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Napa County Legislative Subcommittee Board Agenda Letter

TO: Napa County Legislative Subcommittee
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County Executive Office
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SUBJECT: Golden State Connect Authority

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer requests discussion and possible direction on a proposed Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) being coordinated by the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) related to broadband coordination and deployment.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On August 18, 2021, the Board of Directors of Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) voted unanimously to approve the formation of a Joint Powers Authority (JPA), Golden State Connect Authority, for the purpose of expanding broadband access and quality in rural counties. Following approval by the RCRC Board, the next step in establishment of this entity is to provide the Golden State Connect Authority JPA to each RCRC Member County for review and approval by the Member County Boards of Supervisors.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of

Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Activities within Golden State Connect Authority will focus exclusively on broadband. All RCRC member counties are welcome and encouraged to join. There is no financial impact associated with joining the JPA, and no obligation for individual member counties to provide funds to the Authority, absent a separate agreement to participate in one (or more) of the specific programs. As with RCRC, the proposed new entity will be governed by delegate Supervisors from each member county, and day-to-day operations will be administered by RCRC staff.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Draft JPA

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi