

Regional Leadership Roundtable
Closing the Digital Divide in the Inland Empire
An Imperative for Economic Prosperity and Quality of Life

May 16, 2013
9:30 AM – Noon

Inland Empire Economic Partnership
— Norton Regional Event Center —
San Bernardino International Airport
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Background

The Inland Empire is a priority region for the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) because broadband adoption rates in the Inland Empire lag behind other regions in the state. CETF is collaborating with the Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium (IERBC) and the Inland Empire Economic Partnership to explore strategies to accelerate broadband deployment and adoption in the region as an imperative for economic prosperity and quality of life.

Purpose

- Update civic and community leaders on the status of broadband deployment and adoption in the Inland Empire and throughout California.
- Report on the status of policy strategies and funding programs for broadband deployment and adoption in California.
- Explore and reach agreement on strategies to increase civic leader engagement to incorporate broadband solutions into other priority initiatives in the Inland Empire.

Agenda

9:30		Coffee and Conversation	
10:00	I.	Welcome – Purpose and Importance of Connectivity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inland Empire Economic Partnership • Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium • California Emerging Technology Fund 	Paul Granillo Martha van Rooijen Sunne Wright McPeak
10:15	II.	Update on Broadband Deployment and Adoption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trends in California and the Inland Empire • Major Policy and Program Initiatives in California 	Sunne Wright McPeak
10:30	III.	Report on Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background and History • Work Plan and Year 1 Progress Report and Findings • Plans for Years 2 and 3 	Martha van Rooijen
11:00	IV.	Roundtable on Strategies to Incorporate Broadband Deployment and Adoption in the Inland Empire	All
Noon	V.	Closing Remarks and Next Steps	Martha van Rooijen Paul Granillo