



California  
DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY

# Middle-Mile Advisory Committee Meeting

March 18, 2022

# AGENDA

| Item | Topic                      | Presenter(s)                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Time       |
|------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1    | Welcome / Opening Comments | Russ Nichols, Chair                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 5 minutes  |
| 2    | Executive Report Out       | Mark Monroe, Deputy Director, MMBI                                                                                                                                                                                           | 5 minutes  |
| 3    | Project Approach Updates   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• California Department of Transportation</li><li>• California Public Utilities Commission</li><li>• Third Party Administrator</li><li>• California Department of Technology</li></ul> | 50 minutes |
| 4    | Public Comment             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                     | 30 minutes |

# Executive Report Out

## Program Update

- Update on initial 18 Projects
- Conditional CASF Approval
- Procurement
- Annual Report
- SB 156 Mapping Analysis (PUC)

# Caltrans Update

- Preconstruction Work:
  - Environmental clearance
    - Biological and cultural surveys
  - Subsurface utilities investigations
    - Utility location
  - Project design
    - Placement of conduit and vaults
    - Delivery method
  - Field Reviews



# Caltrans Update

## Engagement with Resource Agencies



- Strategic Meeting with Environmental Resource Agencies
- Collaboration meetings with each resource agency to streamline and find opportunities for “programmatic” permitting
- Shared understanding of MMBI and prepare resource agencies for increase in permit requests

# California Public Utilities Commission Update

- Analysis and prioritization
  - Government Code section 11549.54(a)-(d) & (f) codified by Senate Bill 156 (Chapter 112, Statutes of 2021)
- Public comment
- Publication and Data

<https://middle-mile-broadband-initiative.cdt.ca.gov/pages/data-and-analysis>

# California Public Utilities Commission Update



## Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative

[About](#) [Data & Analysis](#) [Resources](#) [MMAC Meetings](#) [Public Comment](#)

## Data & Analysis

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The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) statewide open-access middle-mile network locations as specified in [Government Code Section 11549.54](#). This site provides access to middle-mile locations analysis and data.

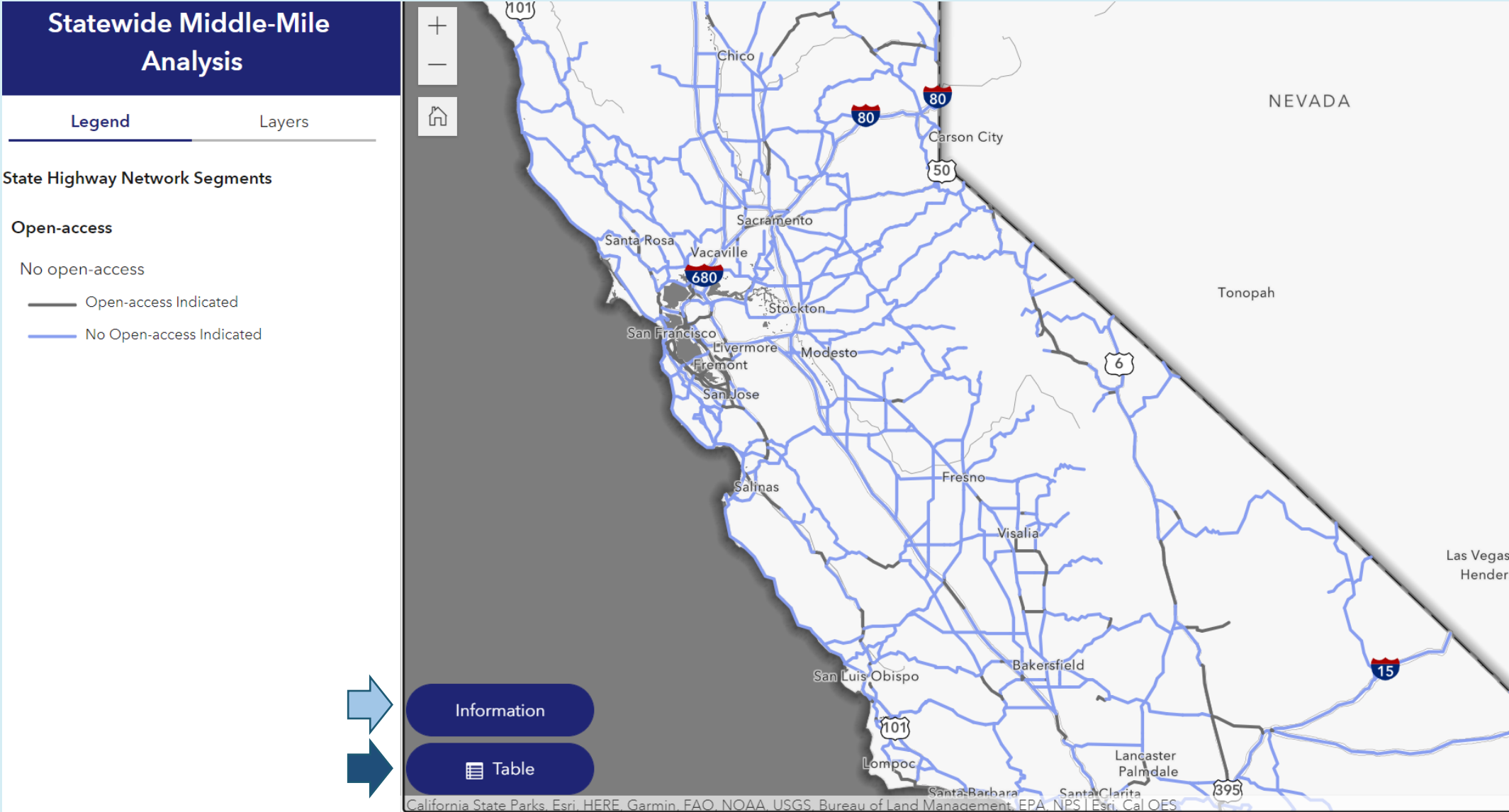
[Middle-Mile Network Locations](#)

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[Prioritization](#)

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# California Public Utilities Commission Update



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## Communities without Open-Access Middle-Mile

Government Code Section 11549.54(b) "The commission shall identify statewide open-access middle-mile broadband network locations that will enable last-mile service connections and are **in communities where there is no known middle-mile infrastructure that is open-access**, with sufficient capacity, and at affordable rates."

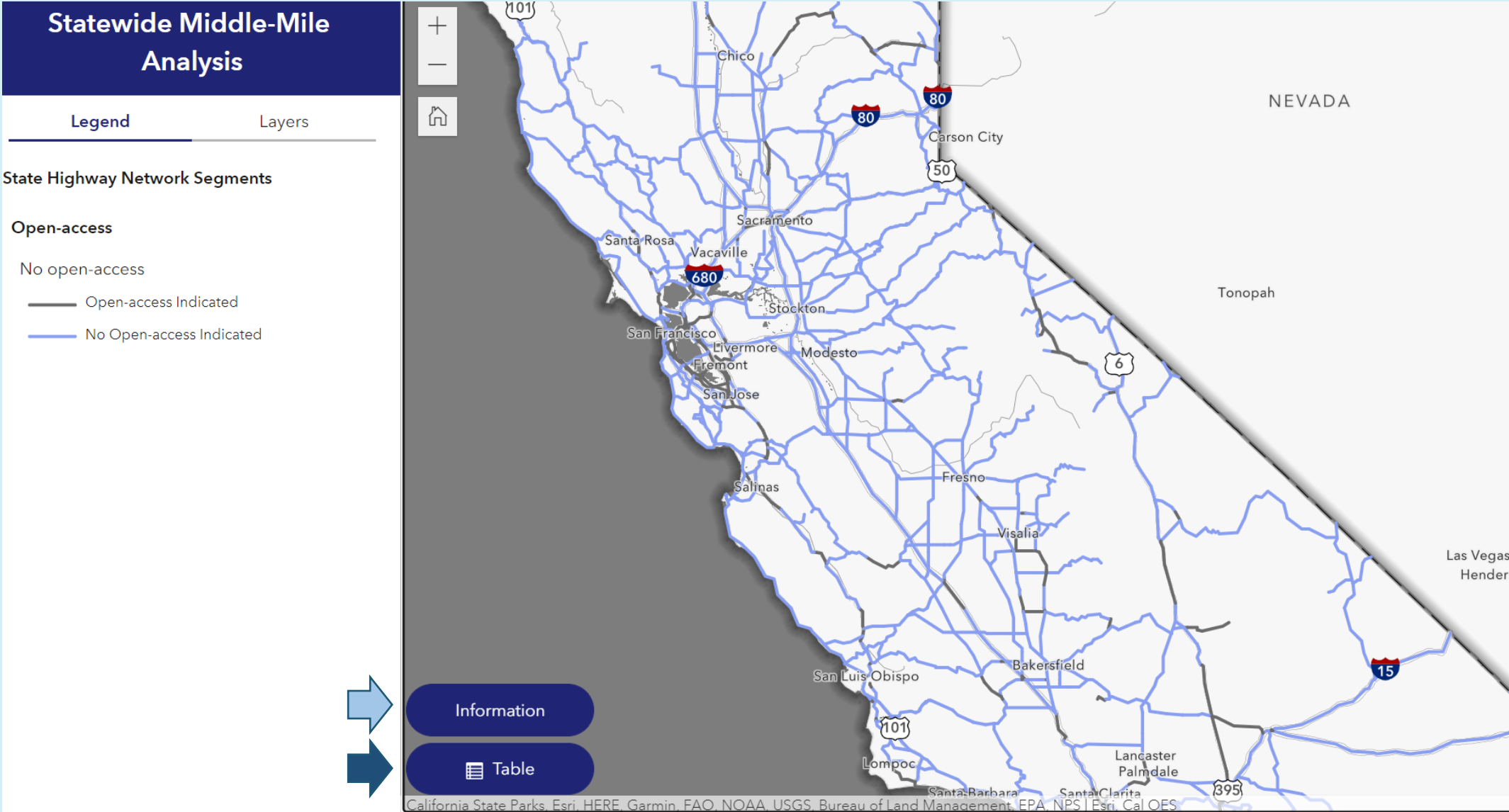
### Indicator Criteria

- State Highway Network segments where at least 95% of these segments do not have an open-access point or fiber line within one mile of the State Highway Network center line.

