

# ANZA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, Inc.

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September 6, 2017

VIA EMAIL

Cynthia Walker  
Director, Communications Division  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Connect Anza, Phase 2, Minor Amendments to CASF Application

Dear Director Walker:

On behalf of the Applicant, Anza Electric Cooperative (AEC), I am sending to you minor amendments to the Connect Anza, Phase 2 California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) application (hereinafter referred to as "Application"), filed on June 14, 2017. This last mile project will deploy a fiber optic system on existing poles and rights-of-way owned by AEC over 500 square miles to bring broadband service to the communities of Pinyon Pines, Garner Valley, and Mountain Center in the unincorporated area of Riverside County, California. There are approximately 1,188 households and several businesses in the project area. We remind the Commission that this project area was originally a part of the original Connect Anza application which was already granted and is substantially completed.

The purpose of this minor amendment is for AEC to: (1) add a ConnectAll low income rate broadband proposal; (2) provide additional support letters and informing the Commission of a Change.org petition supporting the project which on September 5, 2017 contains 311 signatures; (3) describe proposed free service to various community organizations that will be served by the Connect Anza Phase 2 program; and (4) describing AEC's free community digital literacy program which now includes a computer refurbishing program for the Anza community.

## **1. Low Income Rate Proposal -- ConnectAll Internet Program**

The main amendment to the application is to propose a new low income rate, called the ConnectAll Program. The ConnectAll Program will provide a discounted rate for broadband service at the speed of 10 Megabytes per second (Mbps) (symmetrical) for a monthly rate of \$25/month, with no data caps. This discount helps consumers lower the cost of their Internet bills if they are enrolled in particular government programs. Only one discount per household is allowed.

Residential households who are actually served by either the Connect Anza Phase 1 or 2 CASF projects may qualify for the ConnectAll Internet Program if at least one person in a household is enrolled in any one of the following public assistance programs:

- \* Medicaid/Medi-Cal
- \* Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- \* Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- \* Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8
- \* CalFresh, Food Stamps or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- \* Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)
- \* National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- \* Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
  1. California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs)
  2. Stanislaus County Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (StanWORKs)
  3. Welfare-to-Work (WTW)
  4. Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN)
- \* Tribal TANF
- \* Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- \* Head Start Income Eligible (Tribal Only)
- \* Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- \* Federal Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit Program.

## **2. Additional Community Support Letters and Change.org Petition**

AEC also submits the attached additional community support letters to the Commission contained in Attachment A hereto:

Assemblymember Randy Voepel (71st District)  
Brian Crater, Associate Executive Director, Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times  
Tom Olivas, Director Facility Operations, Girl Scouts of Orange County  
Erinne Roscoe, President, Anza Community Broadcasting, operator of KOYT 96.3 FM  
and [www.963KOYT.org](http://www.963KOYT.org)  
Chris Fife, Executive Director, Pathfinder Ranch  
Leslie and Anthony Ingham, Mountain Center residents  
Daryl and Barbara Parker, Mountain Center residents  
Brent Lance, Mountain Center resident  
Jack Podsedly, Mountain Center resident  
Mathias and Teri Dahmen, Mountain Center residents  
Charles Record, Garner Valley/Mountain Center resident

In addition, AEC wishes to bring to the Commission's attention a Change.org online petition which solicits support for the Connect Anza Phase 2 project by project residents. As of September 5, 2017, there are 311 signatures on the petition.  
<https://www.change.org/p/california-public-utilities-commission-approve-connectanza-phase-2-casf-grant>

### **3. Details Relating to Free or Discounted Service for Non Profit Organizations**

AEC also wishes to supplement the record on the free or discounted service it provides to community nonprofit organizations from both the previously approved Connect Anza Phase 1 project and the proposed Connect Anza Phase 2 project. As to the Connect Anza Phase 1 project (which is already substantially completed), AEC is pleased to provide free service to the following community organizations: Anza Community Building Association; Anza Community Broadcasting who operates the 96.3 KOYT streaming radio station which serves the Anza and surrounding communities at <http://963koyt.org/>; Minor Park Anza Civic Improvement League, and CalFire Anza Station 29.

As to Connect Anza Phase 2, AEC plans to provide free or discounted service to the following additional community organizations: Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times, a program of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern California providing comfort, care and support to children with cancer and their families; the Girl Scouts of Orange County's Camp Schermer, a 700-acre year round residential camp that serves more than 3,500 girls; Lake Hemet Campground; Hurkey Creek Campground; the UC Riverside Deep Canyon Research Facility; CalFire Garner Valley Station 53 and Riverside County Fire Station #30 in Pinyon, and the Riverside County Sheriff's Department Lake Hemet office.

### **4. AEC Digital Literacy and Computer Refurbishing Programs**

Finally, AEC wishes to provide information about its digital literacy and computer refurbishing program it provides free to the Anza community. To date, AEC has trained over 100 local residents in basic computer skills, and has collected and refurbished over 300 electronic devices that it has provided at cost to residents who cannot afford a computer. In the next two years, AEC intends to partner with the Anza Community Building Association to expand its computer digital literacy and computer refurbishing programs. AEC's goal is to train 500 residents in basic computer skills and to provide 500 free or discounted computers to low income residents who lack an electronic computing device.

If you have any questions, kindly direct them to me at [kevins@anzaelectric.org](mailto:kevins@anzaelectric.org) or (951) 763-4333 extension 217, with a copy to AEC's outside regulatory counsel, Rachele Chong at [rachele@chonglaw.net](mailto:rachele@chonglaw.net).

Sincerely,



Kevin Short  
General Manager  
Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Cynthia Walker  
September 6, 2017  
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cc: CASF Service List  
Rob Wullenjohn, Communications Division  
William Goedecke, Communications Division

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT LETTERS**

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ASSEMBLYMEMBER, SEVENTY-FIRST DISTRICT

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

**SUBCOMMITTEES**  
BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 2 ON  
EDUCATION FINANCE

May 25, 2017

Communications Division  
California Advanced Services Fund (CASF)  
California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)  
505 Van Ness Ave.  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Support for Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc. "ConnectAnza Phase 2"  
CASF Broadband Infrastructure Grant Application - Garner Valley, Mountain Center and Pinyon  
Pines- Inland Empire Region CPUC Priority Communities

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc. and their proposed fiber optic based broadband project, ConnectAnza. This project would serve an area of my district that is often overlooked because of its extreme rural qualities.

This project will provide more than 1,000 Garner Valley and Pinyon area residents with access to high speed internet service. Historically, this entire area has been neglected by other broadband providers primarily due to its rural qualities; a low population density makes the concept of investing in and operating a true high speed network unprofitable for these carriers.

However, Anza Electric's not-for-profit business model is exactly the right fit for this vital and modern amenity. Their 66 year record of serving the area with affordable and reliable electric energy service gives them the necessary experience and infrastructure to successfully install and operate a high speed fiber optic network. They already own and maintain over 10,000 poles and other structures necessary for the installation of the cable, and the easements necessary to route the system through have been in place since the Cooperative's inception. Additionally, as a 501(c)(12) cooperative, excess operating margins are returned to their members in the form of patronage capital. This will ensure the lowest possible cost for subscription service.

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The success of the first phase of the ConnectAnza project has proven that Anza Electric is capable of delivering on their promises. They are nearing completion of over 300 miles of aerial fiber optic lines, capable of delivering gigabit speed internet to the entire area's 10,000 residents. More than 500 services are already active, with 1,500 more signed up; these numbers are testament to the success of the first phase of the program.

Anza and Aguanga businesses already benefit from the reliable ConnectAnza service. Local residents finally have the option of telecommuting. Those travelling through the area have access to Wi-Fi capabilities at the restaurants, shops and other local businesses. The Public Park and Community Hall offer free online access to residents. Virtual medical services are available for the first time. The offered VOIP telecommunications capability enables area residents to have a reliable, low cost option for telephone service. Emergency response services are now able to respond faster and with more accurate geo-positioning services. Garner Valley and Pinyon residents deserve these same benefits.

The economic development improvements for this underserved area are vital to its long term viability. I would like to thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Randy Voepel".

Randy Voepel  
Assemblyman, 71<sup>st</sup> District



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
Sarah E. Orth, MPA

August 15, 2017

Sent via email

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California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Anza Electric Cooperative Connect Anza Phase 2 California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Application

Dear President and Commissioners:

I am Associate Executive Director with Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times located in Mountain Center, California. I am writing to strongly support Anza Electric Cooperative (AEC) Phase 2 CASF Application for our community, and to urge you to vote yes on this project.

Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times, a program of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern California, provides cost free, medically supported programs serving children with a diagnosis of pediatric cancer, their family members and other children and adults with chronic illness. Each year, the Camp provides vital support, comfort and medical care to over 1,700 children and adults with significant medical and emotional support needs. We are able to provide these services in large part to the dedication of on-site volunteer physician, nurses and health care providers.

As the need for our services continues to increased, so does the need for providing adequate medical care to our patient campers. Reliable internet service allowing access to patient health care records, communicate with a camper's medical providers and parents is essential to provide the expected standard of care to not only our most fragile patient campers, but to all our guests.

Currently the only internet service available at our location is via satellite. Satellite conductivity is unreliable due to variable mountain weather conditions, poor upload and down load speeds and monthly bandwidth allowance limitations. There can be hours and days when s connection to the internet is unreliable or just unavailable.

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From a business perspective, our organization not alone in being aware of the exponential increase of internet based communication, data access with increased file sizes and concerns about data security and privacy. Within our parent organization, we are the only program unable to utilize internet based file sharing which causes increased work and threats to data security. In addition we have had to explore alternative emergency communication strategies ensure receiving "real time" news of wildfires, accidents, weather conditions or other emergency situations could pose potential risk to our campers.

For these reason and more, the proposed Anza Electric project that estimates reliable internet access at speeds of 50 Mbps both ways ( about sixteen times faster than DSL speeds from the telephone company.. which it is not currently available) would finally will put our operations and community on par with Internet services offered in more urban communities.

The granting of this CASF application will change our community for the better. I respectfully request that you vote yes on the Connect Anza Phase 2 project.

Sincerely,



Brian Crater  
Associate Executive Director  
Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times

cc: Cynthia Walker, Director, Communications Director  
Bill Goedecke, Communications Division  
Telecom Advisors of the Commissioners:  
Elizabeth Podolinsky  
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July 31, 2017

**Girl Scouts of Orange County**  
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Ref: Camp Scherman  
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To Whom It May Concern:

For almost fifty years, Girl Scouts of Orange County (GSOC) has operated Camp Scherman, a 700-acre year-round residential camp that serves more than 3500 girls from all cultures, zip codes and walks of life who benefit from GSOC Leadership Development and STEM programs. GSOC provides expanded leadership and learning opportunities for girls in areas that fill critical talent gaps like science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Our STEM program has evolved to keep up with the times and these days Hi-Speed Internet is essential for us to give the GSOC girls in this rural area high quality programs. I am writing to show GSOC's support for the Garner Valley Hi-Speed Internet line addition, specifically fiber-optic coax cable.

Hi-Speed Internet at Camp Scherman would greatly benefit the local community and improve the programs for the girls we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Olivas", is written over a horizontal line.

Tom Olivas  
Director Facility Operations  
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August 17, 2017

Via email only

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The Honorable Liane Randolph, Commissioner  
The Honorable Martha Guzman-Aceves, Commissioner  
The Honorable Cliff Rechtschaffen, Commissioner  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Anza Electric Cooperative Connect Anza Phase 2 California Advanced Services  
Fund (CASF)  
Application

Dear President and Commissioners:

Anza Community Broadcasting (ACB) is the nonprofit corporation that manages the only radio station in Anza, KOYT at 96.3FM. As President of ACB, I am writing to express ACB's strong support for the Anza Electric Cooperative (AEC) Anza Phase 2 CASF Application for our community, and to urge you to vote yes on this project.

Due to our remote location, most high power radio stations from Los Angeles and San Diego do not have sufficient signal strength in our area to provide meaningful service to our community. Therefore, KOYT is an important community resource for local cultural expression, civic discourse, and information, including emergency notifications. KOYT is also a participant in the National Emergency Alert System.

However, KOYT is a low power radio station and as such our terrestrial broadcast can only reach a portion of our mountain community. Portions of Anza and all of Mountain Center and Pinyon Pines are not within our broadcast range. The Connect Anza project from AEC allows us to reach those listeners by enabling us to stream a simulcast of our broadcast. AEC donates high quality high speed internet service to KOYT for that purpose.

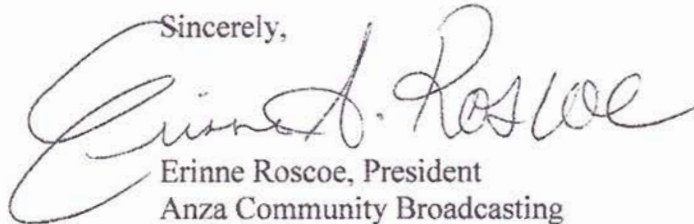
The low cost VOIP phone service provided through Connect Anza allows ACB to have phone service without the budget-busting cost of conventional business ground-lines. Further, over the last three years, AEC provided several generous grants to ACB without which KOYT would not be on the air at all.

