



MEETING MINUTES

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

Approved

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 5, 2015

Grace E. Simons Lodge

1025 Elysian Park Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Board Members Present:

Sachi Hamai, representing CEO, County of Los Angeles

Jim McDonnell, Sheriff, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.

Cathy Chidester, representing Dir., EMS Agency, County of LA DHS

Bill Walker, Fire Chief, City of Alhambra

Larry Giannone, Chief of Police, Sierra Madre Police Dept.

Mark R. Alexander, City Manager, City of La Cañada Flintridge, representing the Contract Cities Association

Kim Raney, Chief of Police, City of Covina

Representatives For Board Members Present:

Patty Huber, Asst, CAO, City of Los Angeles

Graham Everett, representing Ralph M. Terrazas, for the City of Los Angeles Fire Department

Sandy Jo MacArthur, representing Charles L. Beck, for the LA Police Dept.

Matias Farfan, representing Sharon Tso, Chief Legislative Analyst, City of Los Angeles

Chris Bundesen, representing Daryl L. Osby, Los Angeles County Fire Department

Jose Santome, representing Steven Zipperman, Los Angeles School Dept.

Officers Present:

Pat Mallon, LA-RICS Executive Director

Absent:

Miguel Santana, CAO, City of Los Angeles

Ralph Terrazas, Fire Chief, City of Los Angeles Fire Dept.

Charles L. Beck, Vice Chair, Chief of Police, LA Police Dept.

Sharon Tso, Chief Legislative Analyst, City of Los Angeles

Daryl L. Osby, Fire Chief, Los Angeles County Fire Dept.

Steven K. Zipperman, Chief of Police, LA School Police Dept.

Ron Iizuka, Police Captain, City of Culver City

Vacant, At Large Seat

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call

Chair Sachi Hamai made an acknowledgement that a quorum was present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1)

1. January 8, 2015 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Chair Hamai asked for a motion to approve, Board Member Sandy Jo MacArthur motioned first, seconded by Board Member Jim McDonnell. The Board's consensus was unanimous.

Ayes 13: Hamai, McDonnell, Chidester, Walker, Giannone, Alexander, Raney, Huber, Everett, MacArthur, Farfan, Bundesen, Santome.

MOTION APPROVED.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR – (None)

V. REPORTS (2-5)

2. Finance Committee Report – No Report
3. Director's Report – Pat Mallon

Executive Director Pat Mallon provided an update on the Funding Plan. Executive Director Mallon received verbal communication from Deputy City Manager Reginald Harrison that the City of Long Beach would be "Opting-Out" on January 9, 2015. The City Manager voiced his intent that smaller city's know of the Long Beach decision sooner rather than later. Mr. Harrison voiced his support for the LA-RICS project and pledged that Long Beach will continue with allowing LTE system access to four of the sites located in the city. LA-RICS received formal notice of that action the following week. We have also received notice from the City of Alhambra of their decision to withdraw from membership. We can further discuss any issues on this matter during Discussion Item F.

As an update to the status of Long Term Evolution (LTE) sites, we have 151 sites with fully executed Site Access Agreements, plus another 25 fully approved by the Authority pending Council action by the host cities. There are Site Access Agreements for 10 additional sites for your consideration today under Discussion Item L. These agreements include 8 County sites, and one each for Bell Gardens and Beverly Hills. Another 15 sites are still in process of reviewing red-lines between the Authority Counsel and the respective City Attorneys. As a follow up to



our discussion at your last meeting, Discussion Item G on today's agenda is relating to the dropping of some sites from further consideration.

Our Environmental documentation process is continuing to work through the State Historical Planning Office (SHPO). To date, we have completed the Form 620 process on 185 sites. 183 submissions have been approved with 1 still in the SHPO review process and 1 returned for additional design information. The National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA) has approved 13 Sites for exemption from the SHPO process. In total, we have 196 sites that are fully clear of the environmental process. The remainder of sites include 3 Sites that were dropped early in the project. There are a number of sites proposed to be dropped today for your consideration in Item G. Some additional sites require a "Route Modification" through NTIA. We are also preparing a Supplemental Environmental Assessment process on a few other sites for consideration by NTIA.

As to the LTE contract status, the total LTE contract value remains at \$178,196,575 through Amendment 7. There is a contract amendment for your consideration today as Item J addressing a reduction in contract value. There has been no change to the Term of the Contract.

