



# Board of Directors MEETING MINUTES

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL  
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

February 6, 2014

**APPROVED**

Grace E. Simons Lodge  
1025 Elysian Park Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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**Board Members Present:**

**William “Bill” T Fujioka Chair**, CEO, County of Los Angeles  
**Miguel Santana**, CAO, City of Los Angeles  
**Gerry F. Miller**, Chief Legislative Analyst, City of Los Angeles  
**Reginald “Reggie” Harrison**, Deputy City Manager, City of Long Beach  
**Mark R. Alexander**, City Manager, City of La Canada Flintridge, representing the Contract Cities Association  
**LeRoy J. Jackson**, City Manager, City of Torrance, representing At Large Seat  
**Gregory “Greg” L. Simay**, Assistant General Manager, City of Burbank Water & Power, representing At Large Seat  
**Kim Raney**, Police Chief, City of Covina, representing At Large Seat  
**Bill Walker**, Fire Chief, City of Alhambra, representing the Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association

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**Representatives For Board Members Present:**

**David Betkey**, representing, Leroy “Lee” D. Baca, for the County of Los Angeles Sheriff Department  
**Mark J. Bennett**, representing Daryl L. Osby, for the County of Los Angeles Fire Department  
**Cathy Chidester**, representing Dr. Mitchell H. Katz, for the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services  
**Nancy L. Ramirez**, representing Steven K. “Steve” Zipperman, for the Los Angeles School Police Department

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**Officers Present:**

**Pat Mallon**, LA-RICS Executive Director

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**Absent:**

**Charles “Charlie” L. Beck**, Vice Chair, Police Chief, City of Los Angeles  
**James Featherstone**, Fire Chief, City of Los Angeles Fire Department  
**Scott Pickwith**, Police Chief, representing the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association  
**Wendy L. Watanabe**, Auditor-Controller, County of Los Angeles  
**Mark J. Saladino**, Treasurer and Tax Collector, County of Los Angeles  
**Patricia Saucedo**, LA-RICS Board Secretary



- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call

Chair Bill Fujioka made an acknowledgement that a quorum was present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (1)

- 1. January 8, 2014 – Regular Meeting Minutes.

**Ayes:** 13 – Raney, Miller, Harrison, Simay, Walker, Fujioka, Santana, Jackson, Alexander, Chidester, Ramirez, Betkey, Bennett

**MOTION APPROVED.**

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR – (None)

V. REPORTS – (2–5)

- 2. Committee Reports

- a. Legislative Committee – No Report
- b. Finance Committee – Stephen Sotomayor

Stephen Sotomayor, Chair of Finance Committee, stated that the Finance Committee met last week to review the preliminary numbers gathered through a survey for the Funding Plan. The draft report was prepared by PMC, the consultant hired by the County of Los Angeles. The Committee will continue to review the numbers and will have a special meeting to finalize their report and recommendation to the JPA.

Mark Alexander asked a question regarding the timeline for completion of the Funding Plan. Executive Director Mallon stated that additional conversations with Member agencies regarding the LMR System need to take place. Our goal is to provide the Board with a recommendation for the LTE System Funding Plan and release to member agencies at the February 20, 2014 Special Meeting.

After a detailed discussion on components of the funding plan, Chair Fujioka emphasized the goal of this project, which is to provide a “Regional Interoperability System” and the possible loss of grant funding if Board does not timely act. A robust conversation took place regarding what the next steps will be to move forward to build out the LTE system, the timing of the funding plan issues and the important membership questions that need to be addressed by the Board. He also stated that long and short term visions are necessary in order to make both systems viable. Various funding scenarios were discussed and Joe Ross, LA-RICS’ Broadband consultant, provided additional information regarding system capabilities.

- c. Operations Committee – No Report
- d. Technical Committee – No Report

- 3. Director’s Report – Pat Mallon



Executive Director Pat Mallon provided an update on the LTE Project. The Project Descriptions have been undertaken by the Jacobs team and we are working with the Jacobs Team and UltraSystems to complete the required NEPA documentation. Negotiations have concluded and staff is working to finalize the contract documents and redact proprietary information for posting on the Board's agenda. There will be a Special Meeting on Thursday February 20, 2014, at the Hall of Administration to bring the item before your Board for consideration. We anticipate releasing relevant portions of the draft contract to you by close of business today to allow ample time for review.

We are working with FirstNet and held a conference call yesterday with upper management. Although they could not make any definite commitments, they are excited to be working with LA-RICS as one of the first Public Safety Broadband providers in the Country. They did share some of their thoughts as they plan out the national system and they hope to incorporate the LA-RICS system to test their roaming partnerships. That hopefully will result in a reduction of our roaming charges. The expectation is that if they incorporate the LA-RICS system into the NPSBN, they will look to absorb some of the maintenance costs. However, as I indicated before, at this time, they were unable to make any definite commitments.

California First Responders Network Authority first meeting was held yesterday in Sacramento. Your Board has a seat on this 15 member board, whose purpose is to coordinate California's effort with FirstNet and provide policies, practices, procedures, guidance and direction for California's participation in the NPSBN review. Additionally, the CalFRN Authority will make recommendations on issues such as guidance, training and federal compliance. Standing meetings have been set for the first Wednesday of every other Month. CalFRN would like to host a meeting in Los Angeles in the next 6 months to witness progress made on LA-RICS PSBN.

