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### Broadband and the Digital Divide in California

Monday, December 14, 2015 @ 9:30am State Capitol, Room 126

#### I. Welcome & Remarks

#### **II. Public Broadband Partnership Models**

- David Nelson, CEO, CVIN LLC, DBA Vast Networks
- Michael Ort, President and CEO, Praxis Associates
- Middle Mile and Last Mile projects

#### III. Broadband Funding Models

- Commissioner Catherine Sandoval, California Public Utilities Commission
  - Discuss spending and distribution models
- Robert Tse, State Broadband Coordinator, USDA Rural Development
  - Federal and state programs

#### IV. Opportunities to close the digital divide

- Connie Stewart, Executive Director, California Center for Rural Policy
- Louis Fox, President and CEO, CENIC

#### V. Public Comments