Motorola sub-contractors have staged 35 sites for construction with 14 now underway plus 3 poles erected. 25 sites are planned for construction starts during the month of February 2015.

As previously reported, the County of Los Angeles Fire Fighters Union has concerns relative to siting of cellular equipment at the Fire Stations. LA-RICS appreciate the concerns of the Fire Fighters. Our contract requires that all LA-RICS radio frequency (RF) emissions be compliant with Federal Communication Commission (FCC) standards and requirements. We initially completed a theoretical modeling of a typical Fire station installation and the numbers were extremely low and our technical staff deemed that as an acceptable model. We also have, within the contract, the ability to do modeling at every site. LA-RICS has requested that modeling of RF emissions for every installation be performed by our contractor. To date, 84 such modeling reports have been delivered, including all sites under construction. Additional modeling will be completed on every other site prior to construction. All modeling will be done at full operating power, which is approximately 4 times more than the levels actually anticipated at sites operation. As discussed in the past, our deployment requirement is based on a 25% load factor. With the LTE technology, the sites actually reduced their output



to meet the demand so, at the 25% load, they should only be using 25% of the power. Regardless of that, we still demanded that the modeling be done at full power. We can extrapolate from that report as to what actual emission will be inside the building for which the Fire Fighters have concerns. LA-RICS is in the process of doing a detailed report. LA-RICS is completing a detailed review of each individual report and will share the results with both Local 1014 and United Firefighters of Los Angeles City (UFLAC). Executive Director Mallon anticipates that the reports for those sites in construction will be available February 6, 2015.

Executive Director Mallon stated that there has been no change to the status of the LMR contract since the last meeting.

Agenda Item K, is presented today for an Amendment to the LMR contract regarding dropping of some sites, and the addition of others, resulting in an adjustment to the contract value.

Agenda Item M, is also presented as the first step in securing Site Access Agreements for LMR sites. This action item pertains to Los Angeles County owned sites.

Regarding the LMR Environmental Process, the Jacobs Team is moving forward with assembling the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements. We anticipate the EIR documentation will be completed and ready for release early this summer. Last month, you were advised that we were facing some significant challenges with respect to the LMR project under the federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process as required by our grantor, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Executive Director Mallon reported that with the assistance of the LA City Mayor's office, we met with the FEMA staff and determined a path that will allow us to move forward and meet our Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant performance requirements. The course outlined involves FEMA granting a Programmatic Environmental Assessment with several subgroups that can be accomplished incrementally. In concert with the Mayor's staff, we are working closely with the FEMA staff to submit the requisite documentation to move sites forward in clusters depending on the intricacies of the California environmental processes and those specific processes for "Other Federal Agencies" on whose land we propose to build.

Finalization of System Design is dependent on Frequency availability. Motorola has advised that for the Hybrid System they will need the use of 88 700 MHz channels. LA-RICS has executed a Frequency Use Agreement with the County for 70 channels. Of those 70, 5 have been deemed to create interference and cannot



be used. We have identified some replacement channels that are licensed to other Public Safety Agencies, in Riverside, and San Diego Counties and the city of San Diego. So far Riverside agreed to allow co-channeling on 3 of them. There is 1 channel that is licensed each to San Diego City and the County of San Diego that are pending. We hope to have a suitable solution.

We also requested assignment of 24 of the reserved channels from the FCC. As you might recall, LA-RICS was the leader in the country in asking for the distribution of those reserve channels for public safety use, particularly in light of the effect of HR 3630 and the take back of the UHF channels. The FCC has made a "Proposed Rulemaking" and tasked each of the regional frequency coordination groups to develop a plan. We have met with CPRA and asked for all 24 channels. Of the 24, 6 will have to go to deployable site on wheels, of which we have 2. We requested that the remaining 18 be assigned to LA-RICS for inclusion in our frequency plan. Last week at a CPRA meeting there was interest expressed for 18 channels by other operations; ICIS in particular. The City of Los Angeles expressed interest in some of those channels as well. If LA-RICS were to get all 24; 18 of which could be used in the permanent installation as well as the 65 suitable channels from the county, hopefully the 5 other channels under a co-licensing agreement, it will give us the 88 we need for the base system.

