



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Hamburg

Meeting Date: November 1, 2016

Department Contact: Supervisor Hamburg

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 45 min

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Acceptance of Presentation by AT&T on the Connect America Funding Phase II Plans for Mendocino, and Update on AT&T's North Coast Network Resiliency Plan Upgrade (Sponsor: Supervisor Hamburg)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Accept the presentation by AT&T on the Connect America Funding Phase II plans for Mendocino, and the update on AT&T's North Coast Network Resiliency Plan upgrade.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

On February 2, 2016, AT&T made a presentation to the Board of Supervisors regarding their proposed Network Resiliency Plan. On September 19, 2016, AT&T transmitted a press release to the Board of Supervisors to notify completion of their North Coast Resiliency Network Upgrade.

Summary of Request:

In August of 2015, AT&T accepted approximately \$427 million per year in Connect America Fund Phase 2 (CAFII) support for each of the next six years. These funds will be used in deploying, maintaining, and offering internet access and voice service in FCC-identified census blocks in 18 states located within AT&T's exchange areas. For California, AT&T plans to use this support to offer high-speed internet to more than 141,500 homes statewide via a fixed wireless technology. This wireless "last mile" connection between the fiber at a cell site and the customer premises will provide services of at least 10 Mbps download. Carriers must meet specified deployment milestone dates: 40% of the overall (state-wide) build by year-end of 2017, 60% by 2018, 80% by 2019, and 100% by 2020-21.

AT&T engineers have identified locations in Mendocino where existing AT&T cell sites can have modifications for new equipment to be added to provide this service, other existing third party sites that can be similarly modified and utilized, and sites where new towers are necessary to reach new customers (and which will improve mobility LTE services as well).

AT&T has requested an "in-person" update to the Board on their North Coast Network Resiliency Plan and to answer any questions as appropriate.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Do not accept the report and provide direction to staff.

Supplemental Information Available Online at: N/A

Fiscal Impact:

Source of Funding: N/A

Current F/Y Cost: N/A

Budgeted in Current F/Y: N/A

Annual Recurring Cost: N/A

Supervisory District: All

Vote Requirement: Majority

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: N/A

CEO Liaison: Janelle Rau, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

Comments: