

# SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

The City Council/Successor Agency of the City of Firebaugh

Vol. No. 21/10-07

Date/Time: October 7, 2021/6:00 p.m.

**\*SPECIAL NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19 MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE ONLY  
THE MEETING WILL NOT BE OPEN TO IN-PERSON MEETING**

**PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 11 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20,  
EXECUTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA ON MARCH 12, 2020**

*Members of the public who wish to address the Council may do so by submitting a written comments to the Deputy Clerk via email [deputyclerk@ci.firebaugh.ca.us](mailto:deputyclerk@ci.firebaugh.ca.us) Please provide: Council Meeting Date, Item Number your comment are pertaining to, Name, Email and comment, no later than 3:00 PM the day of the meeting.*

**\*Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953 (b)(2), all action taken during this teleconferenced meeting shall be by roll call vote.**

## Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 860 3656 7922

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## CALL TO ORDER

## ROLL CALL

Mayor Freddy Valdez  
Mayor Pro Tem Brady Jenkins  
Council Member Felipe Pérez  
Council Member Marcia Sablan  
Council Member Elsa Lopez

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to access the Andrew Firebaugh Community Center to participate at this meeting, please contact the Deputy City Clerk at (559) 659-2043. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the Andrew Firebaugh Community Center.

Any writing or documents provided to a majority of the City Council regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at City Hall, in the Deputy City Clerk's office, during normal business hours.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

## PUBLIC COMMENT

## PUBLIC HEARING

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. RESOLUTION NO. 21-41 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH SUPPORTING THE BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE.

#### Recommended Action:

Council receives public comment & approves Res. No. 21-41.

## ADJOURNMENT

### Certification of posting the Agenda

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am employed by the City of Firebaugh and that I posted this agenda on the bulletin boards at City Hall, October 6, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. by Rita Lozano Deputy City Clerk.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-41**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH  
SUPPORTING THE BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**WHEREAS**, rural communities throughout the Central Valley build hundreds of new homes and apartments, which are limited to 20-year-old internet technology and speeds as low as 6 Mbps.

**WHEREAS**, selected high-income neighborhoods and cities receive optical fiber with speeds over 100 times faster, or up to 1 Gbps (1000 Mbps).

**WHEREAS**, the California Public Utilities Commission opened a proceeding, Rulemaking (R.) 20-09-001 and is gathering evidence, data, and testimony regarding Telecommunications and Internet Service Providers in California.

**WHEREAS**, California broadband providers have avoided regulatory oversight of access, affordability, and the reliability of high-speed internet, to the detriment of rural communities and low-income inner-city neighborhoods.

**WHEREAS**, elected leaders must advocate for rural and inner-city residents and their access to vital services, including health, education, social service, personal development, civic participation and inclusion in society, which rely increasingly on the internet.

**WHEREAS**, the State and Federal Treasuries are poised to provide funds for Broadband Infrastructure for unserved and underserved Californians.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH RESOLVES** The Firebaugh City Council declares support for the CPUC proceeding, Rulemaking (R.) 20-09-001, and regulatory oversight of Telecommunications and Internet Service Providers.

1. The Firebaugh City Council encourages community leaders and residents to provide statements in the above cited proceeding.
2. California must apply the social contract of universal service to internet access in the same manner as early electrification and telephone service.
3. Federal and State funds must prioritize the poorest and most underserved communities with a minimum speed of 100 Mbps and a preference for optical fiber.
4. All new housing developments should be built with optical fiber to homes and apartments.
5. Subscriber rates must continue to include affordable programs for low-income households.
6. Employers receiving public funds should agree to make every effort to employ a local workforce, including residents from low-income communities and provide:
  - a. Good wages, benefits, training, safety programs, and job security.
  - b. A commitment to support every employee's potential for a career path and permanent employment in the industry.

7. The Firebaugh City Council supports the request to Governor Newsom, the California Public Utilities Commission and pertinent State agencies for consideration of the proposed West Fresno County Fiber Network.

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Firebaugh the October 7, 2021 and passed at said meeting by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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Freddy Valdez, Mayor

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Rita Lozano, Deputy City Clerk



**The Central Valley needs  
HIGH-SPEED  
AFFORDABLE  
INTERNET FOR ALL!**



- **The Biden Administration and Congress are poised to approve \$65 billion for Broadband Infrastructure improvements across the nation.**
- **Governor Newsom has budgeted \$6 billion for broadband to unserved Californians.**
- **AT&T, Comcast, Frontier, Verizon, other service providers, agencies and “consultants” are lobbying for the funds to support their BUSINESS PLANS.**
- **Public funds may go to wireless and satellite which are inferior substitutions for fiber.**
- **Unserved Valley communities must demand: BUILD BROADBAND FOR ALL!**

**The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is studying internet service quality, reliability, access, and discriminatory practices.**

**Rural communities** throughout the Central Valley build hundreds of new homes and apartments, with 20-year-old internet technology and speeds as low as 6 Mbps.