Nevertheless, while Connect Anza is now available in many homes in our community, those who live in areas where Connect Anza has yet to expand either have no internet access or have inferior internet service providers. Between inconsistent, slow, weak signals, frequent outages and data usage limitations, many with those inferior internet services in our community are unable to listen to KOYT's streaming simulcast. Expanding Connect Anza's reach in our community will allow the rest of our community to enjoy the vital local resource that is KOYT.

Additionally, ACB believes that one of the most important reasons to support AEC's CASF application is AEC's status as a local, consumer/member owned cooperative. AEC is under the democratic control of its members. It provides good paying permanent local jobs and it allows all those who subscribe to its services to financially benefit through membership capital distributions.

The grant of this CASF application will change our community for the better. It will finally put our internet services on par with those already available to more affluent and more densely populated communities. Anza Community Broadcasting respectfully requests that you vote yes on the Connect Anza Phase 2 project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Erinne Roscoe".

Erinne Roscoe, President  
Anza Community Broadcasting

cc: Cynthia Walker, Director, Communications Director  
Bill Goedecke, Communications Division  
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July 28, 2017

Dear California PUC,

Pathfinder Ranch is a non-profit outdoor education school, summer camp and retreat center that is dedicated to enriching lives through programs and facilities that connect people with nature and each other. By educating and inspiring our guests, we empower them to educate and inspire others. However, our ability to do so is greatly dependent on our ability to communicate with communities outside Garner Valley and to operate efficiently and effectively as business.

Of the 9000 visitors served annually at our site, approximately 6000 of those attend with schools for outdoor science classes and another 1000 attend summer camps. Gaining access to the proposed Anza Connect service would allow Pathfinder Ranch to add online program options and support that would increase the quality and selection of education. It would help ease the worry of parents and school administrators by providing remote access to our secluded area and it would allow the Ranch to utilize human resource, accounting and safety tracking systems to better serve employees and clients.

By providing reliable internet service on site, another 2000 retreat participants that visit the Ranch and have limited or no cell service would be able to identify and connect with local businesses; possibly providing a boost to the local economy. It would also aid the Ranch in competing for qualified workers who may be willing to work for a non-profit wage but aren't willing to lose touch with the outside world.

As other providers have ignored requests to provide the area with improved service I strongly appreciate and support Anza Connect's willingness to take the lead in this endeavor. Garner Valley would benefit greatly from this service.

Sincerely,

Chris Fife  
Executive Director, Pathfinder Ranch

**Leslie and Anthony Ingham**  
**59297 Hop Patch Spring**  
**Mountain Center, CA 92561**

August 21, 2017

Via email

The Honorable Michael Picker, President  
The Honorable Carla Peterman, Commissioner  
The Honorable Liane Randolph, Commissioner  
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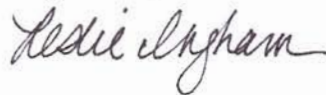
Dear President and Commissioners:

I am a resident of the Garner Valley (Mountain Center). I am writing to strongly support the Anza Electric Cooperative (AEC) Anza Phase 2 CASF Application for our community, and to urge you to vote yes on this project.

My husband, Anthony Ingham has a serious lung disease and must be able to communicate with his doctors at UCLA Medical Center. We also need to communicate with our family members who do not live nearby. We currently use a satellite service for internet but it is very costly and we often lose service due to weather.

The grant of this CASF application will change our community for the better. It finally will put our community on par with Internet services offered to more urban communities. I respectfully request that you vote yes on the Connect Anza Phase 2 project.

Sincerely,



Leslie Ingham

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Dear President and Commissioners:

I am a resident of the Garner Valley Property Owners Association in Mountain Center. I am writing to strongly support the Anza Electric Cooperative (AEC) Anza Phase 2 CASF Application for our community, and to urge you to vote yes on this project.

As a military family, it is vital to us to be able to stay in touch with our son when he is deployed in a war zone or at home on a distant military base with his family. Our current internet service is unable to provide the speed that we need to complete a video call with our family. Additionally, the expense for subpar services is exorbitant (far beyond what is fair, reasonable, or expected) and the service unreliable. Internet is our only news source, there are no local newspapers, and our only source for emergency notifications.

The grant of this CASF application will change our community for the better. It finally will put our community on par with Internet services offered to more urban communities. I respectfully request that you vote yes on the Connect Anza Phase 2 project.

