



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 21-1092, **Version:** 1

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Supervisor Williams

**Meeting Date:** September 28, 2021

**Department Contact:** Supervisor Williams

**Phone:** 463-4441

**Item Type:** Consent Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** N/A

**Agenda Title:**

Approval of Golden State Connect Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement; and Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Chairperson to Execute the Golden State Connect Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement

(Sponsor: Supervisor Williams)

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve Golden State Connect Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement; adopt Resolution authorizing the Chairperson to execute the Golden State Connect Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement; and authorize Chair to sign same.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

None.

**Summary of Request:**

On August 18, 2021, the Board of Directors of Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) voted unanimously to approve the formation of a Joint Powers Authority (JPA), Golden State Connect Authority, for the purpose of expanding broadband access and quality in rural counties. Following approval by the RCRC Board, the next step in establishment of this entity is to provide the Golden State Connect Authority JPA to each RCRC Member County for review and approval by the Member County Boards of Supervisors.

Activities within Golden State Connect Authority will focus exclusively on broadband. All RCRC member counties are welcome and encouraged to join. There is no financial impact associated with joining the JPA, and no obligation for individual member counties to provide funds to the Authority, absent a separate agreement to participate in one (or more) of the specific programs. As with RCRC, the proposed new entity will be governed by delegate Supervisors from each member county, and day-to-day operations will be administered by RCRC staff.

The primary goals for the project structure are:

- to ensure that elected County Supervisors retain control of the program, with day-to-day administration provided by RCRC staff,
- to allow for partnership agreements between like-governmental entities for the operation and advancement of the program of work, and

- to attract public and private investment in the program, as necessary and appropriate.

Initial areas of focus for broadband work on behalf of Member Counties will include:

- Foundational Readiness: Ensure all member counties have broadband strategic plans
- Capacity Building: Equip rural counties with information and resources about innovative models and approaches to broadband deployment
- Demonstration Projects: Implement open-access municipal broadband projects

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

No Action.

**How Does This Item Support the General Plan?**

**Supervisory District:** All

**vote requirement:** Majority

**Supplemental Information Available Online At:** N/A

**Fiscal Details:**

**source of funding:** N/A

**current f/y cost:** N/A

**annual recurring cost:** N/A

**budget clarification:** N/A

**budgeted in current f/y:** N/A

**if no, please describe:**

**revenue agreement:** N/A

**Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel:** Yes

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**CEO Liaison:** Judy Morris, Deputy CEO

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: September 29, 2021

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**Final Status:** Adopted

Executed Item Type: **Resolution** Number: 21

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Number: 21-170

**Note to Department** Number of Original Agreements

Returned to Dept: 0 Original Agreement Delivered to Auditor?

No

