



# City of Grover Beach

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## Broadband Fiber Network Launch Event in Grover Beach

GROVER BEACH, CA – The City of Grover Beach and Digital West are holding an event on December 7 to celebrate the launch of a new broadband fiber optic network that will bring high speed Internet connectivity to Grover Beach as part of the City's economic development strategy. This event will be held at the Grover Tech Center which is a hub of commercial and industrial space on Front Street now with fiber connectivity. The event will mark the culmination of years of planning and the past year of construction of the fiber optic network through a unique public-private partnership between the City and Digital West, a leading provider of Fiber, Voice, and Cloud services to business customers.

On May 16, 2016, the Grover Beach City Council approved the initial phase of a 10-year fiber agreement to bring this high-speed fiber optic connectivity to support existing businesses and encourage the growth of new businesses. Digital West's fiber connectivity and brand recognition throughout the region will encourage business development in Grover Beach by providing fast and reliable fiber access critical for today's businesses. This fiber network also dovetails with Grover Beach's proximity to the Pacific Crossing cable landing station, which connects networks across the world through transoceanic cables to give businesses direct access to North and South American, Asian and other international markets.

As part of this public-private partnership, Digital West placed new fiber optic cable in key commercial and industrial areas with multiple connection points while the City of Grover Beach constructed and installed conduit infrastructure. Digital West will manage and market the new broadband network and the City will receive a portion of service revenues. The network will soon include wireless services to accelerate broadband options for residential customers. This network also serves County of San Luis Obispo facilities located within Grover Beach for which the County provided funding to support the network. Construction of the conduit infrastructure was carried out by Leo Tidwell Excavating Company and fiber cable was installed by Sprouse.

*"Completion of the broadband fiber network is a major milestone for the City of Grover Beach and will help strengthen our economic base and attract new businesses,"* said Grover Beach Mayor John Shoals. *"We value our partnership with Digital West and the County of San Luis Obispo in bringing this important project to the community."*

*"The speed and reliability of our pure fiber network will transform the network landscape and position Grover Beach as a hub of technology activity within the region,"* said Tim Williams, CEO of Digital West. *"We fully expect that Grover Beach will create new jobs as new businesses decide to relocate here."*

The launch event to recognize the completion of the broadband fiber network will be held on **Friday, December 7 at 11:30 a.m.** at the Grover Tech Center located at 359 Front Street.

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