Sincerely,



Daryl and Barbara Parker

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**Subject:** Anza Electric Cooperative Connect Anza Phase 2 CASF Application

Via mail and email

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Dear President and Commissioners:

I am a resident of Mountain Center. I am writing to strongly support the Anza Electric Cooperative (AEC) Anza Phase 2 CASF Application for our community, and to urge you to vote yes on this project.

I am a tax attorney who works mostly from my home office. I need reliable Internet service for my legal research. Additionally, our son is a junior in high school who requires fast and reliable internet service to get his school work done. The services provided by our current provider are inadequate for our needs, as they are 15 times slower than fiber optics. We particularly rely on internet service to get news of wildfires, accidents or other emergency situations in our area. The speed of the Anza Electric project (50 Mbps both ways) is about sixteen times faster than DSL speeds from the telephone company.



The grant of this CASF application will change our community for the better. It finally will put our community on par with Internet services offered to more urban communities. I respectfully request that you vote yes on the Connect Anza Phase 2 project.

Sincerely,

Brent Lance, Esq

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Re: In Support of Anza Electric Cooperative Connect Anza Phase 2 California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Application

Dear President and Commissioners:

I am a resident of Mountain Center living in the Garner Valley Property Owners Association. I am writing to strongly support the Anza Electric Cooperative (AEC) Anza Phase 2 CASF Application for our community, and to urge you to vote yes on this project. We are critically impacted by the lack of a reliable high-speed internet service. At the top of our list is medical and educational needs.

Located approximately an hour drive from emergency medical services and having a history of cardiological disease we frequently have a need to communicate with our medical service providers via the internet.

Educationally, our distance from bricks and mortar locations of higher education greatly increases our need for quality internet to supplement our on-going education, and much of our research work is done on the internet when we can get to reliable service locations.

Economically, at such a distance from service providers, having a quality internet service improves our ability to shop for quality products and services at the best prices.

Employment opportunities are improved when we can offer our services to employers from home – telecommuting. My current internet service is so poor that I cannot provide reliable service to my potential employers or clients.

We are located in a sufficiently remote area subject to wildfire and other disasters that the internet presents a huge improvement to quickly communicate emergencies to first responders, as well as friends and family who might be able to help or provide assistance.

The speed of the Anza Electric project (50 Mbps both ways) is about sixteen times faster than DSL speeds advertised by but not always provided by the telephone company. The grant of this CASF application will change our community for the better. It finally will put our community on par with Internet services offered to more urban communities. I respectfully request that you vote yes on the Connect Anza Phase 2 project.

Sincerely,

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California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Anza Electric Cooperative Connect Anza Phase 2 California Advanced Services Fund (CASF)  
Application

Dear President and Commissioners:

I am a resident of Mountain Center, CA. I am writing to strongly support the Anza Electric Cooperative (AEC) Anza Phase 2 CASF Application for our community, and to urge you to vote yes on this project.

A high speed internet will assist in order to perform work for your job while home, communicate with my doctor without having to drive to the office, communicate with family and friends and enjoy social media. The current internet provider, Frontier Communication, provides internet service that is well below any other provided in more urban areas. In my specific case I have a download speed of about 300 bps and upload speed of about 700 bps. These speeds are more comparable along the line of dial-up speeds. It is difficult, or near impossible to enjoy any multi-media streaming at these speeds, and many times will bring about errors due to the internet speed being too slow. Living in a mountain community like Mountain Center it is imperative that we be able to find information regarding local wild fires to help prepare and evacuate our animals and ourselves. The speed of the Anza Electric project (50 Mbps both ways) is about sixteen times faster than DSL speeds from Frontier Communication.

The grant of this CASF application will change our community for the better. It finally will put our community on par with Internet services offered to more urban communities. I respectfully request that you vote yes on the Connect Anza Phase 2 project.

Sincerely,

Mathias Dahmen

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**Subject:** Anza Electric Cooperative Connect Anza Phase 2 California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Application

Dear President and Commissioners:

I am a soon-to-be resident of Garner Valley/Mountain Center having purchased a house that I will move into as my primary residence the first week of October. I am writing to **strongly support** the Anza Electric Cooperative (AEC) Anza Phase 2 CASF Application for our community, and to **urge you to vote yes on this project.**

I am the Senior Director of Product Management for a software company located in Carlsbad, CA and work 100% from home. I am very concerned about the lack of reliable high-speed internet available in the Garner Valley area.

The grant of this CASF application will change our community for the better. It will put us on par with Internet services offered to more urban communities. **I respectfully request that you vote yes on the Connect Anza Phase 2 project.**

Sincerely,

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