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County and Cal.net to break ground on new broadband tower in Dixon, expanding internet access in rural areas

SOLANO COUNTY – The public is invited to join County officials and Cal.net for a groundbreaking ceremony at the new broadband tower site, located at 8757 Pedrick Road in Dixon, on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 3 p.m. This event marks a significant milestone in the County's efforts to expand internet access for residents in rural communities.

"Access to fast, reliable internet has become essential for work, education, healthcare, and staying connected," said John M. Vasquez, District 4 Supervisor. "This project helps ensure more of our rural county residents have the tools they need to participate fully in modern life."

The Dixon tower is part of a cutting-edge 6 GHz network utilizing Tarana Wireless' next-generation fixed wireless access (ngFWA) technology. This advanced system is designed to deliver fast, reliable internet to communities currently underserved by federal infrastructure programs. Developed by Cal.net, the network will include seven new towers aimed at reaching residents who have long lacked consistent and affordable broadband access.

"We are very excited to partner with Solano County and bring fast reliable internet to residents within the County," said Craig Stein, Cal.net CEO. "Once complete, residents can expect download speeds of up to 400 Mbps and upload speeds of up to 100 Mbps, depending on location and line-of-sight conditions."

As part of this initiative, Solano County is covering full hookup costs for up to 800 eligible rural households on a first-come, first-served basis. This includes customer equipment, an indoor Wi-Fi router, professional installation, and service activation—at no cost to the resident. Funded by the County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation, the project supports the construction of seven broadband towers in unincorporated areas, reinforcing Solano County's commitment to expanding high-speed internet access where it's needed most.

"Tarana is proud to support this important initiative with Cal.net," said Carl Guardino, Tarana's VP of Government Affairs and Public Policy. "Solano County is a perfect example of the underserved communities our ngFWA technology was designed to reach."

Residents are encouraged to contact Cal.net at (530) 240-7837 or visit to www.cal.net and submit a Resident Inquiry Request to verify coverage and determine eligibility. A coverage map is included as part of this press release and can be used to assist residents in understanding the service areas (PAGE 2).

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Cal.net Coverage Area in Solano County