### Key Data

- Responses to an October 2021 data request of California telephone corporations and wireless providers for open-access internet points and fiber lines (confidential).
- Planned open-access networks (confidential).
- California Advanced Services Fund middle-mile networks funded by state or federal funding that includes open-access requirements.

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County Summary

| County           | Miles with Open-Access |
|------------------|------------------------|
| California Total | 2,016.555              |
| Alpine           | 0                      |
| Amador           | 0                      |
| Butte            | 12.717                 |
| Calaveras        | 0                      |
| Colusa           | 0                      |
| Contra Costa     | 26.939                 |
| Del Norte        | 0                      |
| El Dorado        | 0                      |
| Fresno           | 29.45                  |
| Glenn            | 0                      |
| Humboldt         | 0                      |
| Imperial         | 25.346                 |
| Inyo             | 42.348                 |
| Kern             | 86.117                 |

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## Data

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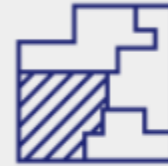
Browse available data related to the Open-Access-Middle-Mile Initiative. After selecting a specific dataset, the dataset can be downloaded in various formats.



2021 May Revise Locations (Anchor  
Build Fiber Highways)



Unserved Location Data at 25x3  
Mbps (As of Dec 2020)



Caltrans Districts



Strategic Broadband Corridors  
December 2019



CPUC Data Dictionary (xlsx)

# California Public Utilities Commission Update

## Last-Mile Initiative Updates

- [Broadband Technical Assistance Grants](#)
- Proposed Decision in [Rulemaking 20-09-001](#)
  - Last-Mile Initiative / Federal Funding Account Proposed Decision
- Request for Input in [Rulemaking 20-08-021](#)
  - California Advanced Services Fund and Loan Loss Reserve [ruling](#) requesting comment



# Middle Mile Broadband Initiative TPA Recommendations - Initial 18 Projects

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# Initial 18 Projects

## TPA Network Route Recommendations



# Project 1: Siskiyou

# Project 1: Siskiyou - Key Highlights

- Vastly underserved area
- Prone to catastrophic outages, fire hazard zone

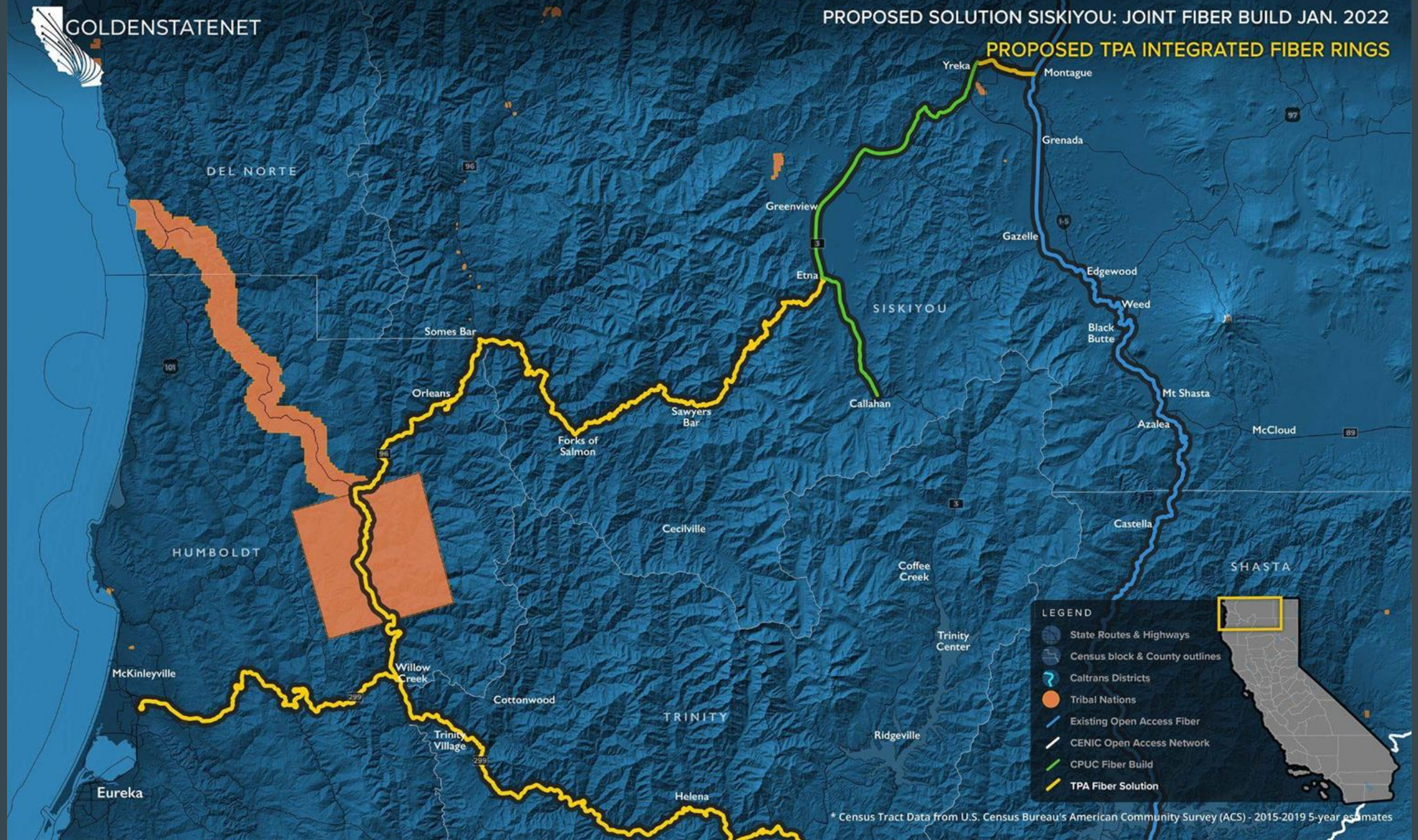
## Benefits:

- Directly benefits Tribal Nations of Hoopa Valley and Yurok, future opportunities possible for three additional Tribal Nations in the region
- Reduces costs for last-mile providers, improves coverage, enables new business development opportunities

## Proposed Route Details:

- 181 miles, new build and joint build fiber cable construction
- Improves resiliency with ring topology
- Connects to open-access network in several areas

PROPOSED TPA INTEGRATED FIBER RINGS



\* Census Tract Data from U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) - 2015-2019 5-year estimates

# Project 2: Plumas, Tehama

# Project 2: Plumas, Tehama - Key Highlights

- Vastly underserved area of the state
- Prone to catastrophic outages, fire hazard zone

## Benefits:

- Directly benefits Tribal Nation of Susanville Rancheria, future opportunities for an additional Tribal Nation in the region
- Improves coverage for homes, business, and Tribal Nation businesses and casinos providing additional economic opportunities

## Proposed Route Details:

- 159 miles, new build and joint build fiber cable construction
- Improves resiliency with ring topology



- LEGEND
- State Routes & Highways
  - Census block & County outlines
  - Caltran Districts
  - Tribal Nations
  - Existing Open Access Fiber
  - CENIC Open Access Network
  - Internet Access & Exchange Nodes
  - CPUC Fiber Build
  - TPA Fiber Solution



# Project 3: Lake

# Project 3: Lake - Key Highlights

- Vastly underserved area, prone to catastrophic outages, fire hazard zone
- Ecological factors could greatly increase construction time

## Benefits:

- Directly benefits Tribal Nations of Manchester-Point Arena, Dry Creek, Coyote Valley, Pinole Valley, Upper Lake, Big Valley, Middletown Rancherias, future opportunities for seven other Tribal Nations in the region
- Area last-mile provider has expressed interest in serving area homes/businesses

