

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: Golden State Connect Authority  
1215 K Street, Suite 1650  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Project Title:** GSCA Inyo County Broadband Network

**Project Location - Specific:** See Attached Map

**Project Location - City:** N/A

**Project Location – County:** Inyo

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** Golden State Connect Authority (“GSCA”) will construct and operate open-access, public benefit municipal broadband infrastructure in the project area to provide broadband access to unserved and underserved communities. GSCA will install approximately 67.7 miles of fiber optic lines within the project area. Fiber optic lines will be primarily installed underground in existing conduit on established roadways, avoiding roadway or new surface disturbance wherever feasible. The beneficiaries of the proposed future broadband projects will be the residents and businesses within the project area.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Lead Agency: Golden State Connect Authority

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Lead Agency: Golden State Connect Authority

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1 (14 CCR § 15301); Class 3 (14 CCR § 15303; Class 4 (14 CCR § 15304)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Lead Agency has determined that the project meets the criteria of the CEQA categorical exemptions found in CEQA Guidelines, 14 C.C.R. § 15301 (Existing Facilities), 14 C.C.R. § 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and 14 C.C.R § 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), because: the fiber lines will primarily be installed on existing facilities; the project constitutes a utility extension to serve individual customers; and, construction will require only minor trenching and backfilling within existing right of way and any disturbed surface will be restored. Thus, the entirety of the GSCA Calaveras County Broadband Network is categorically exempt from CEQA.

**Lead Agency**

**Contact Person:** Barbara Hayes

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (916) 447-4806

If filed by applicant:

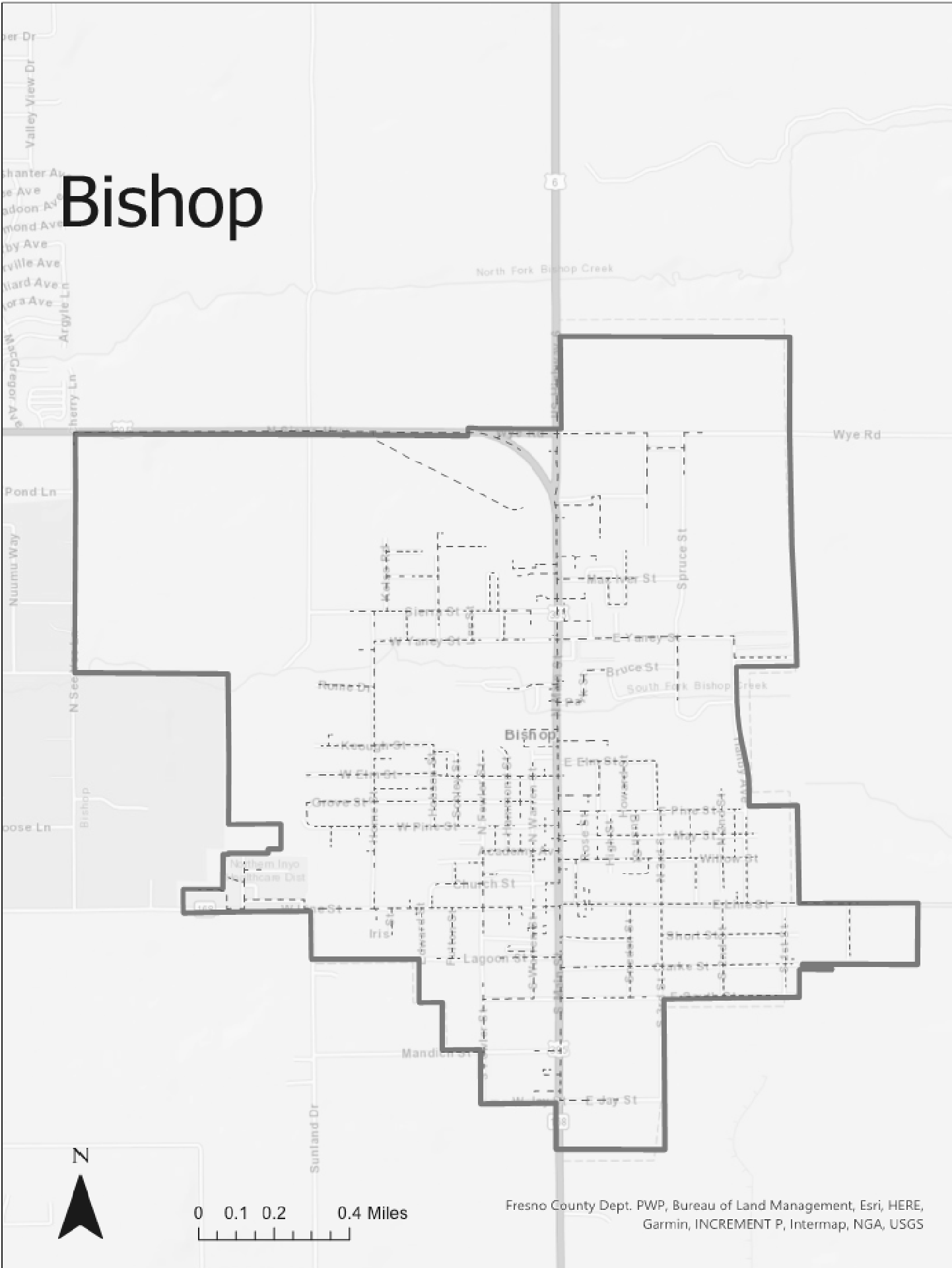
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

**Signature:** [Signature] **Date:** 7/14/2025 **Title:** Executive Director

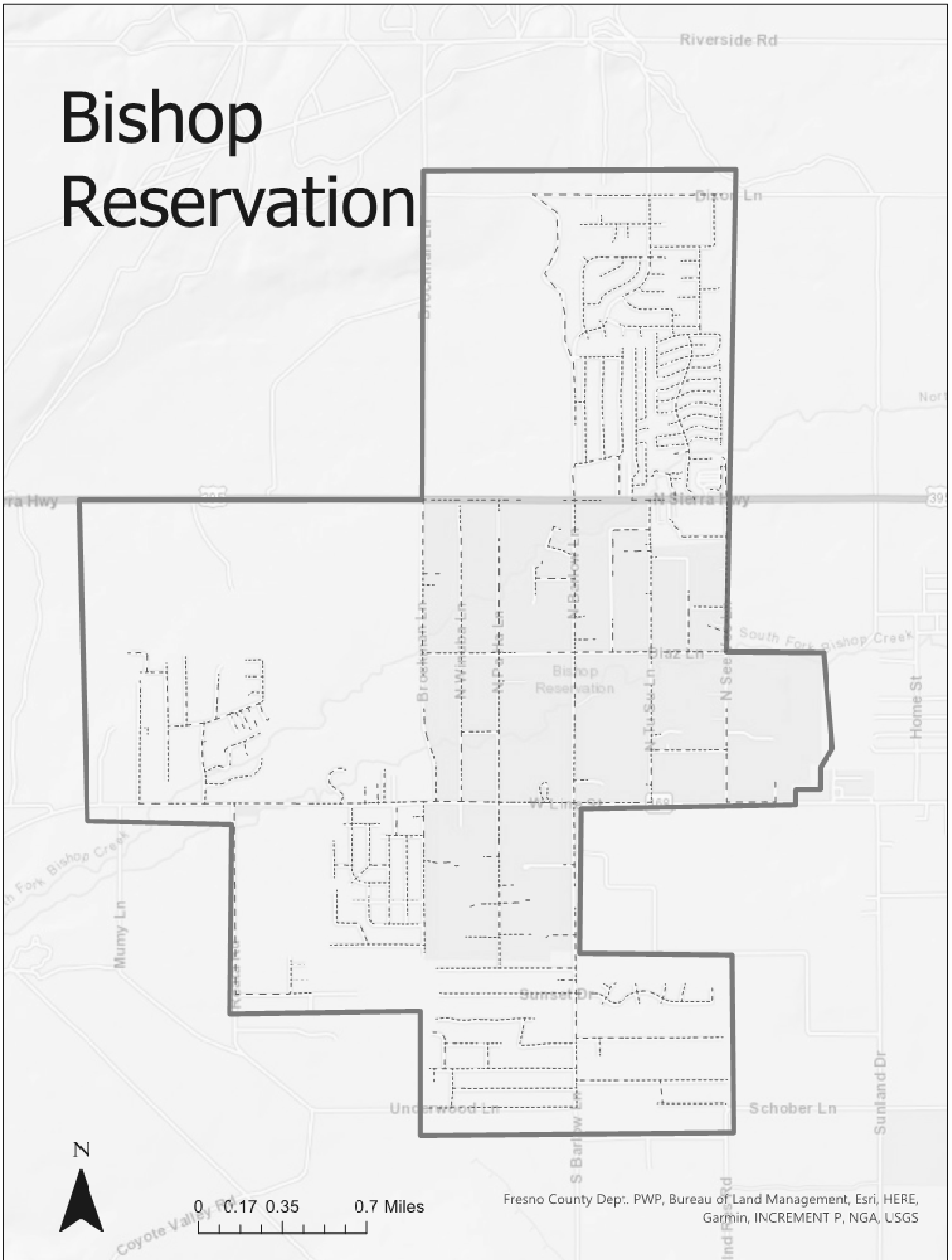
- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

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