Amendment No. 9 was approved by your Board at the November 13, 2014 meeting. The total contract value for the LMR project is \$291,745,675 including 15 years of maintenance. There has been no change to the contract term.

Executive Director Pat Mallon stated, with the departure of Board Member Reginald Harrison from the JPA Board of Directors and the reassignment of the County CEO's representative to the Oversight Committee, there are two openings for _____ members _____ to _____ the Committee. LA-RICS doesn't have any items pending at this time. Appointments to this Committee need your consideration.

Your Board approved moving forward with election of At-Large Representatives at your October 2014 meeting. An Announcement of Nominations was sent out in December 2014 with Nominations due no later than Close of Business today. LA-RICS received only 1 response as of today. Follow up notices to member cities were sent last week as well as February 4, 2015. LA-RICS will initiate contact members telephonically today.

4. Project Manager's Report – Pat Mallon

The Jacobs Project Management Report and Motorola Monthly Report are included in your package as Reports Item D



5. Grant Status Report – Pat Mallon

There has been no change to the grant status since your last meeting.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEM (F)

F. Status of Membership Opt-Out and Impact on Funding Plan

Executive Director Pat Mallon stated the Cities of Alhambra, and Long Beach have submitted Opt-Out documentation. The fiscal impact to the cost model for the City of Alhambra is .53 percent and for the City of Long Beach is 3.125 percent. The cumulative impact of all members that have Opted-Out to date is 7.0 percent. We have a process pending with the City of Azusa for reentry into the Authority. They missed their City Council meeting of February 2, 2015.

Board Member Alexander stated that it concerns him that the City of Long Beach and Alhambra has Opt-Out and hearing other comments from other City Managers that are contemplating Opting-Out. This is of great concern to this body and I suggest we consider creating a sub-committee of the full Board to look at the reason why some of these cities have decided to Opt-Out and hopefully stem the tide of that concern. I think it's something we need to identify and address before it becomes a bigger problem.

Chair Hamai stated that could be done and other Board members agreed.

Alternate Board Member MacArthur stated with the Opt-Out of Long Beach, I believe the JPA designated them as a member of the Board. I would assume that we would take action to amend our JPA document in some form.

Counsel Truc Moore stated that the Joint Powers Agreement allows for a Board of Directors with as few as 8 members. Therefore, there is no need to take any action as a result of the Long Beach action.

VII ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (G-N)

- G. **Providing Notice to Member Agencies that Site Access Agreements will no longer be pursued for PSBN (LTE) System Sites**

It is recommended that your Board:



1. Delegate authority to the Executive Director to provide notice to the City Managers of the affected member agencies that the sites originally identified as LTE sites for the PSBN project will receive no further consideration as part of the system design for the PSBN project.

Executive Director Mallon stated that there are a total of 36 sites that we are losing.

Chair Hamai, asked for a map that will show those areas that are covered and areas that would have temporary coverage based on these drops.

Executive Director Mallon stated that we do have a map, which we will provide to our Board Members and is posted on our website. It shows the coverage based on the distribution of sites as well as those sites that were dropped in those areas where we will have a loss of coverage.

For example, the City of Torrance had 4 sites. We might be able to provide some coverage from fringe areas around Torrance, however, we will lose some coverage in Torrance as well as some capacity. The City of Pomona has 5 sites and the loss of those 5 sites is going to result in a dark area in the City of Pomona.

Executive Director Mallon stated, as mentioned in my report today, we have 2 Sites-on Wheels (SOW). One is a Sheriff semi-trailer and another one is on a flatbed trailer. Both of those SOWs will have land mobile radio as well as a cell component and backhaul via satellite. If LA-RICS were to have an incident in one of those cities, we can deploy these assets and set up the towers to provide LA-RICS coverage in the areas.

Chair Hamai asked will the loss of any of these sites impact any of our grant funding. Executive Director Mallon stated, LA-RICS has been in communication with NTIA. They are aware that we are probably going to end up with less than the 200 sites. LA-RICS will be doing a budget adjustment and we also have the option of buying some equipment for use by authority members. However, there is an approval process that we have to work on with NTIA.

Chair Hamai asked for a motion to approve, Alternate Board Member Huber motioned first, seconded by Board Member Alexander. The Board's consensus was unanimous.

