



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
C-2

For the meeting of: April 21, 2015

Date: April 16, 2015
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Ryan Sundberg
Subject: Letter of Support for Inyo Networks Funding Request from the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) for the Digital 299 Broadband Project

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisor authorize the Chair to sign the letter of support.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: Inyo Networks has submitted a funding request to the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) for a middle mile and last mile broadband project along Highway 299 in Humboldt and Trinity Counties known as the "Digital 299 Broadband Project". The Board of Supervisors is committed to promoting broadband deployment and advancing broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the region, and continues to recognize the importance of broadband to rural communities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Letter of Support.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature *Ryan Sundberg*

REVIEW:

Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

Consent
 Departmental
 Public Hearing
 Other

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

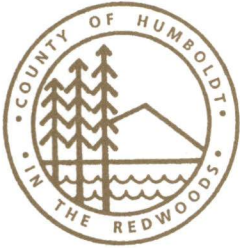
Upon motion of Supervisor Bohn Seconded by Supervisor Sundberg

Ayes Sundberg, Cavellace, Bohn, Fennell, Beuss
Nays _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: April 21, 2015

By: *Cheryl Demico*
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



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April 21, 2015

California Advanced Services Fund
California Public Utilities Commission
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Re: Support for Inyo Networks request for funding from the CASF for Digital 299

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors I am writing to express our support for Inyo Networks request for funding from the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) for a middle mile and last mile project along Hwy 299 in Humboldt and Trinity Counties. The project is known locally as the "Digital 299 Broadband Project".

Our Board has long been committed to promoting broadband deployment in unserved and underserved areas throughout our region and recognizes the extreme importance of broadband in rural communities. Thus, building middle and last mile along highway 299 is a high priority project for this region and we are excited that Inyo Networks, as a certificated carrier and who has formerly worked successfully with the CASF program on Digital 395, is willing to invest in the area.

In addition to the Highway 299 corridor, the proposed Middle Mile network will include a lateral along Highway 3 into Hayfork and north on Lewiston Road to the community of Lewiston. To the west, in Humboldt County, a lateral is planned to provide services along Highway 101 into the community of Trinidad.

The proposed last mile networks will support gigabit levels of broadband, voice and video services to unserved and underserved residential and business customers and Community Anchor Institutions. The project proponents will not target communities where service providers already exist and meet requirements established by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

We sincerely hope the CASF will provide the grant funding essential to the proposed project. Please feel free to contact us if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Estelle Fennell, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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