



**SOUTH SALINAS VALLEY BROADBAND AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
GREENFIELD COUNCIL CHAMBERS
599 EL CAMINO REAL
GREENFIELD, CA 93927**

**August 28th, 2025
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll call**

Board President: Supervisor Chris Lopez, County of Monterey
Board Vice President: Mayor Mike LeBarre, City of King
Board Member: Councilmember Marcy Jones, City of Greenfield
Board Member: Councilmember Ben Caldera, City of Soledad
Board Member: Mayor Jose Rios, City of Gonzales

- 4. Public Comment**

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5. Consent Items

- a. Approval of July 17th, 2025 SSVBA Board Meeting Minutes:

6. Regular Agenda

- a. Approval of purchasing policy
- b. Approval of Resolution to authorize two year auditing process

7. Executive Director's Report

8. Board of Directors' Report

9. Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

MEETING ACCOMMODATION

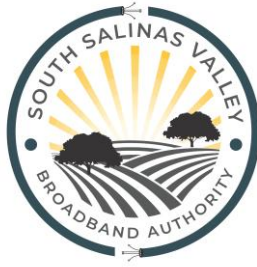
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AGENDA POSTING

The meeting agenda was posted on August 25, 2025 on the SSVBA Official Website and at City of Greenfield - 599 El Camino Real - Greenfield, CA 93927 and on the City of Greenfield Website at www.ci.greenfield.ca.us



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**July 17th, 2025
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

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10. Call to Order Board President Lopez called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

11. Pledge of Allegiance All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

12. Roll call

Present: Chris Lopez, Mike LeBarre, Marcy Jones, Ben Caldera, Jose Rios (via Zoom)

13. Public Comment None

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14. Consent Items

- a. Approval of March 20th, 2025 SSVBA Board Meeting Minutes: *Approved by all Board members present (Motion: LeBarre. Second: Rios)*

15. Regular Agenda

- a. Approval of agreement for legal representation *Approved by all Board members present. (Motion: Caldera. Second: Jones)*

16. Executive Director's Report Farmer shared that Shannon Chaflin from Aleshire & Winder, LLP called to offer to continue services, in the event the Board chose not to work with Roy Santos at his new firm. However, he offered his support and understanding if the Board chooses to continue

Farmer furthered offered to support the Board with other broadband-related concerns, including with the federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program subgrants and related changes.

17. Board of Directors' Report The Board Chair advised that we should have results from the CPUC's funding decision regarding SSVBA's application in early August or September. We hope to hear from the State regarding funding first. With BEAD, the rules have changed at the federal level. The federal government representatives understand our situation and needs in Monterey County. When the time is appropriate, stakeholders will be asked to call into the CPUC hearing (probably online) to offer support for our funding.

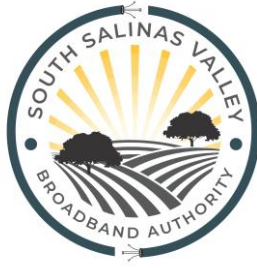
Crown Castle has announced they are selling the infrastructure that SSVBA plans to plug into in Salinas to another entity. Our expectation is that we should not be billed until services are rendered, although Crown Castle is trying to extract a payment for work performed to date.

Comment from LeBarre: Happy to hear that fiber is the priority as our area has potential to house data centers. If satellite connectivity were the only option, that is not amenable to data centers. Lopez responded with a comment about satellite internet access being degraded when there are multiple users.

Caldera asked about timeline for implementation. Lopez responded that things will move quickly and our services could be live within one year of receiving funding.

18. Future Agenda Items None

Adjournment 12:18pm



SOUTH SALINAS VALLEY BROADBAND AUTHORITY PURCHASING POLICY

Purpose

This policy guides how SSVBA purchases goods and services to ensure fairness, transparency, and cost-effectiveness while supporting our mission to expand broadband access.

Authority Levels

- **Up to \$5,000** – Program Executive Director may approve.
- **Over \$5,000** – Requires Board Chair approval.

Competitive Quotes

- **\$5,000 – \$25,000** – At least **3 written quotes** required.
- **Over \$25,000** – Use a **formal RFP** process, unless Board approves sole-source.

Sole-Source Purchases

Allowed only when:

- Only one vendor can provide the item/service,
- Compatibility with existing systems is required,
- Emergency situations demand immediate action, or
- Grant/funding rules specify a vendor.

Justification must be documented and approved by the Executive Director.

Ethics & Conflicts

- No personal gifts or favors from vendors.
- No purchases for personal gain.
- Any conflicts of interest must be disclosed and the conflicted person recused.

Broadband-Specific Standards

- All purchases must meet industry and cybersecurity standards.
- Give preference to vendors with proven broadband infrastructure experience.
- Consider local economic impact and sustainability where feasible.

Recordkeeping & Oversight

- Maintain invoices, bids, and approvals for **7 years**.
- Finance Committee reviews purchasing annually.
- Policy reviewed every **2 years**.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the South Salinas Valley Broadband Authority on [Date].