

California High-Cost Fund A Administrative Committee  
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 10:00 AM

Attendees:

Committee Members

- Bixia Ye, Cal Advocates Office (Chair) (Attended remotely)
- Eric Votaw, Small LEC Representative (Vice Chair) (Attended remotely)
- Stephen Kalish, Community Based Organization
- Jason Tikijian, Small LEC Representation (Alternate) (Attended remotely)
- Chrystian Villareal, Cal Advocates Office (Alternate) (Attended remotely)

CPUC Staff

- Hannah Steiner, Communications Division
- Sandy Lam, Communications Division
- Saraf Tarannum, Communications Division
- Faith de Leon, Communications Division
- Diego Cerna, Communications Division
- Sindy Yun, Legal Division
- Lalaine Semana, Fiscal Office

Public:

- QC VU – BRB Law LLP
- Michael Montgomery – Sierra Telephone Company

Agenda:

Meeting called to order at 10:01 AM.

1. Introduction  
Introductions were made.
2. Announcements  
None.
3. Public Comments  
None.
4. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes
  - a. September 10, 2025

Stephen Kalish moved to adopt the September 10, 2025 meeting minutes as amended. Eric Votaw seconded. The committee voted unanimously to approve the September 10, 2025 minutes as amended. The minutes will be posted on the CHCF-A AC webpage.

5. Liaison Staff Reports:

a. Fiscal Report – Lalaine Semana

Lalaine Semana presented the Fiscal Report for the CHCF-A Fund as of October 31, 2025.

b. Legal Report – Sindy Yun

Sindy Yun provided a brief refresher on the teleconferencing requirements for committee meetings. The statute for committee members to attend meetings remotely under the Bagley Keene Act has been extended to January 1, 2030.

c. Communications Division – Hannah Steiner

Hannah Steiner mentioned that CHCF-A Annual Resolution mailed on December 10, 2025, and opening comments are due on December 30, 2025.

Stephen Kalish asked if there is any effect on the CHCF-A fund if the bill for AT&T landline requirements is not passed by the legislature. CD explained that the bill was related to the Carrier of Last Resort (COLR) proceeding and there will be no impact on CHCF-A funds.

Bixia Ye asked if there is any update on a new rulemaking for Small LECs. CD informed there is no update at this time.

Stephen Kalish asked if the FY 26-27 budget approval recommended by the committee was accepted. CD informed the committee that the budget remains confidential until approved and the Governor's proposed budget will be released on January 10, 2026.

6. Update from Small LECS

a. Follow-up on Sierra's broadband deployment data

Michael Montgomery, operating manager of Sierra Telephone Company, presented Sierra's broadband deployment data.

7. New agenda items for next meeting:

a. Standard agenda items

8. Proposed date and time for next meeting: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 10:00 AM

The committee members suggest scheduling the next AC meeting for Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 10:00 AM. CD will circulate a calendar invite for the suggested date and time.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM.