

# Rural County Representatives of California

## BROADBAND FOR RURAL CALIFORNIA

**Objective: Increase access to reliable, affordable high-speed broadband for all rural Californians**

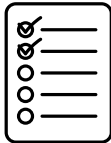
**51.3% of rural Californians do not have access to high speed internet**

- CPUC, "CASF" (April 2021)

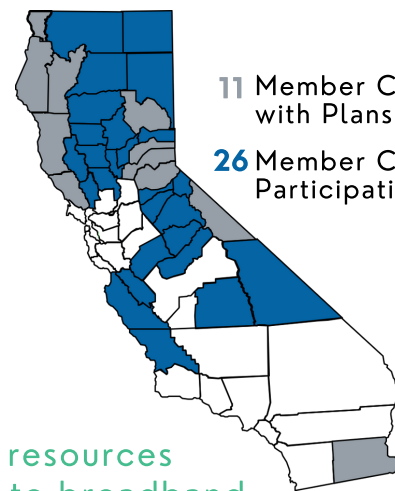
RCRC is preparing the formation of a joint powers authority entitled Golden State Connect Authority to implement RCRC's objective through advancing the establishment of broadband infrastructure in rural counties.

This will occur in three phases:

### 1. Ensure all member counties have broadband strategic plans



RCRC is serving as the collective applicant on a U.S. Economic Development Administration grant to fund the development of broadband strategic plans in 26 RCRC member counties that do not have one.



11 Member Counties with Plans

26 Member Counties Participating in Grant

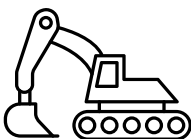
### 2. Equip rural counties with information and resources about innovative models and approaches to broadband deployment



GSCA will conduct workshops to inform rural counties of the innovative models and approaches for delivery of reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband and to showcase successful municipal broadband projects from across the U.S.



### 3. Implement open-access municipal broadband demonstration projects



GSCA will install broadband fiber in an open-access, public-benefit, municipal model beginning with two locations and then expanding to additional project locations.



*Note: Phases and activities listed are dependent upon establishment of Golden State Connect Authority and the approval of its board. All dates listed are estimates and subject to change.*



The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) is a thirty-seven member county strong service organization that champions policies on behalf of California's rural counties.

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