

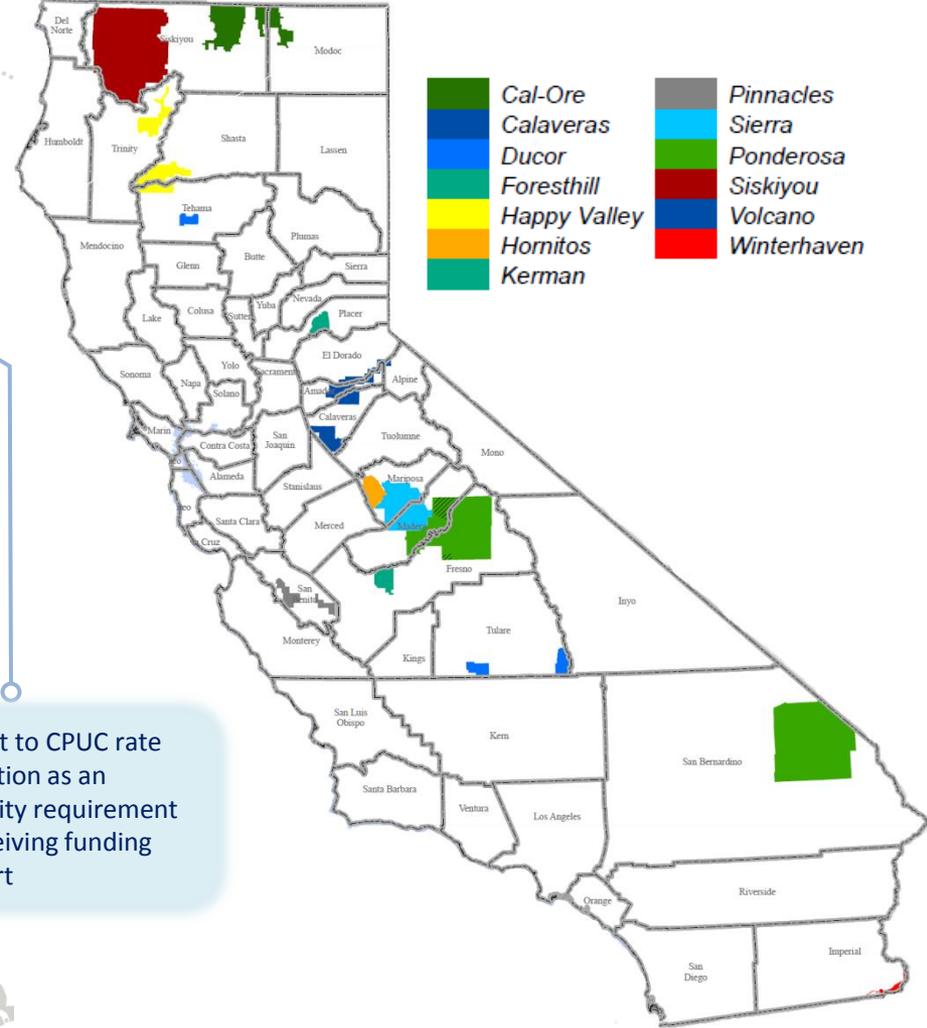
# California High Cost Fund A

PU Code Sec 275.6 requires the CPUC to minimize telephone rate disparities between rural and metropolitan areas to keep rates affordable in areas with lower population densities. This fund supports 13 small independent telephone companies to allow rural residents to stay connected to essential services to maintain public safety and public health.

## Fiscal Year 2016-17 Program Budget - \$43.4 Million

Company	Lines	Company	Lines
Calaveras	3,557	Pinnacles	242
Cal-Ore	1,873	Ponderosa	7,595
Ducor	984	Sierra	18,591
Foresthill	2,536	Siskiyou	3,705
Happy Valley *	2,405	Volcano	9,220
Hornitos *	510	Winterhaven *	951
Kerman	4,937	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57,106</b>

\*Does not currently draw from the CHCF-A Fund



Supports **53,240** lines at an average of **\$52.21 per line** or **\$626.55 per year per line** to **10** carriers



Subject to CPUC rate regulation as an eligibility requirement to receiving funding support

Promotes customer access to **advanced services** and deployment of **broadband-capable** facilities



State operations constitute approximately 3.4% of total program budget.  
For more detail on California High Cost Fund A: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/general.aspx?id=991>