

GREAT VALLEY RURAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUMMIT
Rural Highspeed Access—Obstacles & Opportunities

Wednesday, August 25, 2004

Program 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Registration begins at 8:30 AM

The Vizcaya Hotel - Venetian Room

2019 21st Street, Sacramento, CA

Designing Regulatory, Economic and Policy Recommendations for Rural Highspeed Access. The summit is structured to provide a forum for developing recommendations for change in current policy and investment so all residents, regardless of urban/rural status, can benefit from the fast-evolving primary connection to information, the global economy, and each other.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Thomas Dorr

Dorr, now Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, was formerly Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development. Prior to his appointments he was noted as a progressive farmer who worked hard to harness technology.



Susan Kennedy

California Public Utilities Commissioner Susan Kennedy has focused on telecommunications issues and has become a leading voice for regulatory consistency, infrastructure investment and promoting economic development.



Dr. Robert Pepper

Pepper, who has lectured and published widely on telecommunications policy issues, serves as a direct advisor to the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission on long-term policy planning.

AGENDA

8:30 AM to 9:00 AM—Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM to 9:45 AM—Opening Session

Welcome: The State of the Great Valley— Carol Whiteside, President, Great Valley Center

Opening Speaker— Thomas Dorr, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, USDA

9:45 AM to 11:15 AM

Disconnected and Disadvantaged-Economic & Social Effects on Rural Communities
Supervisor Bob Pickard, Mariposa County

Telecommunications Infrastructure And California's Economy-What's Connected?
Jim Dolgonas, President & COO, CENIC

The Cost of Providing Access... Can Providers Make it Pencil?
Ron Dibelka, Project Manager for Access & Technical Planning, National Exchange Carriers Association

Advocating for Change
Scott Lindsay, President, Rural Broadband Coalition
Richard Chabran, Chair, CA Comm. Technology Policy Group

Facilitator: Al Hammond, Broadband Institute of California

11:15 AM to 11:45 AM

Policy and Access: What's the Connection?
Susan P. Kennedy, Commissioner California Public Utilities Commission

11:45 AM to 12:30 PM— Luncheon

12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

Obstacles & Opportunities: A Providers Viewpoint
Mark Welch, Regional Vice-President, Network Regulatory, SBC
Douglas Garrett, Vice President, Cox Communications Western Region Regulatory Affairs
Tim McCallion, President, Pacific Region, Verizon
Margaret Felts, President, CA Telephone Association
Stuart Jeffery, Board Member, Wireless Communication Alliance
Lisa Bickford, President, InReach Internet and CA ISP Association Board Member

Facilitator: Dr. Barbara O'Connor, CSU Sacramento

2:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Public Policy: Shaping Support for Rural Access
Dr. Robert Pepper, Chief, Policy Development Federal Communications Commission

2:30 PM to 4:00 PM—Closing Session

Policy Recommendation Development & Next Steps

Facilitators: Seth Fearey, Vice President and COO, Joint Silicon Valley Network and Gretchen Byer, Vice-President for Public Policy, The Technology Network (Technet)

The Summit will be tape-recorded for Great Valley Center internal purposes only. A proceedings paper will be developed containing policy recommendations, a summation of points of view, and a list of attendees. Comments will not be attributed without permission.

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