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**AGENDA
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VRBI STANDING COMMITTEE
(ZOOM Conference Call)**

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

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1. Call to Order – Roll Call

COMMITTEE MEMBER REMOTE LOCATIONS:

Leslie Cornejo – 970 E Ventura St, Santa Paula, CA 93060 (City Hall)
Chris Enegren - 444 Zachary St # 120, Moorpark, CA 93021 (Business)
David Newman - 2100 E Thousand Oaks Blvd, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 (City Hall)
Janice Parvin - 980 Enchanted Way, Suite 203, Simi Valley, CA 93065 (District Office)
Bert Perello - 300 W 3rd St, Oxnard, CA 93030 (City Hall)
Leslie Rule, 401 S Ventura St, Ojai, CA 93023 (City Hall)

2. Public Statements

3. Adoption of July 1, 2026 Committee Meeting Summary - Page 2

4. Executive Director's Report

5. Presentation Items

- BCPC Update
 - Broadband for All initiatives
 - Countywide Best Tech Analysis summary
- CASF infrastructure funding

6. Future Agenda Items

Adjournment- Next VRBI Standing Committee Meeting- January 13, 2027



MEETING SUMMARY

VRBI STANDING COMMITTEE (ZOOM Conference Call) Wednesday, July 1, 2026

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

A quorum of the committee was not present, and no actions were taken.

Committee members present: Leslie Cornejo

Also present: David Pollock, VCOG Executive Director; Brian Chong, City of Moorpark; Shelby Arthur, Economic Development Collaborative; and Aaron Wedemeyer, City of Port Hueneme

2. Public Statements

There were no comments from the public.

3. Broadband Infrastructure Grant Update

The anticipated schedule for the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) broadband infrastructure grant program was discussed.

- Additional information about the application period and eligible funding locations is expected by the committee's October meeting.
- Infrastructure funding may not become available until late 2027.
- The Broadband Consortium of the Pacific Coast recently received renewed funding and is expected to resume presentations of regional broadband infrastructure data.

4. Last Mile Connections Framework

Shelby Arthur presented the Last Mile Connections Framework, which describes how municipalities, internet service providers, and community organizations can work together to expand broadband access and adoption.

- The framework addresses infrastructure, affordability, digital literacy, community outreach, and program evaluation.
- Municipal roles include convening stakeholders, sharing data, coordinating broadband initiatives, supporting outreach, and assisting with grant opportunities.
- The City of Moorpark was identified as a strong example of municipal participation and coordination.

- Committee members were encouraged to support the framework and its presentation to the VCOG Board.

5. Broadband Adoption and Digital Literacy Programs

The Economic Development Collaborative received a CASF Broadband Adoption Grant to provide digital literacy training, distribute Chromebooks, and help eligible residents obtain affordable internet service.

- The program serves Moorpark, Ojai, Santa Paula, and Oxnard.
- The California Emerging Technology Fund provides multilingual call-center assistance to help residents identify and enroll in available low-cost broadband programs.
- Enrollment and completion rates in Moorpark have been lower than anticipated. Concerns about affordability, privacy, and recent immigration enforcement activity were discussed as potential barriers.
- Sixteen Chromebooks were distributed to participants who completed the Moorpark Adult School training.
- Oxnard has achieved higher participation despite facing similar challenges, providing potential lessons for future outreach.
- The committee discussed using libraries and other trusted community locations for training and outreach.
- Effective enrollment may require repeated communication through city websites, social media, flyers, schools, libraries, and other trusted community organizations.

Brian Chong will coordinate with the California Emerging Technology Fund to add Aspire to its call-center resource list and obtain updated outreach materials. Shelby Arthur will distribute the framework report, presentation slides, and outreach materials to committee members and participating cities.

6. ISP Permitting Information

David Pollock presented a draft one-page guide intended to help internet service providers identify the appropriate permitting contacts within VCOG member agencies.

- The guide is designed to streamline communication between providers and municipal planning and public works departments.
- Several agency contacts still require verification before the document can be distributed broadly.
- Brian Chong will provide an updated generic planning-department contact for Moorpark.
- Staff will continue working with member agencies to obtain consistent and reliable contact information.

7. Future Agenda Items

The committee's October meeting is expected to include:

- Updated information about CASF infrastructure funding and application timelines.

- Progress reports on broadband adoption outreach and digital literacy programs.
- Updates to the ISP permitting contact guide.
- Resumption of regional broadband infrastructure data presentations.

8. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 10:36 am. The next scheduled meeting is October 7, 2026.