



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Hamburg

Meeting Date: March 27, 2018

Department Contact: Supervisor Hamburg

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 30 Minutes

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Progress Report from AT&T on Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase II Buildout in Mendocino County and Insights from the Redwood Complex Fire
(Sponsor: Supervisor Hamburg)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Accept presentation from AT&T regarding Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase II buildout in Mendocino County and insights from the Redwood Complex Fire.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

The Board has had periodic presentations from AT&T staff; however, this is the first presentation on the progress of the CAF program.

Summary of Request:

The Connect America Fund - also known as the Universal Service High-Cost program - is the FCC's program to expand access to voice and broadband services for areas where they are unavailable. Through CAF Phase II, the FCC provided funding to local telephone companies to subsidize the cost of building new network infrastructure or performing network upgrades to provide voice and broadband service in areas where it is lacking.

AT&T reports that it has met its FCC Connect America Fund-Phase II state level commitment for EOY 2017. It is not known whether that is for Phase II statewide or for Mendocino County. It will be helpful to know of any obstacles the company is facing with respect to build-out in the county. The question also remains as to how areas unserved by Phase II will eventually be served. Will California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) dollars be used?

AT&T plans to share their progress on the Connect America Fund Phase II buildout as well as share insights or lessons from the Redwood Complex Fire. For example, is infrastructure replacement in fire-affected areas using of copper or fiber?

Alternative Action/Motion:

Supplemental Information Available Online at:

[<http://about.att.com/story/att_delivers_internet_connection_in_hard_to_reach_areas.html>](http://about.att.com/story/att_delivers_internet_connection_in_hard_to_reach_areas.html)

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

CEO Comments:



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Executed By: Karla Van Hagen

Final Status: **No Action Taken**

Date: March 28, 2018