## Proposed Route Details:

- 173 miles, new build fiber cable construction and IRU dark fiber leases
- Connects to Project 4: Colusa, providing even greater regional impact
- Improves resiliency with ring topology



# Project 4: Colusa

# Project 4: Colusa - Key Highlights

- Underserved area
- Large number of households below poverty line,
- Poor/unpredictable cell/satellite coverage

## Benefits:

- Future opportunities for Tribal Nations of Colusa Rancheria and Cortina Rancheria
- Opportunities for new agricultural applications for area farms (ex. soil, weather monitoring)
- Creates access for last-mile providers in Williams and Arbuckle

## Proposed Route Details:

- 25 miles, new build fiber cable construction and IRU dark fiber lease
- Connects to existing core infrastructure between Colusa and Sacramento and connects to the Project 3: Lake route recommendation, increasing regional impact
- Improves network resiliency with ring topologies



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PROPOSED SOLUTION COLUSA: FIBER BUILD & RURAL INTERNET EXCHANGE JAN. 2022

PROPOSED TPA INTEGRATED FIBER RINGS

BUTTE

YUBA

NEVADA

LAKE

Colusa

Delphos

Marysville

Williams

SUTTER

Arbuckle

Clearlake

PLACER

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YOLO

Woodland

Sacramento

Folsom

NAPA

Davis

Cordova

SACRAMENTO

LEGEND

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# Project 5: Alpine

# Project 5: Alpine - Key Highlights

- Sparsely populated, underserved area, rural/mountainous terrain
- Prone to catastrophic outages, fire hazard zone

## Benefits:

- Directly benefits Tribal Nation of Woodfords Community, future opportunities for Washoe Ranches Tribal Trusts Land in the region
- Enhances wireless connectivity, telehealth/healthcare, emergency services
- Expands opportunities for ski resorts to increase tourism

## Proposed Route Details:

- 165 miles, new build fiber cable construction
- Two northeast-running routes: Pine Grove-Mesa Vista-Garberville and Angels Camp-Coleville
- Connects to Project 6 Amador and Project 4: Colusa increasing the regional impact
- Improves resiliency with ring topologies



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PROPOSED SOLUTION ALPINE: FIBER BUILD JAN. 2022

PROPOSED TPA FIBER RINGS



# Project 6: Amador

# Project 6: Amador - Key Highlights

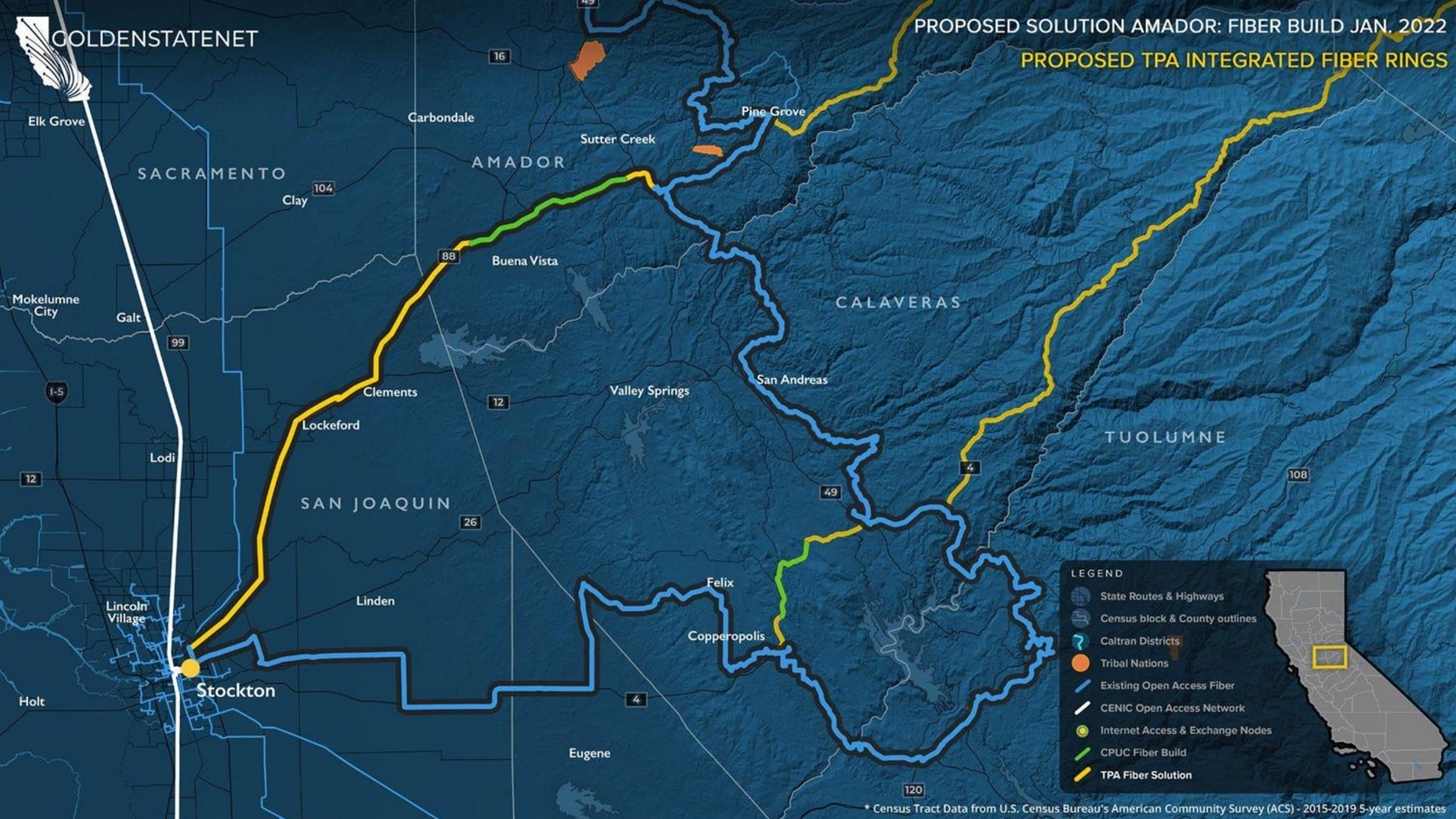
- Underserved area, severe fire hazard zone

## Benefits:

- Directly benefits Tribal Nations of Ione Band of Miwok Indians, Jackson Rancheria
- Supports farming communities, enables precision agriculture applications

## Proposed Route Details:

- 138 miles, new build fiber cable construction and IRU dark fiber leases
- Connects to Sacramento, Sutter Creek, Stockton Internet Exchange Point
- Improves resiliency with ring topology



# Project 7: Calaveras

# Project 7: Calaveras - Key Highlights

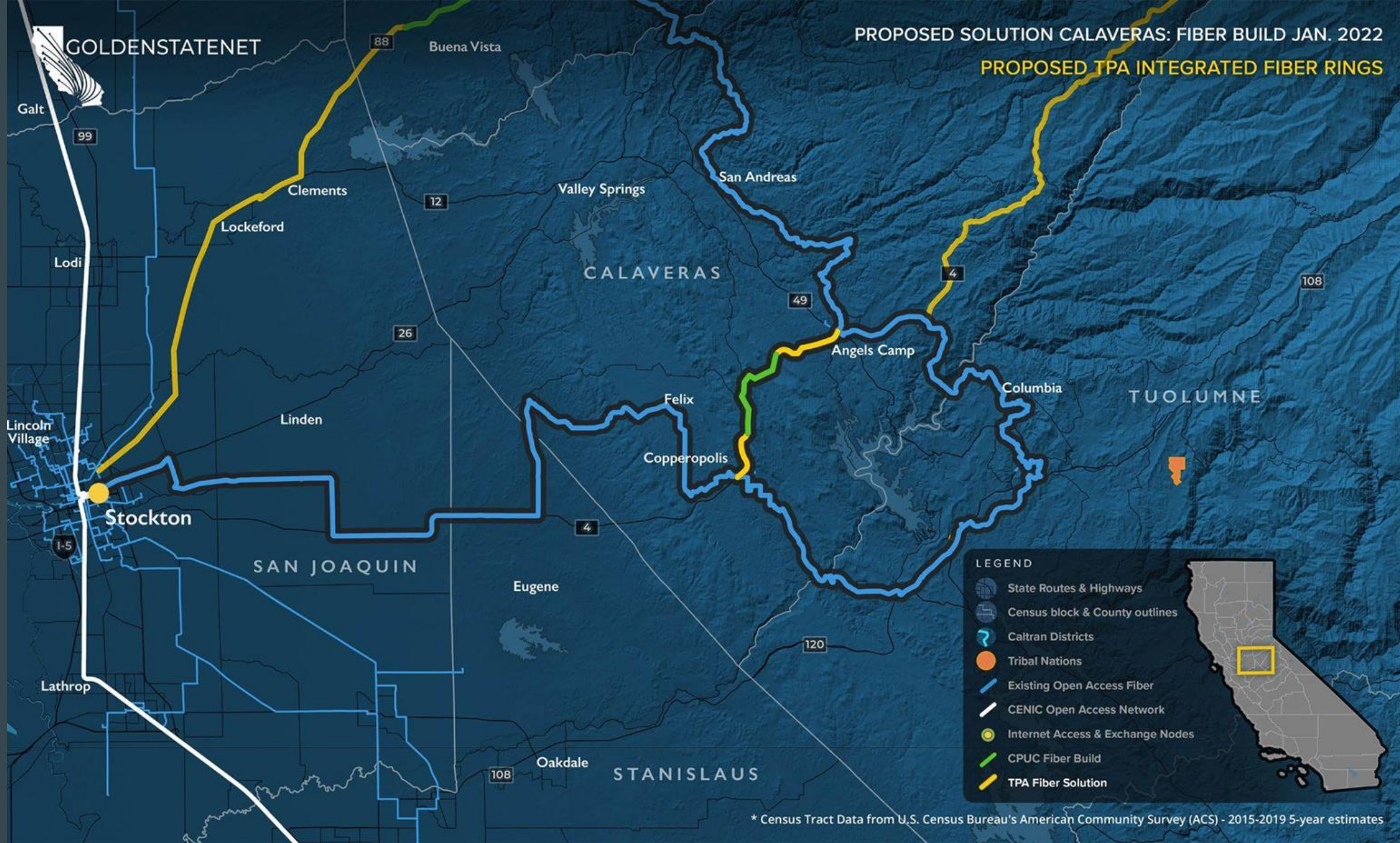
- Underserved area, severe fire hazard zone