Ayes 13: Hamai, McDonnell, Chidester, Walker, Giannone, Alexander, Raney, Huber, Everett, MacArthur, Farfan, Bundesen, Santome.



H. Authorize the Executive Director to Release a Request for Statement of Qualifications for the Procurement of Long Term Evolution Devices for Use on the Public Safety Broadband System

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to release a Request for a Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) to onboard qualified vendors to allow the Authority and its members to procure Long Term Evolution (LTE) devices for use on the Authority's Public Safety Broadband System.
2. Find that the County of Los Angeles procurement and contracting policies, programs, and procedures are adopted for purposes of the RFSQ and any contracts resulting from the RFSQ, to the extent and in the manner as will be reflected in the RFSQ.
3. Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to issue addenda to the RFSQ that the Executive Director determines, in his discretion, are consistent with the general scope of the RFSQ.

Executive Director Mallon stated this is for the purchase of user equipment. In September 2014 your Board authorized the release of a request for information. We received responses from a number of equipment vendors. In this action, we will ask that they submit their qualification and pricing. This is so we can have a number of contracts and authority members can make purchases. This is not a request for approval of purchases. It's to release the RFSQ, and any addendum that might be necessary so we can develop a catalog of approved vendors and their equipment.

Chair Hamai asked for a motion to approve. Board Member McDonnell motioned first, seconded by Alternate Board Member Matias Farfan. The Board's consensus was unanimous.

Ayes 13: Hamai, McDonnell, Chidester, Walker, Giannone, Alexander, Raney, Huber, Everett, MacArthur, Farfan, Bundesen and Santome.

I. Approve Amendment No. 4 for Professional Broadband Engineering Consultant Services

It is recommended that your Board:

4. Approve an increase to the Maximum Contract Sum in the amount of \$1,815,000, increasing the Maximum Contract Sum amount from \$4,212,000 to \$6,027,000 to cover work through April 2016 for Televate.
5. Delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 4 with Televate, substantially similar in form to the Enclosure A.



Board Member Alexander asked how the total amount was derived and is it consistent with the rates that were charged previously?

Executive Director Mallon stated that there was no change to the hourly rates that were previously approved by this Board. We have been working closely with our procurement staff and they have been working closely with Televate to ensure that the number of hours delegated to each task is sufficient and not excessive. The value of the contract value was derived by applying there hourly rate to the number of hours. Executive Director Mallon maintained that this will carry them through April 2016, which is beyond our grant performance period. As of Sept 30, 2015, if are not able to secure approval to use other funding either through grants or approval from this Board the contract will be terminated.

Alternate Board Member Farfan asked, "At your current spend rate, when will you reach the limit of the current contract?" Ms. Orellana-Curtiss stated at the current spend rate we would expend money by April of this year. LA-RICS has a balance remaining of \$600,000 and that takes us through expenditures incurred through December 31, 2014, and their spend rate right now is between \$115,000 and \$200,000 a month. That would take us through April 2015.

Alternate Board Member Farfan, asked what would be the balance by September 2015. Ms. Orellana-Curtiss stated the estimated expenditure pass the performance period of the BTOP grant is \$700,000.

Alternate Board Member Farfan stated that he did read that the funding source is unknown for that remaining \$700,000 and asked when will you have a better idea? Ms. Orellana-Curtiss stated that the Grant applications for the 2015 cycle are approaching and we will be applying in March 2015, for the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) and Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant. We will be pursuing other grants as well.

Alternate Board Member Farfan asked if the funds haven't been identified by a certain date, will you come back and notify us. Ms. Orellana-Curtiss stated absolutely. LA-RICS will not issue a Notice to Proceed without sufficient funding being available. The contract is structured to require a "Work Approval Certificate" prior to beginning any work and the fiscal team approves work ahead of time. LA-RICS typically estimates work orders ahead of time and we would bring that back to your board as we see were approaching the BTOP performance period end date and have secured additional funds.

Alternate Board Member Santome stated that his concern that we not authorize further work if we are unsure if BTOP will cover the reimbursement. "What happens to that scope of work? If there is important work that needs to be done; either the scope of work needs to be clearly defined ahead of time or we get the



funding done ahead of time. I don't want the project to fall behind when we are trying to identify future funding source."

