

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION SHOWING SUPPORT FOR CALNET)
BROADBAND PROJECTS IN AMADOR COUNTY)

RESOLUTION NO. 15-002

WHEREAS, broadband or high speed internet has become a ‘required utility’ in today’s world for multiple reasons, including, but not limited to: economic development, public safety, healthcare, education and smart grid technology; and

WHEREAS, in California, Amador County ranks in a lower tier at 37th out of 58 counties in terms of broadband access for Internet speed and all technology according to a December 31, 2013 national survey for the state ; and

WHEREAS, Cal.net, Inc, a Wireless Internet Service Provider (WISP) from Shingle Springs, CA is interested in expanding the area it serves to the greater Central Sierra Nevada region; and

WHEREAS, for the last several years, Cal.net has tested and has begun utilizing new broadband technology known as “ TV White Space (TVWS)” which has proven effective in providing broadband to those who live deep in forested areas; and

WHEREAS, new commercial products utilizing rural broadband TVWS technology have now been certified by the Federal Communications Commission; and

WHEREAS, as a component of its broadband infrastructure build out plan for Amador County, Cal.net has applied for a California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) grant; and

WHEREAS, the CASF grant process ranks applications, in part, by support shown via local government resolutions and letters from the community verifying such support; and

WHEREAS, Cal.net’s plans include completing rural broadband projects comprising TVWS and other fixed-wireless broadband technologies for the Amador County area, including, but not necessarily limited to the following project areas: Clinton Road, beyond Jackson city limits, eastern Ione and between Sutter Creek and Amador City off Highway 49; and

WHEREAS, it is Cal.net’s desire to utilize its own capital investment funds as a match for CASF grant funding to reach a greater number of unserved and underserved broadband households in the Mother Lode region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMADOR do hereby support Cal.net's efforts to bring their innovative broadband technology to our community which will assist us in our determination to bridge the digital divide which still exists in this county.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 27th day of January 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: Louis D. Boitano, Richard M. Forster, Brian Oneto, John Plasse and Lynn A. Morgan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None



Brian Oneto, Chairman

ATTEST:

JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,
California



Deputy