## Benefits:

- Directly benefits Tribal Nation of Chicken Ranch Rancheria, future opportunities for an additional Tribal Nation in the region
- Improves network service and reliability

## Proposed Route Details:

- 28 miles, new build fiber cable construction
- Improves resiliency by completing a regional ring



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# Project 8: Oakland

# Project 8: Oakland - Key Highlights

- Socioeconomic factors contribute to challenges of affordability and adoption.
- Existing service (free wifi, last-mile providers) slow/unreliable or unaffordable

## Benefits:

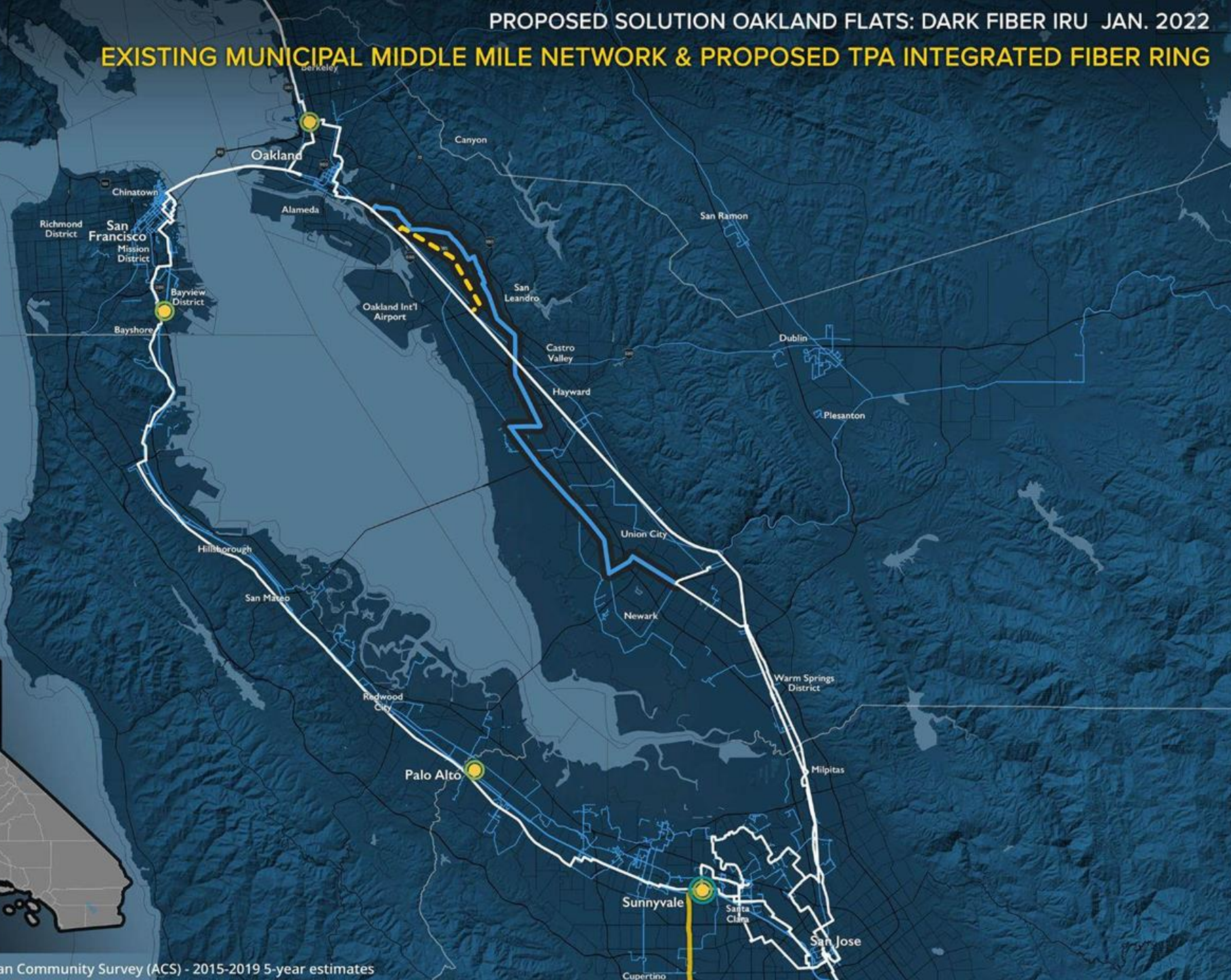
- Improves service for remote learning, telehealth
- Enables incumbent wireless provider to improve performance, expand range, potentially reduce prices

## Proposed Route Details:

- 48 miles, IRU dark fiber leases
- Redesign of Oakland Flats wireless broadband network, Oak WiFi
- Partnerships with OAK WiFi, Education Superhighway, NAACP California chapter



EXISTING MUNICIPAL MIDDLE MILE NETWORK & PROPOSED TPA INTEGRATED FIBER RING



# Project 9: Central Coast

# Project 9: Central Coast - Key Highlights

- Mountainous area, severe fire hazard zone
- Elevated by local officials, last-mile providers, residents, community groups

## Benefits:

- Potential for new services offering improvements over existing slow, high-cost satellite service
- Supports community rebuilding after 2020 CZU Lightning Complex fire

## Proposed Route Details:

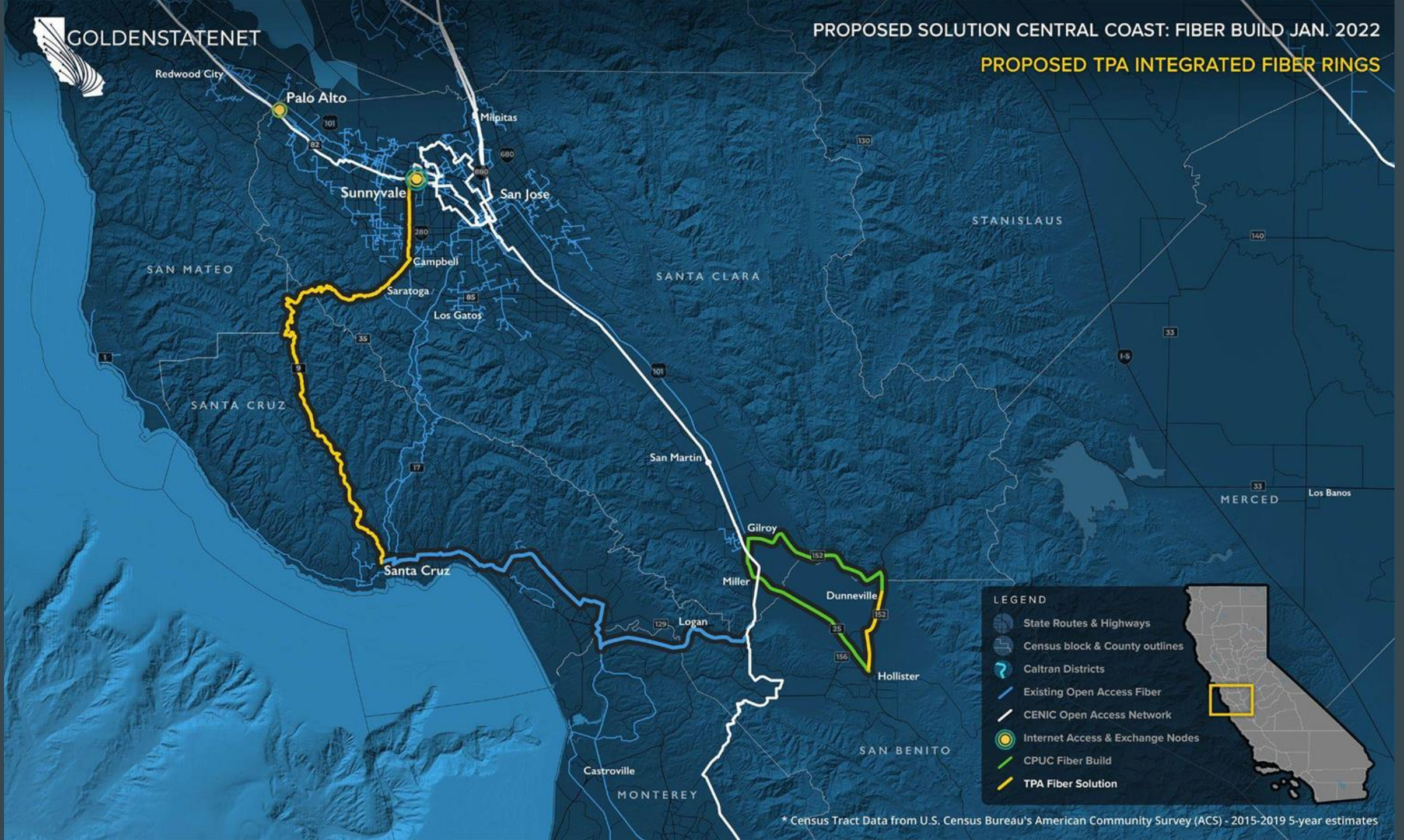
- 151 miles, new build fiber cable construction
- Two major routes: Sunnyvale-Santa Cruz and Gilroy-Dunneville-Hollister
- Improves resiliency with ring topology



