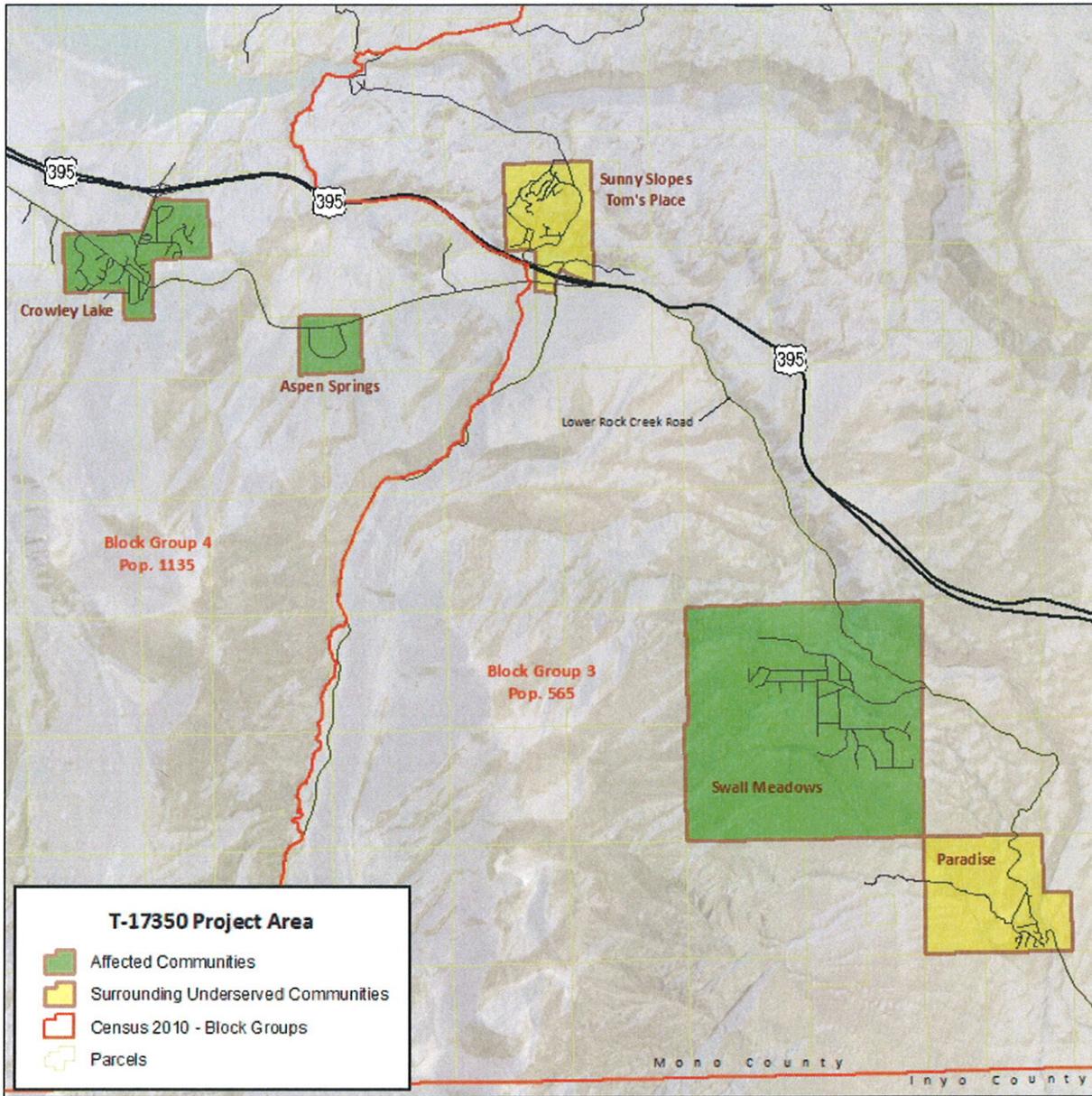
The best possible outcome would be to provide broadband service to these communities in the short-term, while keeping the door open for other CASF Last Mile project applications during the next cycle of funding.

