Federal Communications Commission
Office of Native Affairs and Policy

FCC Tribal Workshop

Craft House at Corque
420 Alisal Road, Solvang, California 93463
Hosted by the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians
February 27, 2023

8:45 am – 9:15 am	**Doors Open – Registration**
9:15 am - 9:25 am	**Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Welcome**
9:25 am – 9:30 am	**FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel – Welcome Video**
9:30 am – 9:35 am	**Welcome**
	Alejandro Roark, Chief, FCC Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB)
9:35 am – 9:45 am	**Overview of Agenda and Logistics**
	Bambi Kraus, Chief, FCC Office of Native Affairs and Policy (ONAP)
9:45 am – 10:00 am	**Introduction to the Federal Communications Commission**
	Bambi Kraus, Chief, ONAP, Lloyd Collier, Legal Advisor, ONAP
	This session introduces the FCC and discusses its relevance to Tribal Nations. It provides background on how the Commission handles licensing, rulemaking, subsidies, and public comment in creating communications programs and policy and provides guidance on how Tribes can comment on FCC open proceedings.
10:00am – 11:00 am	**Broadband Data Collection and Mapping**
	Eduard Bartholme, Deputy Chief, FCC CGB and Chief Outreach Officer, Broadband Data Task Force
	This session will review the Broadband Data Collection (BDC) system for Tribal leaders, Tribal providers and other Tribal filers. It introduces the FCC map and will familiarize participants with how to navigate the BDC system, how to submit location and availability data, and how to access, review, and work with the production "fabric," including how to submit challenges.
11:00 am- 11:15 am	***Break***
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	**Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)**
	Jamile Kadre, Attorney Advisor, FCC Wireline Communications Bureau (WCB) and Derik Goatson, Legal Advisor, ONAP

This session will provide an overview of the ACP, including the enhanced Tribal benefit, who is eligible, how households can apply, and also provide an overview of a toolkit that the FCC has developed to assist partners and others directly serving their communities.

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	**Preventing Digital Discrimination**

Alejandro Roark, Chief, CGB
This session will introduce the *Task Force to Prevent Digital Discrimination* and explain current FCC initiatives to combat digital discrimination and promote equal access to broadband.

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm **Lunch**

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm **Federal Broadband Funding Part I**

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm ***FCC: Universal Service Fund***
Kate Dumouchel, WCB
This session provides an overview of the FCC's Universal Service Fund and its four subsidy programs: (1) the High Cost program; (2) the Schools and Libraries program, also known as E-Rate; (3) the Low-Income program, also known as Lifeline and Link Up; and (4) the Rural Health Care Program.

2:15 pm – 2:45 pm ***E-Rate Tribal Libraries Initiatives***
Kate Dumouchel, WCB, and Jill Springer, Policy Advisor, ONAP
This session introduces the Tribal E-Rate Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and public comment period and explains the Tribal Libraries Pilot Program.

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm **Break**

3:00 pm – 4:45 pm **Federal Broadband Funding Part II**

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm ***National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Programs***
Adam Geisler, Division Chief, Tribal Broadband Connectivity and Nation-to-Nation Coordination Division and
Margaret Gutierrez, Acting Deputy Chief, Tribal Broadband Connectivity and Nation-to-Nation Coordination Division
This session will cover NTIA broadband funding programs aimed at connecting Tribal consumers, institutions, and communities, including the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP) and Broadband Equity and Deployment (BEAD) Program, Connecting Minority Communities and Digital Equity Act Programs.

4:00 pm – 4:45 pm ***Department of Agriculture (USDA) Funding Opportunities***
Robert Machado, General Field Representative, USDA Rural Utilities Service

USDA Rural Utilities Service representatives will share information about USDA programs that support broadband internet service and infrastructure in rural areas and their upcoming application windows.

4:45 pm – 5:25 pm **Open Discussion with FCC staff**
This session provides an open forum opportunity for participants to discuss any matters of interest to Workshop attendees in a collaborative and constructive environment.

5:25 pm – 5:30 pm **Closing Remarks**
Bambi Kraus