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BOARD TO HOLD HEARING ON AT&T CARRIER OBLIGATIONS

The Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors will host a hearing during its regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, February 27th to discuss applications pending by AT&T at the California Public Utilities Commission regarding its statutory Carrier of Last Resort (COLR) obligations.

AT&T is requesting the release of COLR and Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) designations for parts of California that include Santa Cruz County. These obligations assure customer access to telephone service through dedicated telephone lines, including in rural area such as the Santa Cruz Mountains. Tuesday's hearing will include representatives from AT&T.

In addition, AT&T has agreed to hold a community meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 28th from 5:30-7 p.m. at Felton Community Hall, 6191 Highway 9, Felton. Members of the public are invited to attend. A second community meeting is being planed for South County for additional input, at a time and location to be determined.

Citing public safety, poor rural cellular coverage, frequent power outages and a host of other concerns, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors previously voted to oppose AT&T's pending applications.

For more information or to submit comments to the CPUC on this issue, [click here](#).