Mono County appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on this matter, and the opportunity that the CASF grants provides our communities.

Sincerely,



Vikki Bauer
Chair



Larry Johnston - District One Duane 'Hap' Hazard - District Two
 Vikki Magee Bauer - District Three Tim Hansen - District Four Byng Hunt - District Five



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MEETING DATE	January 29, 2013	DEPARTMENT	Information Technology
ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS	Public Works		
TIME REQUIRED	40 minutes	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD	Nate Greenberg, Jeff Walters, Michael Ort
SUBJECT	Praxis request to remove snow on Green Creek and Dunderberg Meadow Roads		

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Hear Praxis' request to remove snow on Green Creek and Dunderberg Meadow Roads for the purpose of accessing vaults to install fiber optic cable before February 15, 2013.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss terms and conditions. Approve request to remove snow.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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Nate Greenberg
GIS Coordinator & Digital 395 Project Manager

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Nate Greenberg, GIS Coordinator & Digital 395 Project Manager

Date: January 24, 2013

Subject

Praxis request to remove snow on Green Creek & Dunderberg Meadow Roads

Recommendation

Discuss terms and conditions. Approve request to remove snow.

Discussion

Per the attached information, Praxis is requesting that Mono County grant them permission to remove snow from approximately 12¼mi. of Green Creek and Dunderberg Meadow Roads. The purpose of the snow removal is to gain access to a series of vaults where they will be installing, splicing, and testing fiber optic cable.

This is a priority, as beginning February 15th, they will not be able to gain access to these areas to do work as a result of nesting and leking Sage Grouse. If this work cannot get completed before February 15th, they will be left with only one day to complete it before the end of the project funding on July 31, 2013.

Mono County has spoken with Praxis about their intended approach for snow removal, and it seems that having Praxis handle the work is the best option. This will keep the County's equipment and staff free should it be needed in other areas, and give Praxis greater latitude to get the work done on their schedule.

Fiscal Impact

Unknown

**Mono County Board of Supervisors
Request by Praxis to Remove Snow
January 29, 2013**

Request: Praxis would like permission from the County of Mono to remove snow from the dirt roadway from Green Creek Road and Dunderberg Meadow Road between Highway 395 and Virginia Lakes Road. This area is known as Segment 108 by the project and interested stakeholders. The distance is approximately 12.25 miles.

Purpose: The purpose is to access the conduit route that was completed before Christmas so we can install cable, splice and test the fiber optic cable. We are required to complete this work before February 15 so that we do not interfere with nesting and leking of Greater Sage Grouse. This is a key requirement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Implications: If we do not complete this work by February 15, there will be a moratorium to our construction until July 30. July 31 is the official end date of our project funding. In essence, the network would not be completed through Mono County.

Approach: Praxis proposes to perform this work by its own workforce and use its own snow blowing equipment. Last month, we were caught in a windstorm and drifting snow that stranded our equipment for two weeks. We need the option to repeatedly remove the snow if caught in the middle of a storm. We need the flexibility to minimize this from happening again by keeping equipment on hand by during the work. We are aware of the County's concerns for road clearance on Virginia Lakes Road, should we need to work on that road to access Dunderberg from that end. We will also work with the Mono Public Works department to ensure that safety considerations are addressed.

Praxis knows the exact location of our equipment as a result of our well defined GPS definition of our route, splice locations and manholes.

Timeframe: We propose to start this work on January 30, weather permitting, and complete within approximately two weeks.



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SUBJECT	Closed Session - CAO Position		

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(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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CONTACT NAME:

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PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: Director of Facilities and Risk Management.

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CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Marshall Rudolph and Jim Arkens. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association), Local 39--majority representative of Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers Unit (DPOU), Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association (PARA), Mono County Public Safety Officers Association (PSO), and Mono County Sheriff Department's Management Association (SO Mgmt). Unrepresented employees: All.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

FISCAL IMPACT:

CONTACT NAME: Jim Arkens

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