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PROPOSED SOLUTION CENTRAL COAST: FIBER BUILD JAN. 2022

PROPOSED TPA INTEGRATED FIBER RINGS



# Project 10: West Fresno

# Project 10: West Fresno - Key Highlights

- Near complete lack of open access network infrastructure, considered especially urgent by community leaders, area residents, and businesses

## Benefits:

- Supports economic growth in distressed Hispanic communities
- Potential to spur agricultural innovations and enable remote schooling, telehealth, telework, and greater connections to community anchor institutions

## Proposed Route Details:

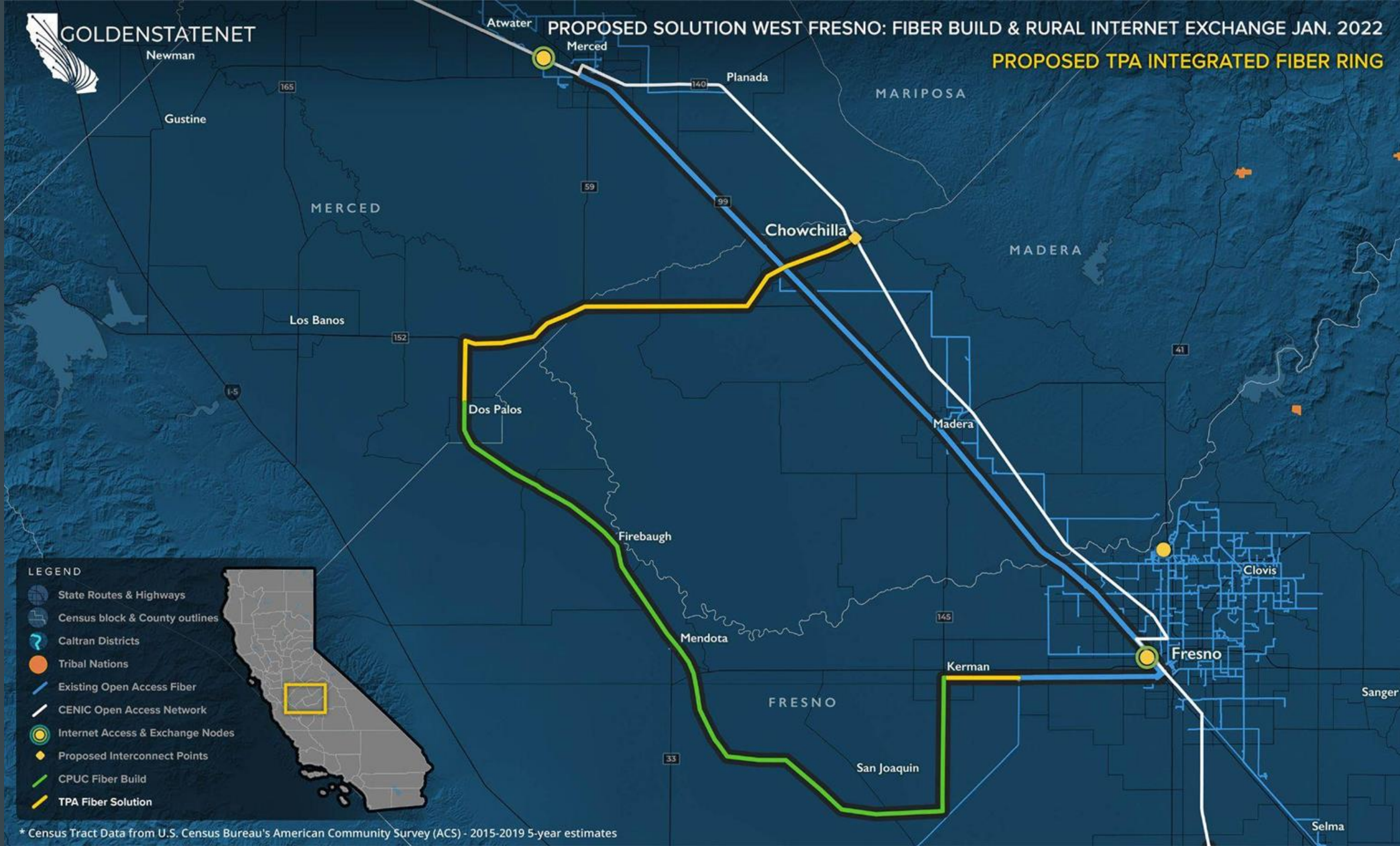
- 95 miles, new build fiber cable construction and IRU dark fiber lease
- Improves resiliency with large ring topology



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PROPOSED SOLUTION WEST FRESNO: FIBER BUILD & RURAL INTERNET EXCHANGE JAN. 2022

PROPOSED TPA INTEGRATED FIBER RING



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# Project 11: Inyo

# Project 11: Inyo - Key Highlights

- Sparsely populated area which includes Death Valley National Park, managed by the U.S. National Park Service

## **Benefits:**

- Directly benefits Tribal Nations of Timbi-Sha Shashone, Lone Pine Paiute, Big Pine Paiute, and Tecopa
- Ties to ongoing effort to connect Park Service land to major Los Angeles Internet Exchange Point
- Greatly enhances service in the Death Valley region

## **Recommended Technical Solution:**

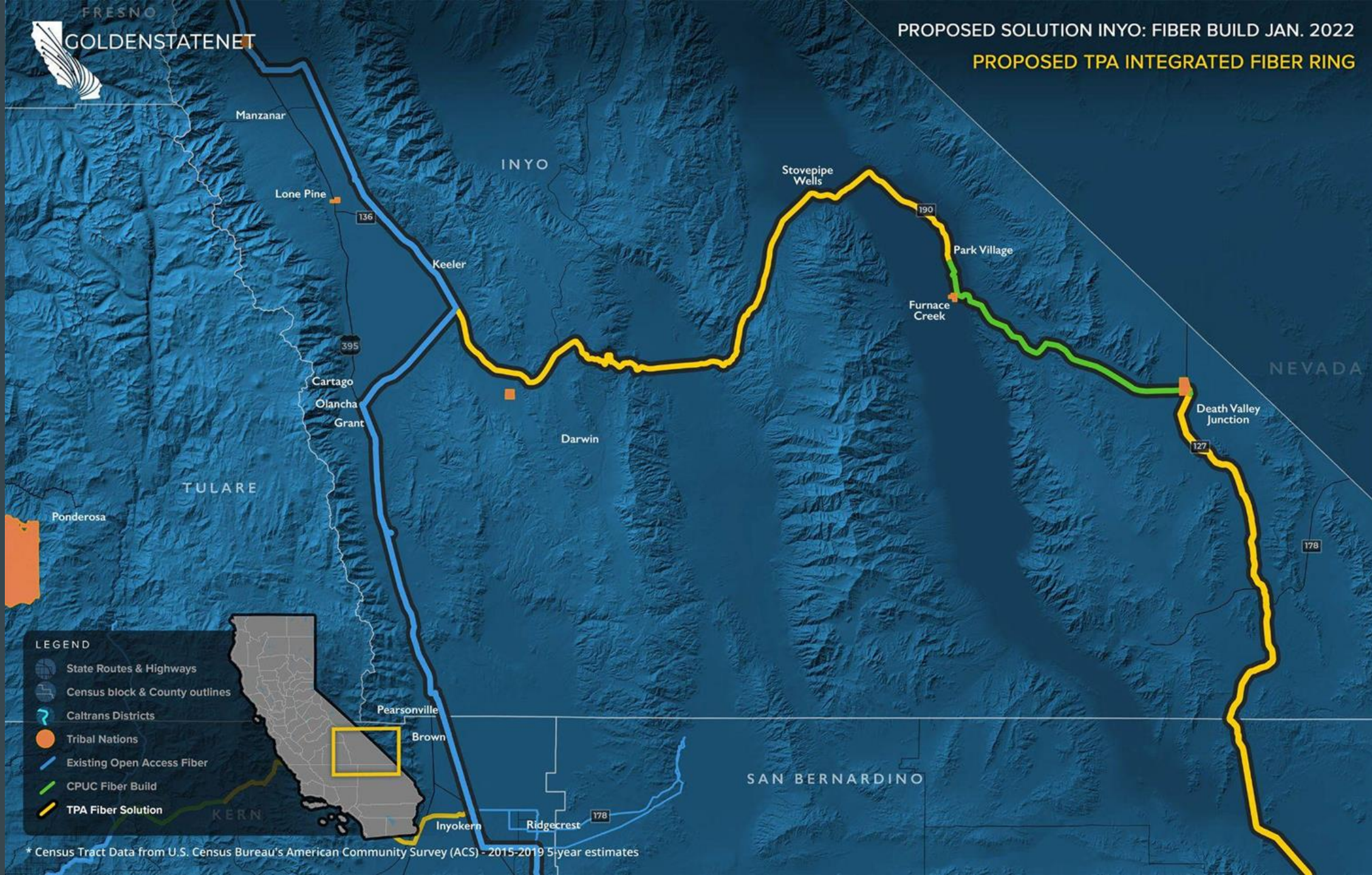
- 216 miles, new build fiber cable construction
- Requires coordination with the National Park Service



