



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 5/5/2020

File #: 20-533

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Estelle Fennell

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Letter of Support to the California Public Utilities Commission for Frontier Communications request for funding from the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) for Garberville to Alderpoint Project (Supervisor Estelle Fennell)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Chair to sign the letter of support.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

No funding is coming from the County of Humboldt. California Advanced Service Fund (CASF) Infrastructure Account assists Internet service providers with building or upgrading broadband infrastructure in areas that are unserved by existing providers. The CASF program, initiated in 2008, was first adopted by the Commission in D. 07-12-054 and enacted into statute pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 1193.

DISCUSSION:

Frontier California Inc. (U-1002-C) ("Frontier") is applying for a grant from the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account to deploy middle mile and last mile fiber to the home (FTTH) facilities that will provide High Speed Internet (HSI) to 106 unserved CASF-eligible households in the regions of Garberville and Alderpoint within Humboldt County. The Garberville/Alderpoint Middle Mile/FTTH Project will place approximately 32 miles of fiber and covers approximately 4.4 square miles.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by providing community-appropriate levels of service.

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OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Letter of Support

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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