Alternate Board Member MacArthur stated, "We don't know where the funding is coming from. We don't know what the cost will be to all of us individual agencies in the region itself. Can the scope of work be narrowed if need be, So that we can fall within our funding? Is there any way we can be presented with a Contingency Plan on a scope of work in the event we don't secure other grant funding?" Ms. Orellana-Curtiss stated the scope of work we are proposing will take us through the warranty period. Unfortunately, the warranty period begins October 1, 2015. We could capture the scope of the work through system acceptance of the PSBN which will reflect the \$1.1 million increase. The remaining \$700,000 will be for the scope of work during the warranty period testing and bringing members onto the system.

Counsel Moore stated if the Board is concerned about funding, it can amend the recommendation to require staff to return to the Board in May to report on the status of seeking alternative grant funding to pay for services after the completion of the BTOP grant performance period. Alternate Board Member MacArthur, stated I will make that motion. A lot of our concern is where we are going and what check we are writing.

Executive Director Mallon stated if we are not able to secure funding, we will bring the matter back for the board before authorizing any work. As Ms. Orellana-Curtiss said, "All of our work is via work authorization certificates. We must specifically approve a scope of work and term for that, and the amount of money for each activity. If we get to a point where we do not have funding, we can't issue any further obligation, and we will not do that. It then becomes an incumbent on us to pick up the work load ourselves.

Alternate Board Member Santome asked we read that into the record that an amendment to the recommendation before we accept a motion.

Counsel Moore stated that the recommendation is revised to add a third recommendation which is to require staff to return to the board at the May 2015 meeting to report on the status of seeking additional grant funding.

Board Member Alexander stated the Amendment itself doesn't include the language, with respect to terminating the agreement. I assume that is in the main agreement and that does allow us some discretion to terminate. Counsel Moore stated yes, that's in all our contracts.

Chair Hamai asked for a motion to approve. Alternate Board Member MacArthur motioned first, seconded by Board Member McDonnell. The Board's consensus was unanimous.



Ayes 13: Hamai, McDonnell, Chidester, Walker, Giannone, Alexander, Raney, Huber, Everett, MacArthur, Farfan, Bundesen and Santome.

J. Approve Amendment No. 8 for Agreement No. LA-RICS 008 for Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Public Safety Broadband Network

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Make the following findings:

(a) Find that authorizing the addition of the six (6) new additional PSBN Sites to the PSBN and the authorization of Work and exercising of an amendment to the Agreement for Work to proceed for Unilateral Options for Phase 1 (System Design), Phase 2 (Site Construction and Site Modification), Phase 3 (Supply PSBN Components), and Phase 4 (PSBN Implementation), which would allow design, construction, implementation, operation, and maintenance of Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) or LTE System infrastructure at the 6 PSBN System Sites currently contemplated in the Design and set forth in the attached Amendment, including all Work included in the Agreement No. LA-RICS 008, as well as any amendments and Notices to Proceed as referenced herein and in the Agreement, are statutorily exempt from review under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25 for the reasons stated in this letter and as noted in the record of the project.

(b) Find that any leased circuit work that may occur outside of a PSBN System Site for these six (6) sites, if needed, to provide connectivity to the PSBN System site, is categorically exempt under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303, and 15304 for the reasons stated in this letter and as noted in the record of the project.

2. Approve Amendment No. 8 to Agreement No. LA-RICS 008 for the PSBN with Motorola Solutions, Inc. (Motorola), substantially similar in form to Enclosure 1, which revises the Agreement as follows:

(a) Remove thirty-six (36) PSBN Sites and all the Work and equipment associated with these sites.

(b) Include six new (6) PSBN Sites and all the Work and equipment associated with the addition of these sites.

(c) Exercise the Unilateral Options for all work pertaining to Phase 1 (System Design), Phase 2 (Site Construction and Site Modification), Phase 3 (Supply



PSBN Components), and Phase 4 (PSBN Implementation) for the six (6) PSBN Sites.

- (d) Reconcile the hose tower installation costs for twenty-eight (28) PSBN Sites in Phase 2 (Site Construction and Site Modification).

Chair Hamai called for a motion. Alternate Board Member MacArthur motioned first, seconded by Board Member Jim McDonnell. The Board's consensus was unanimous.

Ayes 13: Hamai, McDonnell, Chidester, Walker, Giannone, Alexander, Raney, Huber, Everett, MacArthur, Farfan, Bundesen and Santome.

