



# **AGENDA**

## **LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY**

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, November 15, 2010 : 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
2525 Corporate Place, Suite 200, Monterey Park, California 91754

#### **AGENDA POSTED: November 10, 2010**

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call
3. APPROVAL OF October 25, 2010 MINUTES
4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
5. OLD BUSINESS
  - 5.1 LA-RICS Public Finance and Revenue Options
  - 5.2 Projections/Recommendations on Future Grant Revenues for LA-RICS
6. NEW BUSINESS – (None)
7. FUTURE MEETING DATES, TIMES, and LOCATIONS
8. PUBLIC COMMENT
9. ADJOURNMENT



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# MINUTES

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#### **Official Voting Members Present:**

**Erick Lee**, Vice Chair, representative for Culver City, At Large  
**Ed Medrano**, Secretary, representative for Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association  
**Greg Simay**, representative for City of Burbank, At Large  
**Steve Smith**, representative for City of Covina, At Large  
**Eric E. Tsao**, representative for City of Torrance, At Large  
**James Alther**, representative for LAUSD Police Department  
**Jan Takata**, County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office  
**Rick Provencio**, representative for City of Los Angeles Police Department  
**Patty Huber**, City of Los Angeles Administrative Office

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#### **Representatives For Official Voting Members Present:**

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#### **Others Present:**

**Sara Henry**, LA-RICS  
**Felipe Perez**, DeltaWrx

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#### **Official Voting Members Absent:**

**Dave Culver**, representative for County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department  
**June Gibson**, representative for City of Los Angeles, Chief Legislative Analyst  
**Debby Prouty**, representative for County of Los Angeles Fire Department  
**Alex Rodriguez**, representative for Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association  
**Andrew Fox**, representative for City of Los Angeles Fire Department  
**Stephen W. Hannah**, representative for City of Long Beach  
**Alan Shear**, representative for California Contract Cities Association  
**Andree Stecker**, representative for County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services



1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Finance Committee was called to order on October 25, 2010 at 1:11 p.m. by the Committee Vice Chair Erick Lee.

Chair Felipe Perez advised the Committee that he left his position with the City of Los Angeles and is now employed by DeltaWrx, a consulting firm working on the LA-RICS project. As a result of his change in employment, he stepped down from his position as Chair of the Finance Committee, but he will still be involved with the project through DeltaWrx. Mr. Perez stated that Rick Provencio would now be the LAPD representative on the Finance Committee.

At the next meeting, an election will be held for a new Chair of the Finance Committee.

2. ANOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call

Formal roll call performed with an acknowledgement of a quorum.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motions were made for approval of the minutes from the September 27, 2010 Finance Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Committee Member Eric Tsao and second by Committee Member Patty Huber.

MOTION APPROVED.

4. REPORTS

4.1 LA-RICS Public Finance and Revenue Options

Felipe Perez, Delta Wrx, shared with the Committee the feedback the Board provided at the last meeting regarding the Committee's report and recommendation of utilizing a voter approved revenue source. There was an immediate objection to this recommendation. He stated that the Board would like to see the alternatives to voter approved revenue that were evaluated by the Committee and determined to be less suitable, such as grants, general fund revenue, subscriber fees, etc.

Secretary Ed Medrano stated that since the JPA allows for opting out, the Committee needs to know if cities are in or out. All the work the Committee does to get a plan set up could be a mute point if everyone opts out once they find out what they owe.

Committee Member Eric Tsao stated that voter approval is countywide, so there is no opt in or opt out. Resolving that might alleviate some issues. He suggested an idea of a public safety tax that goes to each jurisdiction. If cities opt in, the money goes to LA-RICS. If cities opt out, they get to keep it.

Committee Member Greg Simay suggested that the Committee consider a system of systems approach. Countywide can mean many things: it can be multiple systems that can be



coordinated together, rather than one single system. LA-RICS allows cities to pay less than cities would otherwise have to, which is a major selling point to cities.

Secretary Ed Medrano stated that another selling point to cities is that they need this system because the broadband access will be supplied, and therefore cities are not going to have to maintain the towers, etc. Secretary Medrano stated that the Committee could create a funding plan with just the County and City. He stated that if cities are going to opt out when they find out they're going to pay a penny, they will opt out so a plan should be created so cities can opt out now, allowing the Committee to move forward with creating a realistic plan. He suggested that the plan that the Committee presents to the Board now could say it includes general fund, voter initiative, and grants.

Committee Member Jan Takata stated that a countywide system was the original goal. Additionally, he stated that it's difficult to push the opt in/opt out concept without abandoning the countywide interoperability concept.

Vice Chair Erick Lee made a motion that the Committee will submit to the Board a report prepared by Felipe Perez outlining the alternatives to voter approved revenue that were considered by the Committee. This report will include that even if voter approved revenue is accepted for the plan, the other alternatives are still an option; voter approved revenue doesn't exclude everything else. He stated that this report will be presented to the Board at the December meeting. Second by Secretary Ed Medrano.

MOTION APPROVED.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### 5.1 Projections/Recommendations on Future Grant Revenues for LA-RICS

Vice Chair Erick Lee stated that DeltaWrx is preparing a report, which provides the categories of revenues needing to be expended over the next few years.

Felipe Perez, DeltaWrx, stated there are two issues to consider: 1) grant funding in hand and what LA-RICS can do in the short term with it; and 2) as the Committee ascertains how much to ask voters for or how much is needed to offset general fund contributions, the Committee needs to develop a projection of what the costs will be.

Sara Henry, LA-RICS, stated that each year the grants have been decreasing. She stated that a projection is difficult to create without a commitment regarding what LA-RICS will get in the future.

Secretary Ed Medrano stated that LA-RICS cannot receive a commitment, so the Committee should be very conservative in its estimates.

Vice Chair Erick Lee made a motion to have LA-RICS staff prepare projections for anticipated spending in the next few years to determine which costs are allowable expenses under the UASI and SHSGP grants. From this information, the Committee will develop recommended homeland security grant allocation levels to be considered by the Board. Second by Greg Simay.



MOTION APPROVED.

6. FUTURE MEETING DATES, TIMES, and LOCATIONS

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 15, 2010 at 1 p.m. in the LA-RICS Conference Room.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the LA-RICS Finance Committee Meeting at 2:31 p.m. by Committee Member Eric Tsao and second by Committee Member Greg Simay.