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PROPOSED SOLUTION INYO: FIBER BUILD JAN. 2022

PROPOSED TPA INTEGRATED FIBER RING



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# Project 12: Kern

# Project 12: Kern - Key Highlights

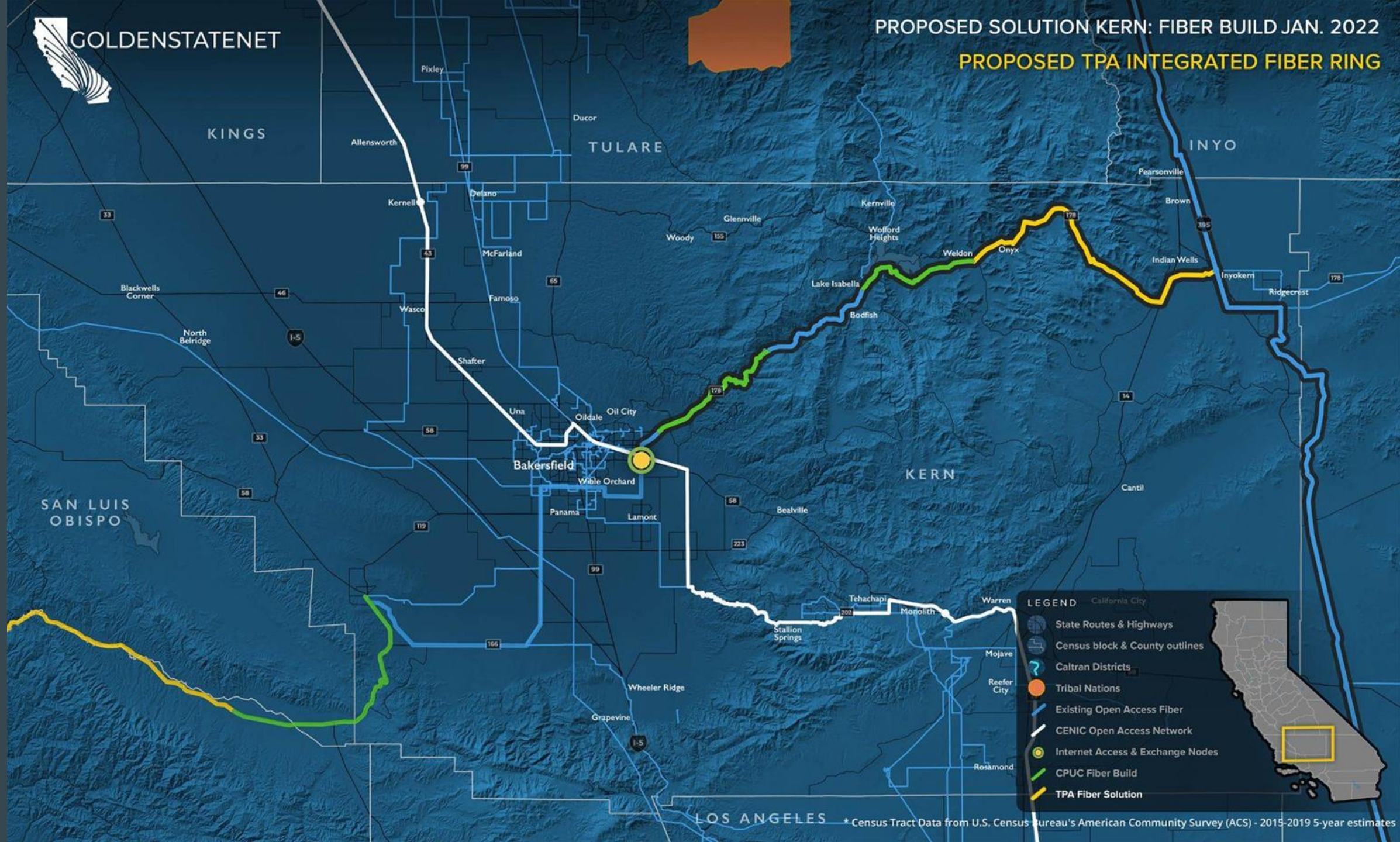
- Underserved, low-income area
- Large percentage of households lacking connectivity, poor cell service

## Benefits:

- Improvements for remote learning, healthcare (hospitals and clinics), emergency services

## Proposed Route Details:

- 92 miles, new build fiber cable construction and IRU dark fiber leases
- Extends between Bakersfield and Inyo
- East-West route with two North-South routes improves network resiliency



**LEGEND**

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# Project 13: Kern/San Luis Obispo

# Project 13: Kern/San Luis Obispo - Key Highlights

- Large diverse population, considered a CPUC priority around Taft
- Slow, ineffective service, relies heavily on cell coverage
- Mountainous area, severe fire hazards

## Benefits:

- Directly benefits Tribal Nation of Santa Ynez Reservation
- Encourages last-mile providers to offer more affordable services, support fire/emergency services

## Proposed Route Details:

- 136 miles, new build fiber cable construction
- Connects to existing open-access fiber route at Guadalupe



# Project 14: San Bernardino

# Project 14: San Bernardino - Key Highlights

- Densely populated, mountainous area, fire hazard zone
- Sub-standard service impacts households, large commerce centers/businesses

## Benefits:

- Improves reliability and speed for residents/businesses
- Provides savings for last-mile providers

## Proposed Route Details:

- 69 miles, new build fiber cable construction and IRU dark fiber lease
- Two major routes: Hesperia-Barstow and Barstow-Lucerne Valley-Apple Valley
- Improves resiliency with ring topology



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PROPOSED SOLUTION SAN BERNARDINO: FIBER BUILD JAN. 2022

PROPOSED TPA INTEGRATED FIBER RING



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# Project 15: Los Angeles

# Project 15: Los Angeles - Key Highlights

- Very densely populated, urban areas, diverse population
- Lacks affordable options for many households creating so called “service deserts” in certain areas