K. Approve Amendment No. 10 to Agreement No. LA-RICS 007 for Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Land Mobile Radio System

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Make the following findings:

- (a) Find that authorizing the activities covered by the Unilateral Options for Phase 1 (System Design), Phase 2 (Site Construction and Site Modification), Phase 3 (Supply LMR Components), and Phase 4 (LMR System Implementation), and execution of Amendment No. 10, which would allow design, construction, implementation, operation, and maintenance of LMR System infrastructure at the thirteen (13) LMR System Sites contemplated in the Design and set forth in the enclosed Amendment, including all Work included in the Agreement No. LA-RICS 007, as well as any amendments and Notices to Proceed as referenced herein and in the Agreement, are statutorily exempt from review under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25 for the reasons stated in this letter and as noted in the record of the project.

- (b) Find that any leased circuit work that may occur outside of the 13 LMR System Sites identified in the enclosed Agreement, if needed, to provide connectivity to the LMR System site, is categorically exempt under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303, and 15304 for the reasons stated in this letter and as noted in the record of the project.

2. Approve Amendment No. 10 to Agreement No. LA-RICS 007 for a Land Mobile Radio System with Motorola Solutions, Inc. (Motorola) (Enclosure 1), which revises the Agreement as follows:

- (a) Removal of four (4) LMR System Sites and all the Work and equipment associated with these sites.

- (b) Include Phase 1 Project Description Work for one (1) potential replacement LMR System Site that has yet to be investigated.



- (c) Increase the total Maximum Contract Sum in the amount of \$1,101,138, from \$291,745,675 to \$292,846,813, to account for: (1) the five (5) new LMR System Sites and all the Work and equipment associated with these sites and set forth in the enclosed Amendment only, exercise the Unilateral Options for all Work pertaining to Phase 1 (System Design), Phase 2 (Site Construction and Site Modification), Phase 3 (Supply PSBN System Components), and Phase 4 (LMR System Implementation); (2) to exercise the Unilateral Option for all Work pertaining to Phase 2 (Site Construction and Site Modification), Phase 3 (Supply PSBN System Components), and Phase 4 (LMR System Implementation) for eight (8) LMR System Sites currently contemplated in the Design; and (3) to exercise the Unilateral Option for all Work pertaining to non-construction related activities in Phase 2, specifically shelter engineering and design services for all LMR System Sites where the Unilateral Options for Phase 2 have not been previously exercised.
 - (d) Allow for the issuance of one or more Notices to Proceed for: (1) the Work contemplated in Amendment No. 10; (2) Phase 1 (System Design) Work for five (5) LMR System Sites, (3) Phase 3 (Supply LMR System Components) and Phase 4 (LMR System Implementation) Work to order equipment, install, optimize, test, commission, and deploy LMR System facilities at the five (5) LMR System Sites and the eight (8) LMR System Sites currently contemplated in the Design set forth in the enclosed Amendment; and (4) for Phase 2 (Site Construction and Site Modification) Work, but only after the receipt of the required Federal approvals for the sites for which the Notice to Proceed are being issued, including approvals associated with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
3. Delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 10, in substantially similar form to the enclosed Amendment.

Chair Hamai called for a motion. Board Member Jim McDonnell motioned first, seconded by Board Member Matias Farfan. The Board's consensus was unanimous.

Ayes 13: Hamai, McDonnell, Chidester, Walker, Giannone, Alexander, Raney, Huber, Everett, MacArthur, Farfan, Bundesen and Santome.

L. Approve LTE Site Access Agreements with the County of Los Angeles and the Cities of Bell Gardens and Beverly Hills

It is recommended that your Board:

1. With respect to the sites listed in Enclosure 1, find that the approval and execution of the Site Access Agreements by the Authority does not result in any change to the PSBN project, or to the circumstances under which the project is being undertaken, and that the determination that these activities are exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code



Section 21080.25, the statutory exemption adopted specifically for the LA-RICS project, remains unchanged.

