



Fw: Progress Report related to fiber optic availability within San Luis Obispo County.

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RE: Board of Supervisors Meeting Dec 18, 2012

Item #13: Progress Report related to fiber optic availability within San Luis Obispo County.

Honorable Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of our business sector and our community, the Templeton Chamber of Commerce would like to take this opportunity to reiterate considerable interest in fiber optic service in Templeton. We appreciate the efforts of IT official Guy Savage who took the time to personally meet with community representatives about our interest in this matter. We feel that the potential for partnerships and the feasibility of connectivity in the area are both realistic opportunities. Below is information in support of moving forward with a project resulting in fiber optic connections in Templeton:

Capability

There is potential to "step off" from both main lines (Level 3 and NWP) into the community at both the northern and southern ends of our community. As noted in the Report, Templeton Community Service District, thru Board members and the General Manager, expressed their interested in fiber optic connections for their facilities and a willingness to have further discussions with County officials. It was also noted the TCSD has an easement across railroad property which would eliminate a significant barrier to connectivity and TCSD has property in very close proximity to the Level 3 line and is a participant in the NWP project. At a recent meeting, attended by Supervisor Mecham, regarding potential commercial development in the northern area of Templeton, the owner of property adjacent to the RR property expressed interest in allowing such a connection to step off from the main line and enter the area via his property.

Benefits for the Community and Region

Public Safety – Fiber optic connections assure that the communication network amongst emergency service providers in North County is the best that is capable of being provided. Within the community of Templeton is located the SLO County Sheriff's substation, the CHP substation, Cal Fire Ramada Station, Templeton Fire Dep't and SLO Ambulance Service – the service provided by these entities would be greatly enhanced to better serve our region.

Public Health – Templeton is home to the only in-patient facility in North County at Twin Cities

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Community Hospital. The CEO has expressed their interest in letters to the Board and at the meeting with Guy Savage. Ever expanding health service providers and medical services surrounding the hospital would also benefit greatly, thus providing better service of the health needs of residents in our region

Public Utility Service – Service providers in the area would be able to provide better, more efficient service in the area. It would also enhance the safety of the region, given the improved service and communication. The CSD water, sewer and fire service would benefit. PG&E and The Gas Company have facilities located in Templeton and would also benefit from this capability, ultimately benefitting residents of the region

Education – Our Schools, and youngest community members, would benefit significantly. Fiber optic connection would provide avenues to extensive outside resources including Cuesta College (for potential concurrent studies) and universities throughout the world. At the Templeton meeting with County IT, it was noted that most of the schools are located adjacent to, or in very close proximity to the above noted TCSD property, providing easy access and partnership potential.

Economic – fiber optic connectivity is essential to the economic development of the entire County no matter what Cluster of Opportunity is being evaluated. The ability to have such connectivity in the community would be of tremendous economic benefit to the existing business sector. Templeton is the fastest growing unincorporated community in the County which has resulted in an imbalance of residential development and development that serves the needs of the residents. Fiber optic connectivity would be very inviting for potential business development, thus providing needed products and services, and most importantly, high quality job opportunities for area residents.

Feasible steps toward fiber optic connectivity in Templeton:

- Consider a project expanding the “North County Fiber Ring ‘ noted in the report to include our area of the unincorporated county
- Consider a project to extend the NWP line by “stepping off” at the southern end of our community
- Continue effort to formulate Public-Public and Public-Private Partnerships with Templeton entities
- Move forward with a potential Dig Ordinance for County that mirrors the CalTrans approach of informing local vendors about plans to dig. This would provide an opportunity to put in conduit & fiber when trenching is planned as part of any project in the public right-of-ways of our community.
- Move forward, whether with assistance from SLO EVC, with developing a map of fiber optic lines in the County

Thank you for your time and consideration,
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