

Memorandum

To: DISTRICT DIRECTORS
DISTRICT DEPUTY DIRECTORS FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

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Subject: **MIDDLE-MILE BROADBAND NETWORK COASTAL ZONE GUIDELINES FOR PROGRAMMATIC PERMITTING**

The attached guidance, *Middle-Mile Broadband Network Coastal Zone Guidelines for Programmatic Permitting*, has been developed in consultation with California Coastal Commission (Coastal Commission) staff to support a programmatic approach for processing Coastal Development Permits (CDPs) for the Middle-Mile Broadband Network (MMBN). This document covers approaches for promoting MMBN conformance with the Coastal Act and should be shared broadly, including with those who are planning, siting, designing, developing contract proposals, and constructing the MMBN within the Coastal Zone. It is anticipated that there will be a clear reflection of the selected MMBN project design, along with any necessary permit conditions, within standard and non-standard special provision contract specifications for these projects.

Considering the magnitude of MMBN and short timeframe to complete the project, the overall approach being coordinated with the Coastal Commission, is to bundle together each District's project segments that require CDPs and work with Coastal Commission's and local government's staff to submit a consolidated permit application for processing. This process has been initiated and permit consolidation is ongoing in coordination with the District MMBN teams. For specifics on timeframes, see the *MMBN Programmatic CDP Target Dates* attachment for details on "no later than" deliverable dates and milestones to meet the 2024 deadline. Note that Districts may pursue target dates in advance of these in coordination with Coastal Commission staff.

Attachments

1. *Middle-Mile Broadband Network Coastal Zone Guidelines for Programmatic Permitting*
2. MMBN Programmatic CDP Target Dates

cc: CHIEF ENGINEER, PROJECT DELIVERY DIVISION CHIEFS, BROADBAND COORDINATORS, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGERS