

## Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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**SCH # 2024051301**

**Project Title:** Santa Barbara County Last-Mile Broadband Program

Lead Agency: Santa Barbara County Association of Governments

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Zip: 93110

County: Santa Barbara

**Project Location:** County: Santa Barbara City/Nearest Community: County-wide (including incorporated cities)

Cross Streets: N/A

Zip Code: Several

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_\_ " N / \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_\_ " W Total Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's Parcel No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Twp.: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 101, 154, 246, 1, 135, 166

Waterways: Santa Ynez River, Santa Maria River, Cuyama River, others

Airports: Santa Ynez, Lompoc, New Cuyama, others

Railways: Union Pacific, BNSF, Amtrak Schools: Several

**Document Type:**

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| CEQA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOP   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR      | NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI | Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons  | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR | <input type="checkbox"/> EA        | <input type="checkbox"/> Final Document        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neg Dec     | (Prior SCH No.) _____                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____          |
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**Local Action Type:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update    | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan            | <input type="checkbox"/> Rezone                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan              | <input type="checkbox"/> Prezone                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element   | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use Permit             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan         | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan                | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Broadband Program</u> |

**Development Type:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: _____                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Broadband Fiber Optic Cable installation</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____               |  |

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetation         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding       | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities            | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality              | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard    | <input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical | <input type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic           | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources     | <input type="checkbox"/> Minerals                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise           | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                  |

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Public street right-of-way, easements, or other public land; Numerous land use designations in various jurisdictions.

**Project Description:** *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

The Project will include the installation of fiber optic cable in various locations throughout the County. High-level network designs for last-mile connections have been prepared for the nine Priority Areas. Components to be installed/constructed within the nine Priority Areas and communities proposed for additional future broadband installations include the following: broadband conduit (i.e., rigid casing to protect fiber optic cables from physical damage and the elements) with diameters between ¼-inch and 2 inches to be installed within road rights-of-way (ROWs); aboveground, prefabricated walk-in hut/shelters made of aggregate wall materials; small aboveground steel distribution cabinets/enclosures; distribution fiber, splice points, and drops; drop hubs; and small underground structures such as hand holes. Additional Project components that may be necessary to connect end-users to the middle-mile broadband network may include utility poles with aerial fiber and connection points, underground fiber markers, and signage. Once constructed, the broadband network components would generally operate passively, with only incidental maintenance typically consisting of weed abatement and periodic accessing of hand holes and splice cases from the ground surface along a given alignment.

Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation
<input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction
<input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>5</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>3</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	<input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board	<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>5</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

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### Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date November 22, 2024 Ending Date January 10, 2025

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### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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