**High income neighborhoods** in north Fresno and Clovis receive optical fiber with speeds over 100 times faster, or up to 1 Gbps (1000 Mbps).

**The CPUC** is gathering evidence, data, and testimony on Telecommunications and Internet Service Providers in California. This is a historic event, since broadband providers have always escaped regulatory oversight, especially for access, affordability, reliability and their refusal to provide the newest high-speed services to poor communities.

**Elected leaders and advocates** of rural and inner-city residents must submit statements to the CPUC regarding poor data speeds, pricing and lack of access for their communities.

**City Councils, Boards of Supervisors, agencies, and community-based organizations can adopt resolutions in support of the following principles:**

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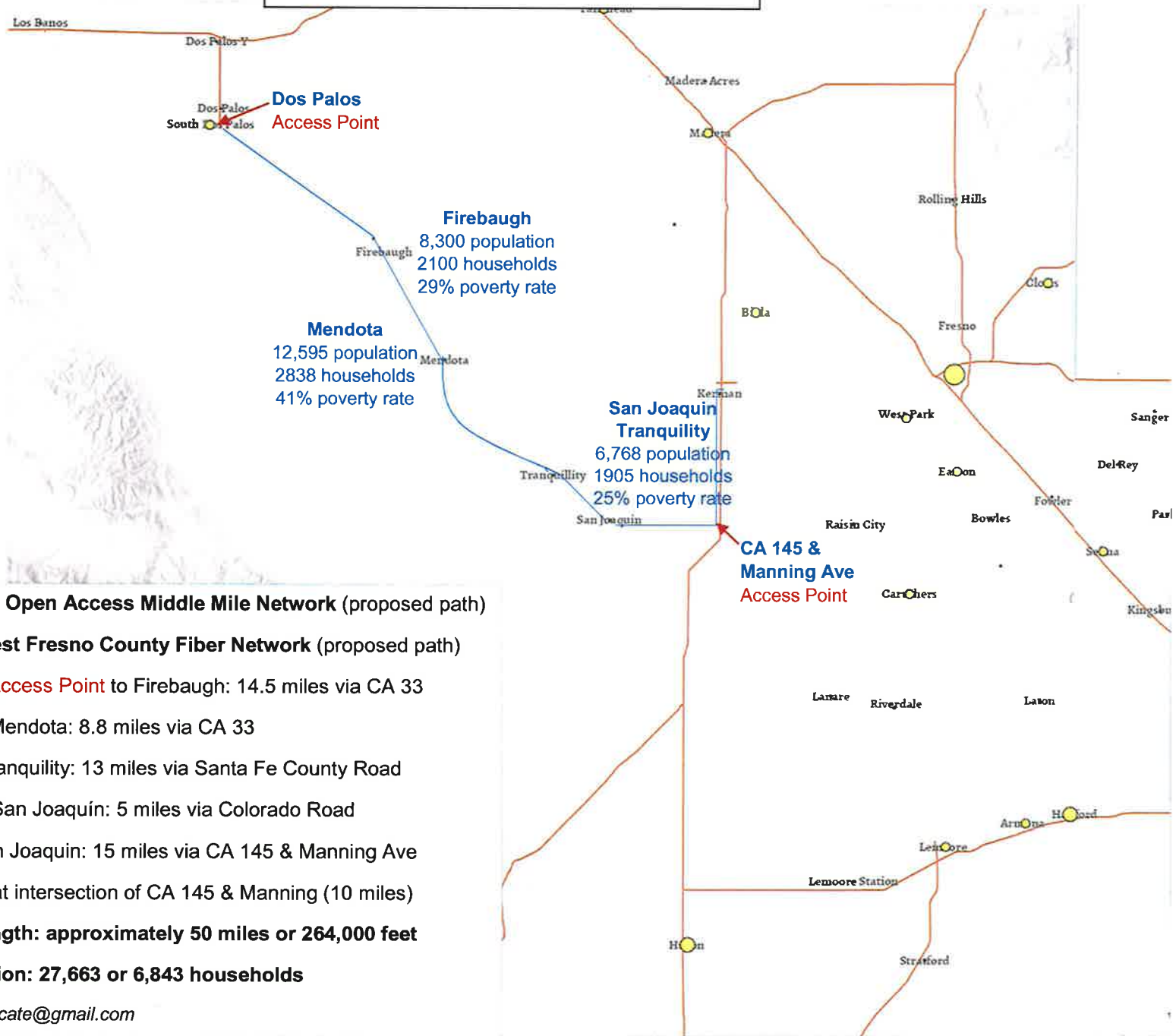
**The goals: No home offline! No community left behind! Create the Jobs of the Future!**

