

Notice of Exemption

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From: County of Placer
Placer County Information Technology
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Project Title: Foothills – Broadband Expansion in Placer County Project

Project Number: NA

APN#: NA

Project Location: Applegate, Cape Horn, Magra, and Alta communities, Placer County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Placer County’s Information Technology Department (Department) submitted a Federal Funding Account grant application to the CPUC on September 28, 2023, requesting funding in the amount of \$23,752,674 for the “Foothills – Broadband Expansion in Placer County” project. This project aims to expand fiber broadband services utilizing existing right of ways to approximately 3,825 locations in the Applegate, Cape Horn, Magra, and Alta communities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Placer County Board of Supervisors

Entitlement/Action Date – September 24, 2024

1. Accept a grant award from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to fund the Foothills – Broadband Expansion in Placer County project in the amount of \$23,752,674.
2. Authorize the Chief Information Officer to sign and submit any required documents to accept the grant award with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Placer County Information Technology, Astound Broadband LLC

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
 Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301, 15303(d), and 15304(f).
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15301: Existing Facilities (the project consists of minor alteration to existing facilities involving negligible expansion of use), CEQA Guidelines section 15303(d): New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (the project consists of construction of new, small facilities related to utility extensions), and CEQA Guidelines section 15304(f): Minor Alterations to Land (the project consists of minor alterations in the condition of land including minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored).

Lead Agency Contact Person

Jarrett Thiessen, Chief Information Officer, 530.889.4286

Signature 
Jarrett Thiessen (Oct 2, 2024 09:49 PDT)

Date Oct 2, 2024

Information Technology Department