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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Draft Environmental Impact Report for the El Dorado County Broadband Fiber Project

TO: State Clearinghouse, State Responsible Agencies, State Trustee Agencies, Other Public Agencies, and Interested Organizations and Parties.

PROPOSED PROJECT: El Dorado County Broadband Fiber Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed El Dorado County (County) Broadband Fiber Project (Project) would be located within the unincorporated areas of the County and within the two incorporated cities within the County, the City of Placerville and City of South Lake Tahoe. The majority of future broadband infrastructure is anticipated to be constructed within the typical roadway cross-section within the unincorporated areas of the County, two incorporated cities, or California Department of Transportation's public rights-of-way. However, broadband infrastructure could also be constructed on private and federal lands. The exact alignment of future broadband infrastructure is currently unknown at this time and would be planned based on such considerations as construction feasibility, local preference, and locations of sensitive environmental resources.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: As the Lead Agency, the County is proposing to expand access to fiber optic broadband technology throughout the unincorporated and incorporated areas of the County. The proposed Project would install fiber optic lines either underground in buried conduits, overhead on existing or newly constructed utility poles, or in a combination of both. While some areas of the County have sufficient internet speeds for daily work and home life, there are still large portions of the County with no coverage or coverage so slow that it has become prohibitive to perform daily, essential tasks. The proposed Project provides an opportunity to address the lack of broadband service in many areas of the County.

AVAILABILITY OF THE DOCUMENT: The Draft Environmental Impact Report can be downloaded for review from the County website at: <https://www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Land-Use/Planning-and-Building/Planning-Division/Environmental-Impact-Report-EIR-Documents>.

REVIEW PERIOD: El Dorado County is providing a 45-day public review period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report. The review period begins on March 14, 2025, and ends at 5:00 p.m. on April 28, 2025.

COMMENTS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT: El Dorado County welcomes and encourages agency and public review and comment on the proposed Draft Environmental Impact Report. Anyone wishing to make formal comments on the environmental document must do so in writing by mailing comments to the address listed below or submitting them by email. The full name and physical mailing address of the agency, individual, or organization must be included in the comment. Please use the phrase "El Dorado County Broadband Fiber Project



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Draft Environmental Impact Report Comment” in the subject line.

Send comments by email to: economic.development@edcgov.us.

Send comments by regular mail to:

County of El Dorado Economic Development Department,
2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA 95667.

All written comments must be received by El Dorado County no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 28, 2025.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting El Dorado County Economic Development Department at (530) 621-5595, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

EL DORADO COUNTY

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