



RESOLUTION NO. XXX-2025

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE FINAL PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE EL DORADO COUNTY BROADBAND FIBER PROJECT, ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT, ADOPTING A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, AND APPROVING THE PROJECT

WHEREAS, The County has identified an opportunity to expand fiber optic broadband technology throughout the unincorporated areas and incorporated cities of El Dorado County through the location and installation of fiber optic lines by a variety of methods including underground boring, trenching, and aerial installation; and

WHEREAS, The County has determined that the expansion of fiber optic broadband technology throughout unserved and underserved areas of the County will provide many social and economic benefits to residents of the County including but not limited to; building social and community connections, enhancing telemedicine, bolstering economic development and sustainability, and increasing telework and skilled workforce training; and

WHEREAS, The County distributed a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the Proposed Project on August 29, 2024. The NOP was distributed for a public comment period that ran from August 29, 2024 through September 30, 2024 in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. During the 30-day public review and comment period, a public meeting was held virtually via Zoom on September 25, 2024 in order to gather public input on the scope of the Draft EIR presented in the NOP; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15168, the Draft and Final Program EIR were prepared by El Dorado County Planning and Building Department for the Proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, The Draft Program EIR for the Proposed Project was circulated for public comment for a 45-day review period that ran from March 14, 2025 through April 28, 2025. The Notice of Availability was published March 14, 2025. In addition, the Draft Program EIR was circulated to state agencies through the State Clearinghouse; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the Final Program EIR and the whole of the administrative record in its determination of adopting the Proposed Project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado have received, reviewed, and considered the entire record relating to the Proposed Project, certification of the Final Program EIR, adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and associated documents and finds as follows:

1. **Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

2. **CEQA Certification.**

Contents of Final Program EIR. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15132, the Final Program EIR, Attachment A to the agenda item of this same date and incorporated herein by this reference, includes the Final Program EIR, comprised of the Draft Program EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2024081255) and all

related appendices, dated December 2024, to which notated edits have been made, thus resulting in the Final Program EIR dated May 2025, including all its related appendices and attachments, comments received on the Draft Program EIR, and responses thereto.

Program EIR Certification. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15090, the Board of Supervisors certifies:

- The Final Program EIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA;
- The Final Program EIR was presented to the Board, and the Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final Program EIR prior to approval of the Proposed Project, and all information contained therein has substantially influenced all aspects of the decision by the Board; and
- The Final Program EIR reflects the Board’s independent judgement and analysis.

3. **Project Approval.** The Board of Supervisors hereby makes the decision to approve the Project as described in the Final Program EIR with the findings and considerations as set forth in Finding 4 of this Resolution (CEQA Findings of Fact) and Finding 5 of this Resolution (CEQA Mitigation Monitoring) and all associated documents.
4. **CEQA Findings of Fact.** The Board, in its independent judgement, based on the whole of the administrative record, adopts all Final Program EIR findings set forth in Attachment B to the agenda item of this same date (*CEQA Findings of Fact*), which are added hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. In adopting the Final Program EIR Findings, the Board ratifies, adopts, and incorporates the analysis and explanation in the Final Program EIR, and ratifies, adopts and incorporates in these findings the determinations and conclusions in the Final Program EIR relating to environmental impacts and mitigation measures.
5. **Mitigation Monitoring.** The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) set forth in Appendix B to Attachment A (*Final Program EIR*) to the agenda item of this same date, is adopted to ensure that all mitigation measures described in the MMRP are fully implemented; and
6. **AB 52 Consultation.** The County has previously concluded AB 52 consultation with the involved Native American tribes with regard to the overall Proposed Project. The County shall utilize the outreach procedures of AB 52 for subsequent individual broadband projects as outlined in the MMRP.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 10th day of June 2025, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:	Ayes:
Kim Dawson	Noes:
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors	Absent:
By: _____	
Deputy Clerk	Chair, Board of Supervisors