



Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium

INLAND EMPIRE REGIONAL BROADBAND CONSORTIUM

2013 Annual CPUC Summary

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- Research and Analysis was done for the Inland Empire Broadband Infrastructure and Access Plan. The Plan's focus is on Broadband as a component of public infrastructure, economic development, housing, healthcare, and education, as well as access and affordability in the IE, especially related to public housing, small businesses, low-income families, veterans, and the disabled.
- Developed Broadband priorities for the region, including potential projects for CASF Infrastructure funding, including projects that serve public housing communities.
- Developed Broadband policy for local government agencies in the Inland Empire. Policy includes community conduit/fiber mapping, new subdivision conditions, public infrastructure projects conduit/fiber review and consideration, and resolution/ordinance recommendations.
- Initiated mapping efforts for the Consortium's Broadband Infrastructure and Access Plan.
- Outreach efforts were made to local government policy makers and Professional Engineers for inclusion of Broadband conduit and/or fiber in public infrastructure projects, such as new highway corridors, rail projects, transportation projects, and local capital improvement projects.
- Community meetings with local government leaders and community stakeholders were held emphasizing the need for improved broadband access in the Inland Empire. Meetings included Broadband policy experts and technology leaders, as well as showcasing SmartRiverside's Digital Inclusion Program and the City of Loma Linda Connected Community Program.
- Collaborated with the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) and the Inland Empire Economic Partnership (IEEP) to identify Broadband priorities related to attracting and retaining business in the IE, especially related to job growth, small businesses and start-ups.
- Participated in the annual CPUC Consortia Learning Summit and CETF Roundtable for Local Government Officials in Sacramento.
- Participated in the San Bernardino Community College District Information and Communications Technologies (ICT)/Digital Media Collaborative Advisory Council.
- Participated in the Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortium annual Broadband forum in Bishop.
- Coordinated Riverside County Information Technology Fiber Project with California Telehealth Network resources.
- Supported Digital 395 High-speed Broadband Fiber project serving San Bernardino County.
- Advocated regional support for SB740 and AB1299, which were approved adding funding and expanding eligibility for the CPUC CASF Broadband program.