On the LMR system, Motorola has completed Project Descriptions on the primary 88 sites. We are continuing to work with them to identify site-specific issues that may require revisiting site limitations and potentially identification of different sites. The information contained in the Project Descriptions will serve as the basis for an Environmental Impact Report. Core installations of Core #1 and 8 Repeater sites have been completed. Staging of Core #2, Station B and a Sight-On-Wheels is set for the second week of March. Core 2 Connectivity to Core 1 has encountered a problem. The City of LA is not able to move forward with an anticipated connection using microwave connection and a City owned fiber link is a longer term solution. We are evaluating the cost of a leased fiber connection until a permanent connection can be made, or, if too expensive, a location for temporary installation that can provide such connectivity. Leased fiber will require approval from the granting agency, a grant modification, project budget modification and action by this Board.

Regarding the LMR Contract Status, there has been no change from that reported to you last month relative to Amendments or changes to the Maximum contract sum. Amendments 1, 3 and 4 have been approved by your Board. Amendment 2 was done under your delegation of authority. To date, \$16,752,571 has been committed to the project. The Total Maximum Contract Sum, with Amendments 1 through 4 is \$282,809,231.

On Site Access Agreements, Katz and Associates, as a part of the Jacobs Team, is continuing their outreach with the effected cities in an effort to inform them of the specifics of each



installation. We have received a number of letters from member Cities indicating their position that the Funding Plan must be adopted before they can commit their sites. Additionally, Project Descriptions on individual sites have been sent to the corresponding cities. Some have indicated that the proposed sites are not acceptable. Our only alternative is to drop coverage in those areas. Our CEQA exemption is specific in what types of location we can choose. The Federal NEPA process must proceed immediately to facilitate completion before the grant expiration. Whether these cities can be served at a future time is dependent on funding. Other Cities have indicated long duration approval process and other limitations such as height. At best there will be degradation in coverage. Extended approval processes will result in construction delays and costly change orders to the schedule. We will have to evaluate the alternatives on a case by case basis. We again encourage that Board Members contact those cities they represent and request that they send their comments at the earliest opportunity.

Mark Alexander asked a question regarding a City who chooses not to execute a Site Access Agreement is it as simple as going through the CEQA/NEPA process for an alternate site? Pat stated that the time constraints involved in identifying an alternate site would pose delays in the entire project.

4. Project Manager's Report – Pat Mallon

Executive Director Pat Mallon stated that the Jacobs Project Management Report and the Motorola Project Report for the month of December are included for your review.

5. Grant Status Report – Pat Mallon

Executive Director Pat Mallon stated that notification was received this past week that grant administrators have not requested an extension on the UASI 10, 11 and 12 grants, all with performance periods ending March of 2014. The Administrators informed us they are unable to request an extension earlier than 90 days prior to the performance period end date of the grantor (June 2014), thus can't request an extension until March 2014. Chair Fujioka and Deputy Mayor Decker have discussed travel to DC to address LMR grant funding. This meeting may need to be moved up in light of the extension information received from the grant administrators.

**VI. DISCUSSION ITEM (6 - 7)**

6. **Membership in the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communication System Authority**

This item was continued to the Special Board Meeting on February 20, 2014.

7. **Televate's PSBN Connectivity Options Report**

Joe Ross of Televate was available to answer questions on the connectivity report that was provided to the Board Members on January 10, 2014. Member Jackson stated that he had no further questions on the information provided in the report. Executive Director Mallon and Joe Ross offered to meet with Mr. Jackson after the meeting to answer any concerns that were not addressed in the report.



**VII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (8)**

8. Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Televate Professional Broadband Engineering Consulting Services Contract – Pat Mallon

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Approve an increase to the Maximum Contract Sum in the amount of \$1,800,000, increasing the Maximum Contract Sum amount from \$1,500,000 to \$3,300,000.
  2. Approve an increase to Televate's, LLC (Televate) hourly labor rates.
  3. Delegate authority to the Executive Director as follows:
    - a. Execute Amendment Two with Televate, substantially similar in form to Attachment A, to extend the term to and including April 17, 2016;
    - b. Approve changes in Televate's scope of work to allow Televate to perform tasks that will support the Authority in successfully implementing the Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) system and provide further technical expertise from the time of design review to final system acceptance, and subsequently through transition to FirstNet and/or California First Responders Network (CalFRN);
    - c. Approve including a provision in the contract to allow for a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) that meets County policy, for the final additional one year period set forth in the Agreement;
    - d. Approve and execute Amendments that do not affect the scope of work, term or any terms or conditions of the Agreement, or increase the Maximum Contract Sum.

This item was continued to the Special Meeting on February 20, 2014.

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – (None)**

**IX. MISCELLANEOUS – (None)**

**X. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**XI. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION BY THE BOARD**

8. Project Funding
9. Project Risk Controls
10. Design of Systems

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Bill Fujioka announced that there will be a Special Board meeting on February 20, 2014, location to be determined.