**SUBMIT COMMENTS TO THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Proceeding R-2009001 focuses on Broadband Deployment.  
Submit comments on your community's broadband challenges at  
<https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:65:0:ADDPC:NO::>

**For more info: [Comworkeradvocate@gail.com](mailto:Comworkeradvocate@gail.com), 559-908-6701**

## WEST FRESNO COUNTY FIBER NETWORK



**Orange Line** - Open Access Middle Mile Network (proposed path)

**Blue line** - West Fresno County Fiber Network (proposed path)

Dos Palos w/Access Point to Firebaugh: 14.5 miles via CA 33

Firebaugh to Mendota: 8.8 miles via CA 33

Mendota to Tranquility: 13 miles via Santa Fe County Road

Tranquility to San Joaquin: 5 miles via Colorado Road

Kerman to San Joaquin: 15 miles via CA 145 & Manning Ave

Access Point at intersection of CA 145 & Manning (10 miles)

**Total fiber length: approximately 50 miles or 264,000 feet**

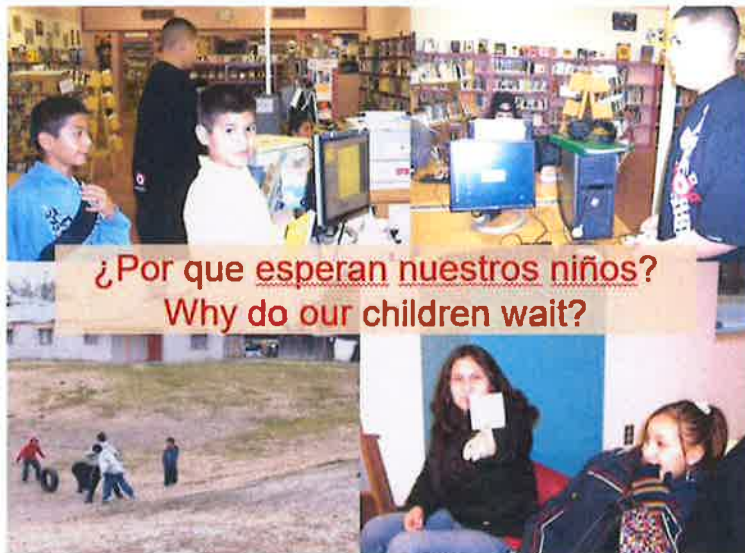
**Total population: 27,663 or 6,843 households**

*comworkeradvocate@gmail.com*

**CV-ACE**

## Central Valley Advanced Communications Equity

WHEN COVID-19 CLOSED THE SCHOOLS,  
OUR CHILDREN STRUGGLED TO LEARN!  
DURANTE LA PANDEMIA CERRARON LAS ESCUELAS  
¡MUCHOS NIÑOS NO PODIAN ESTUDIAR EN CASA!



If we had computers  
we could see the world  
if we had internet...

Si tuviéramos  
computadoras  
podríamos ver el  
mundo  
Si tuviéramos  
internet...

- ✚ The schools distributed computers, tablets, and WiFi hotspots.
- ✚ Las escuelas repartieron computadoras, tabletas y dispositivos para internet.
- ✚ Teachers tried to fulfill their mission of educating the children.
- ✚ Los maestros intentaron cumplir con su misión de educar a los niños.
- ✚ Many suffered because rural & inner-city internet is inadequate and inaccessible.
- ✚ ¡Muchos sufrieron sin internet o el servicio no era adecuado!

Governor Newsom has proposed \$6 billion for  
Broadband Infrastructure for underserved communities.

The California Public Utilities Commission is investigating  
redlining and discriminatory practices by Internet Service Providers.

**¡HAY QUE LUCHAR POR EL INTERNET PARA NUESTRAS COMUNIDADES!**

Support the campaign to urge Gov Newsom, California Legislators and the California  
Public Utilities Commission to guarantee INTERNET FOR ALL!  
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