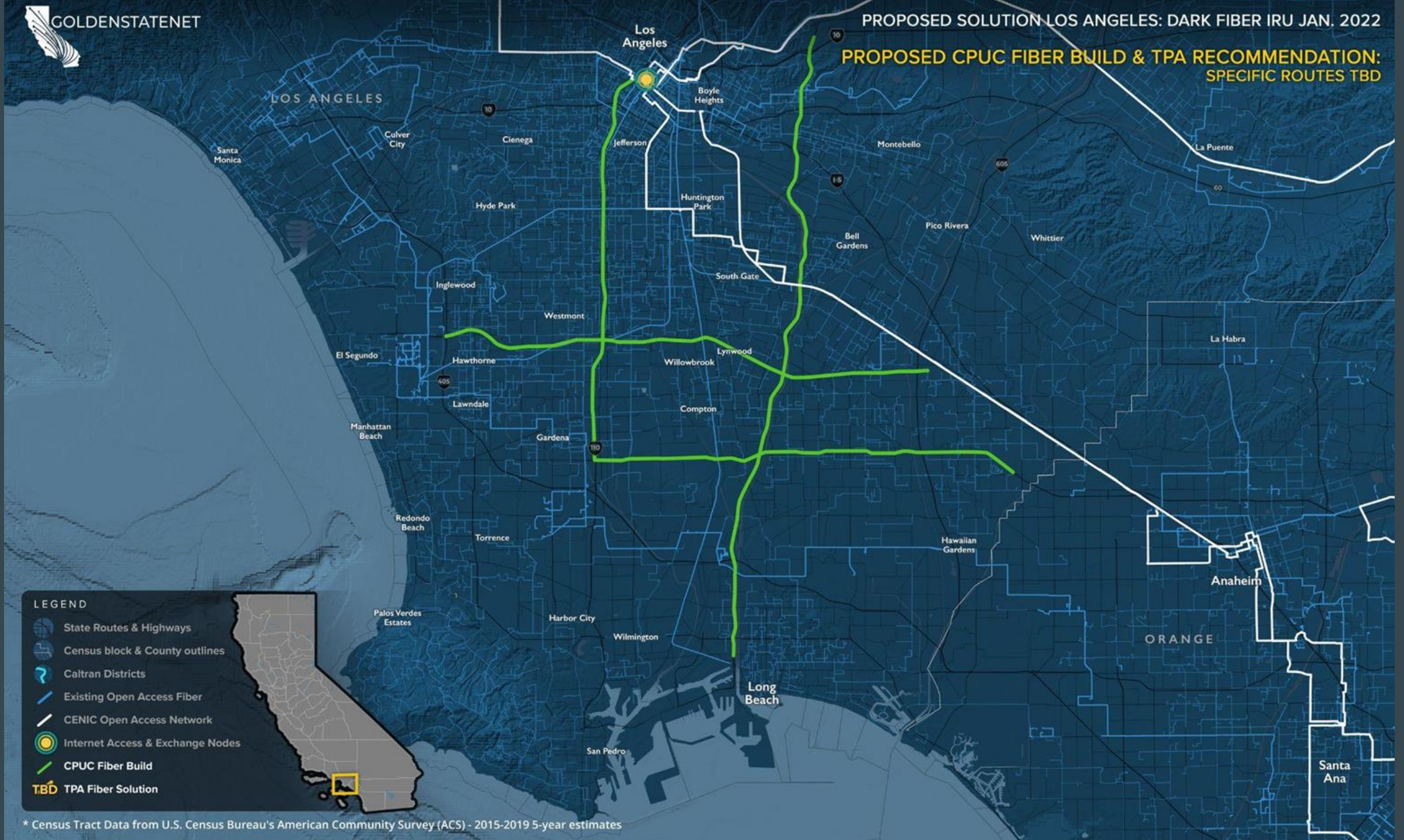
## Benefits:

- Could lead to more affordable service for lower-income, diverse communities
- Savings for last-mile providers, encouraging deployment
- Requires collaboration among last-mile providers, metropolitan planners, local government, others

## Proposed Route Details:

- 120 miles, IRU dark fiber leases
- Three CPUC recommended routes from a downtown Internet Exchange Point, one heading south to Long Beach

PROPOSED CPUC FIBER BUILD & TPA RECOMMENDATION:  
SPECIFIC ROUTES TBD



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# Project 16: Orange County

# Project 16: Orange County - Key Highlights

- Densely populated urban areas, very diverse population
- Lacks affordable options for many households creating so called “service deserts” in certain areas

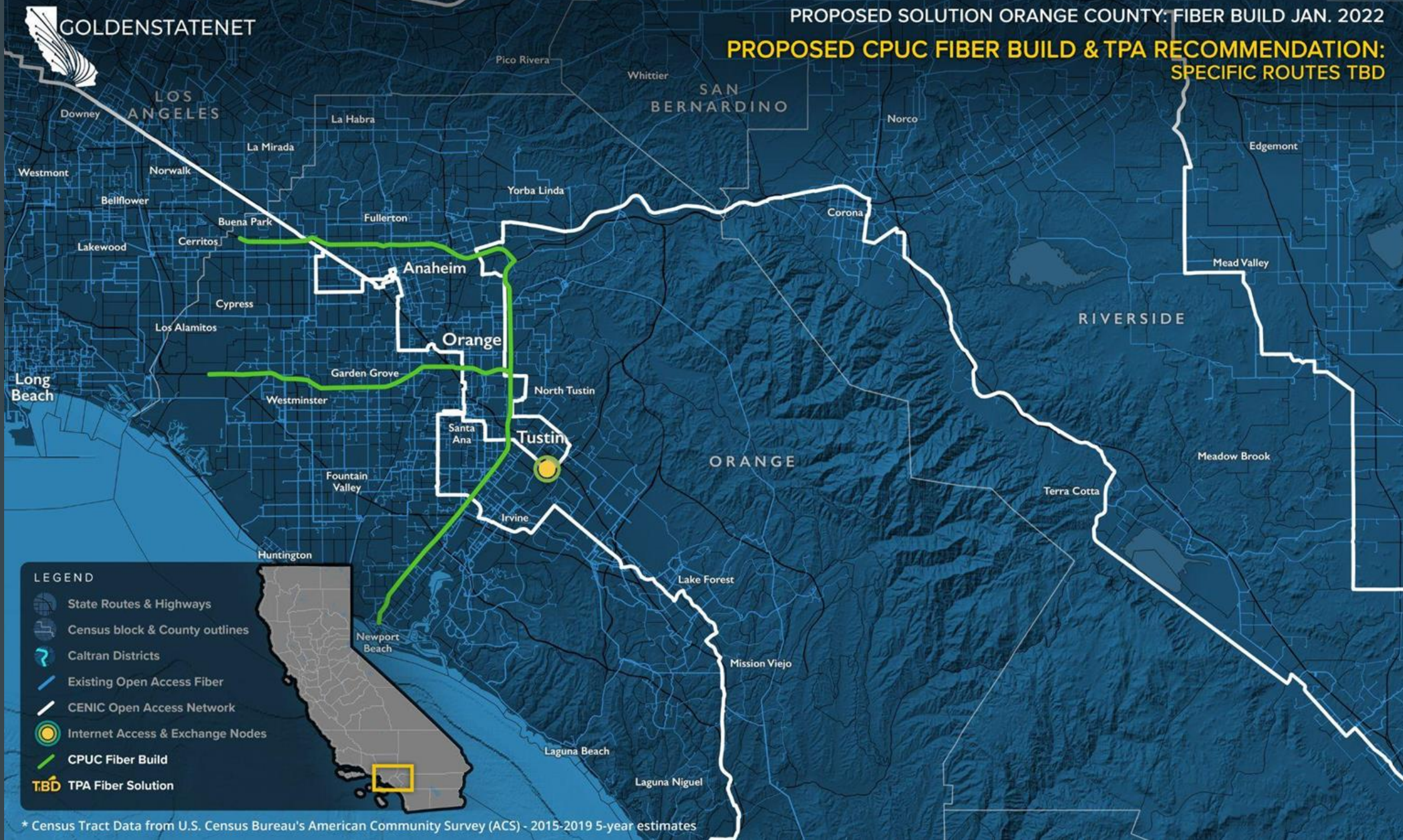
## Benefits:

- Could lead to more affordable service for lower-income, diverse communities
- Savings for last-mile providers, encouraging deployment

## Proposed Route Details:

- 80 miles, IRU dark fiber lease
- Three routes: Westbound Fullerton-Buena Park, westbound through Garden Grove, southwest from Tustin to Newport Beach
- Will require collaboration among last-mile providers, metropolitan planners, local government, others

**PROPOSED CPUC FIBER BUILD & TPA RECOMMENDATION:  
SPECIFIC ROUTES TBD**



# Project 17: Coachella Valley

# Project 17: Coachella Valley - Key Highlights

- Densely populated as well as a remote desert region, prone to extreme heat

## Benefits:

- Directly benefits Tribal Nations of Torres Martinez, Augustine, Cabazon, Morongo, Agua Caliente, Twenty-Nine Palms Reservations, future opportunities for five additional Tribal Nations in the region
- Improves wireless and other connectivity for community anchor institutions, underserved communities
- Potential growth of Lithium Valley, overall economic development

