

# CLOSING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE IN SD-2

## PROBLEM

We won't close the Digital Divide unless we prioritize broadband investments for California's hardest to reach communities.

### STATEWIDE

**2.5%** Unserved at Any Speed



### NORTH COAST REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

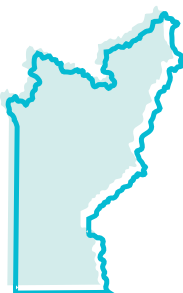


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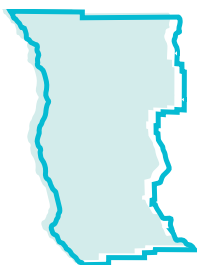
Counties In SD-2 are **Below the Statewide Average For Broadband Access**

### COUNTIES

Trinity  
**29.0%**  
Unserved at Any Speed



Mendocino  
**12.0%**  
Unserved at Any Speed



Del Norte  
**9.6%**  
Unserved at Any Speed



Lake  
**7.4%**  
Unserved at Any Speed



Humboldt  
**6.9%**  
Unserved at Any Speed



## UNDERSERVED CITIES IN SD-2

Unserved at 25/3	100%	>90%	>80%
City	Alderpoint, Anchor Bay, Coffee Creek, Comptche, Hopland, Hyampom, Jenner, Klamath, Laytonville, Leggett, Lewiston, Mad River, Muir Beach, Myers Flat, Orick, Phillipsville, Philo, Point Arena, Point Reyes Station, Potter Valley, Redcrest, Ruth, Shelter Cove, Spring Valley, Stinson Beach, Trinity Center, Trinity Village, Willow Creek	Bolinas, Boonville, Douglas City, Garberville, Hayfork, Hopland, Inverness, Junction City, Loleta Miranda, Sea Ranch, Tomales, Trinity River, Weott	Benbow, Coffee Creek, Covelo, Fields Landing, Scotia, Timber Cove

## SOLUTIONS

**Amend SB 156 to make unserved communities the priority will help close the Digital Divide.**



### **REACH** Unserved Households

Require the CPUC to prioritize middle mile projects that enable last mile connections to California's households unserved at 25/3 mbps



### **ENSURE** CPUC Accountability

Hold CPUC accountable for its progress on funding projects and closing the Digital Divide



### **MODERNIZE** CASF Program

Streamline and simplify CASF to use federal ARPA funds before they expire EOY 2024



### **ADVANCE** Digital Inclusion

Allocate an additional \$10 million in state resources to promote digital literacy and broadband adoption

1 "2020 Annual Report California Advanced Services Fund." California Public Utilities Commission, Apr. 2021, <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/california-advanced-services-fund/casf-performance-and-financial-audit-reports>

2 "CETF-USC Statewide Broadband Adoption Survey." California Emerging Technology Fund, March 2021, <https://www.cetfund.org/action-and-results/statewide-surveys/2021-2/>