County of Monterey

Board Report

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Approve an amendment to the South Salinas Valley Broadband Authority Joint Powers Agreement to facilitate the Authority's ability to execute a contract with the Golden State Connect Authority. ADDED VIA ADDENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve an amendment to the South Salinas Valley Broadband Authority Joint Powers Agreement to facilitate the Authority's ability to execute a contract with the Golden State Connect Authority

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

On May 24, 2022, the Board approved a Joint Powers Agreement with the Cities of Soledad, Gonzales, Greenfield and King forming the South Salinas Valley Broadband Authority. The purpose of the Authority is "to maximize funding for the purpose of bringing broadband services as a utility available to all residents within the Authority's jurisdiction, especially for unserved, underserved and disadvantaged communities, at a low cost. This will be done by developing community broadband such as extending last-mile connections where middle-mile fiber is available, creating an Open Access Broadband Network ("OABN"), and launching a broadband outreach program to provide service with the following minimum standards for connectivity."

While the Agreement provided for cooperation amongst the cities and the County, the Authority desires to contract with the Golden State Connect Authority to more efficiently accomplish its purposes. The proposed amendment is enclosed.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

FINANCING:

There is no direct financial impact to the County from this action.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

__Economic Development
__Administration
__Health & Human Services
 X Infrastructure
__Public Safety

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Attachments: Proposed JPA Agreement amendment