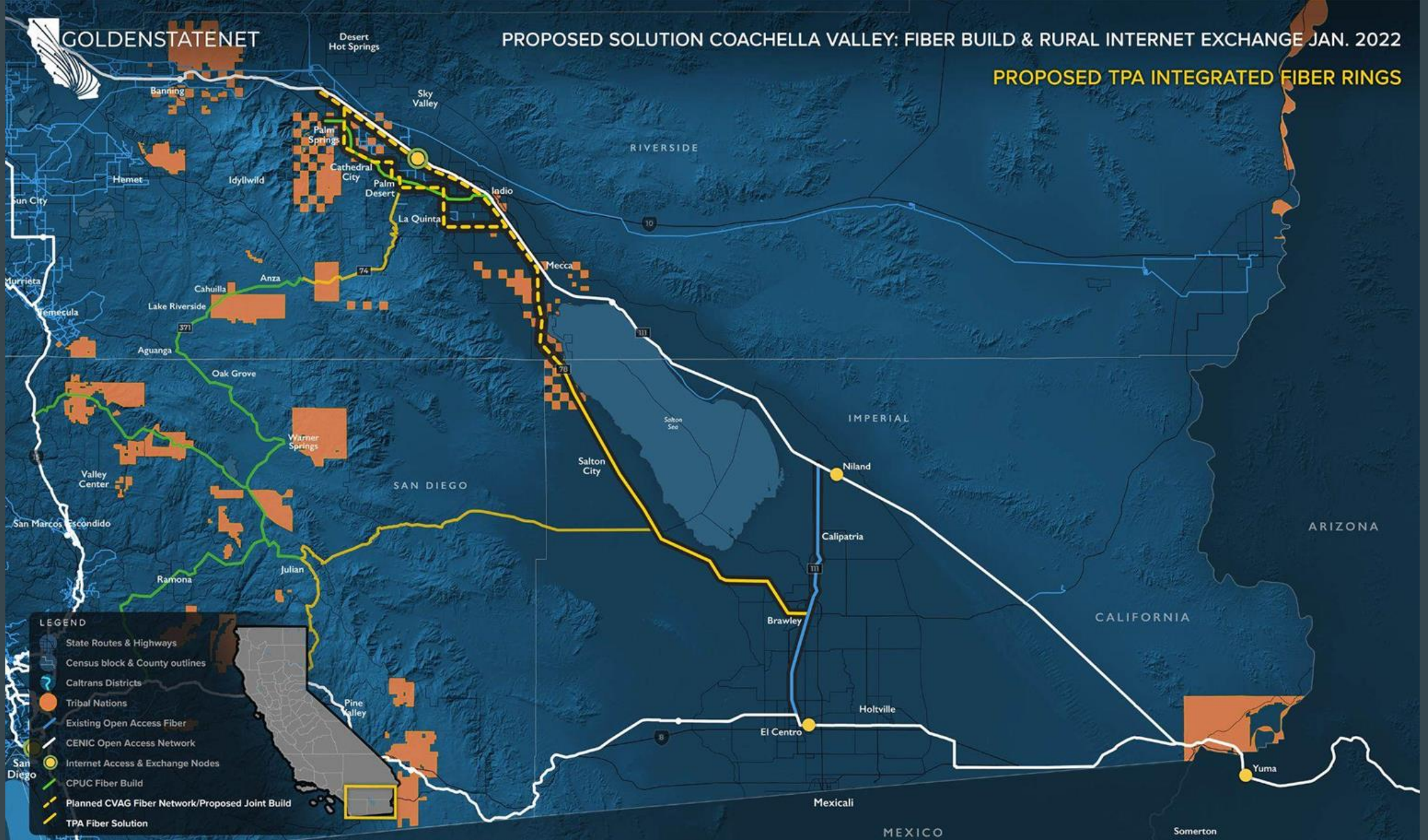
## Proposed Route Details:

- 175 miles, joint build fiber cable construction and IRU dark fiber leases
- Extensive resilient ring architecture, leverages CVAG's 2022 plan to upgrade traffic lights system
- Connects to Project 18: Riverside, San Diego leading to greater regional impact

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PROPOSED SOLUTION COACHELLA VALLEY: FIBER BUILD & RURAL INTERNET EXCHANGE JAN. 2022

PROPOSED TPA INTEGRATED FIBER RINGS



# Project 18: Riverside/San Diego

# Project 18: Riverside/San Diego - Key Highlights

- Densely populated urban areas as well as mountainous areas of severe fire hazard zones

## Benefits:

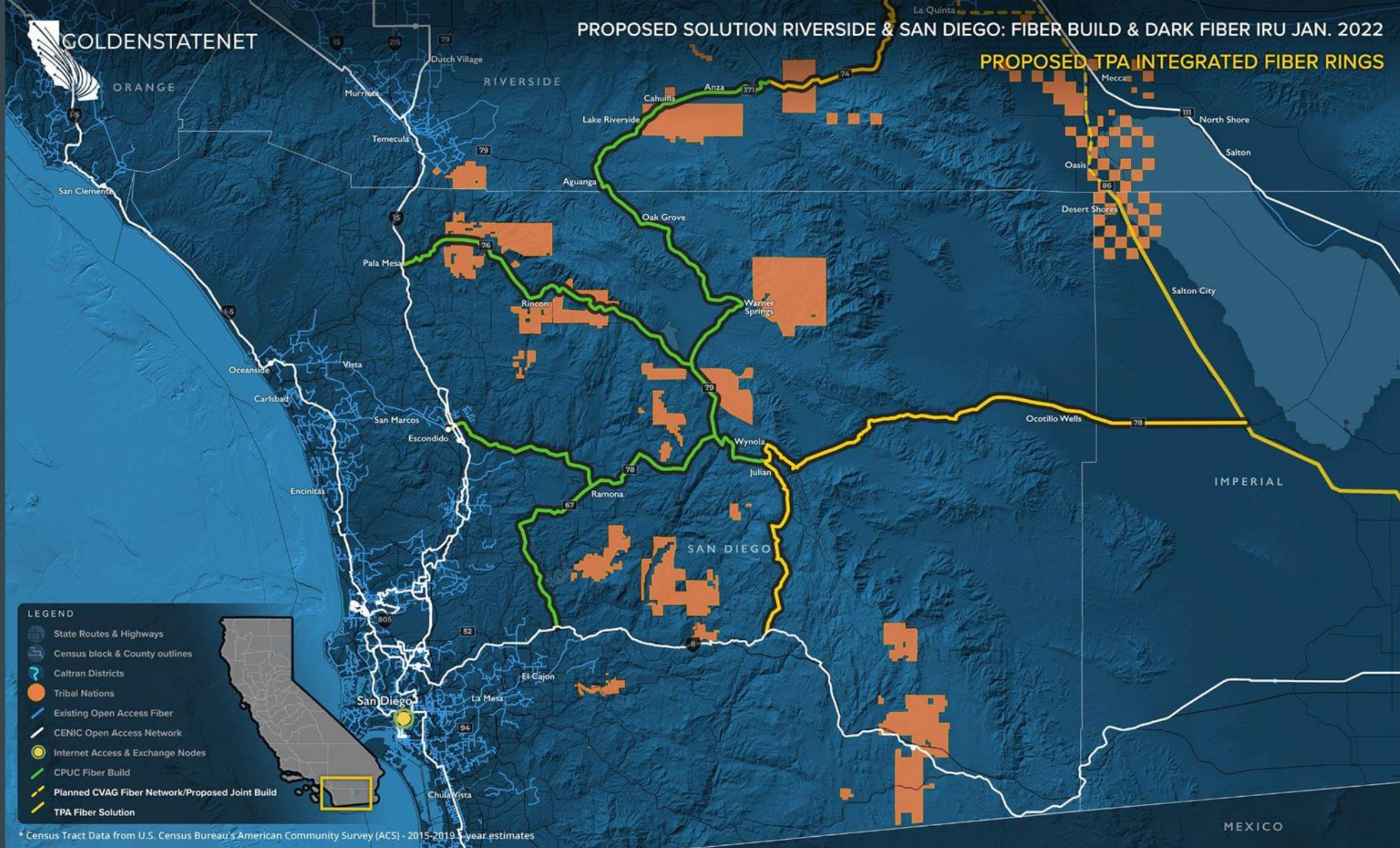
- Route directly benefits Tribal Nations of Santa Rosa, Cahuilla, Pala Band of Mission Indians, Pauma and Yuima, Los Coyotes, La Jolla Indian, Rincon, and Santa Ysabel Reservations, future opportunities for four additional tribes in the region.
- Services to extend to wind farms, lithium mining projects, fire and emergency services

## Proposed Route Details:

- 178 miles, new build fiber cable construction
- May require aerial cable lines across mountains
- Requires collaboration among last-mile providers, metropolitan planners, local government, others

# PROPOSED SOLUTION RIVERSIDE & SAN DIEGO: FIBER BUILD & DARK FIBER IRU JAN. 2022

## PROPOSED TPA INTEGRATED FIBER RINGS

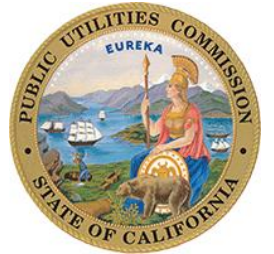


# Initial 18 Projects TPA Network Route Recommendations



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# California Department of Technology Update

## Expanded Construction Approval

- The 18 initial project recommendations proposed in November totaled about 885 miles.
- GSN just presented its broader recommendations for these 18 projects totaling about 2,230 miles.
- Of this amount, 1,437 miles is recommended for construction.
- CDT has asked Caltrans to expand its preconstruction activities to include this higher construction amount.

## Next Steps:

- GSN will work with CDT in finalizing the broader statewide system, including potential IRU locations.
- As Caltrans construction cost estimates are refined, IRU alternatives will be further evaluated.

**Thank You**