2. With respect to the sites listed in Enclosure 2, find that approval and execution of the Site Access Agreements for those sites, which would allow work to proceed for the design, construction, implementation, operation, and maintenance of Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) or LTE System infrastructure at those sites, are statutorily exempt from review under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25 for the reasons stated in this letter and as noted in the record of the.
3. Authorize the Executive Director to finalize and execute, substantially similar in form to those attached, one or more Site Access Agreements with the County of Los Angeles and the Cities of Bell Gardens and Beverly Hills. These Site Access Agreements are for the Long Term Evolution (LTE) broadband communication sites for the PSBN within its respective jurisdictions or under its control.

Chair Hamai called for a motion. Board Member Alexander motioned first, seconded by Board Member Jim McDonnell. The Board's consensus was unanimous.

Ayes 13: Hamai, McDonnell, Chidester, Walker, Giannone, Alexander, Raney, Huber, Everett, MacArthur, Farfan, Bundesen and Santome.

M. Approve LMR Site Access Agreement with the County of Los Angeles

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Find that the approval and execution of the Site Access Agreements by the Authority, which will allow for the design, construction, implementation, operation, and maintenance of LMR System infrastructure at six (6) LMR System Sites contemplated in the LMR System Design, are statutorily exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25 for the reasons stated in this letter and as noted in the record of the project.
2. Authorize the Executive Director to finalize and execute, substantially similar in form to those attached, one or more Site Access Agreements with the County of Los Angeles.

Agenda Item M: Enclosures 1-3

Chair Hamai called for a motion. Board Member Alexander motioned first, seconded by Alternate Board Member Jose Santome. The Board's consensus was unanimous.

Ayes 13: Hamai, McDonnell, Chidester, Walker, Giannone, Alexander, Raney, Huber, Everett, MacArthur, Farfan, Bundesen and Santome.

N. Request to reinstate City of Azusa as Member Agency



It is recommended that your Board:

1. Accept the City of Azusa as a member agency in the Authority, but only if the City Council for the City of Azusa first authorizes the city's participation as a member agency in the Authority; and
2. Authorize the Executive Director to provide notice to the City Manager of Azusa that the Board of Directors has accepted their request to reinstate their LA-RICS Membership as a member agency in the JPA, and that the City of Azusa should sign the JPA Agreement and return a copy to the Authority.

Executive Director Mallon requested that this item be continued to the March 3, 2015 meeting.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS – (NONE)

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS- Lou Currier, Fire Captain and Health and Safety Director for Local 1014 Union stated on August 5, 2014 we were made aware of the infrastructure that what was going to be built with cell towers on our County Fire Stations. We were aware of LA-RICS prior to that for an Interoperable radio communication system, but this was the first that we understood that the towers were going to be put at the sites where we live work eat and breathe. Since that time we have been opposed to this cell tower being on our Fire Station sites. Hopefully members of the Board received an e-mail from our President Gillotte sometime early this evening. I know he sent that email out with that information, and hope you will have time to review.

We have filed several cease and desist letters with LA-RICS, the CEO, the Fire Chief and the BOS regarding this project so we can be on record. Our concerns are for fire fighters and public safety. We have issues with the RF compliance reports that are being used by LA-RICS. We have concerns with the FCC standards which are being showed in those reports and used as a safety level. We feel that the RF emission levels are antiquated and inadequate in the FCC requirements. They go back to a 1986 IEE group which is a bunch of engineers. Industrial people put this together. The Government itself has not done their own study on RF compliance.

Future co-location was not taken into effect in the report. This is going to be valuable vertical real estate once this infrastructure is put in and we feel there will be more antennas put on these cell towers once they are constructed. The cumulative effect for fire fighters has not been taken into account. Fire Fighters tend to be highly sensitive to RF exposure. We are already exposed to a lot of RF exposure. We have EMF exposure, plus other toxic chemicals that we are exposed to on the daily duties of our job. Our concerns are the health and safety issues on this. We looked into the contract between LA-RICS, the County, and



Motorola and we found numerous contract violations between both. Our emission report were not complete for each site prior to the start of construction at our Fire Stations and have asked for them several times. We received one sample emission report for Fire Station 3 in East Los Angeles. That was used as a model for all 80 something sites we were told. This is the first I have heard of today that the Director said that there was 84 compliance report. We have been asking for them all along, I have yet to see one other than Fire Station 3, so that's news to us.

Conditional Use Permits for each site and public hearing for each site were not conducted. I heard there has been public hearing on this but there was no participation in the public hearing. So there is no public involved in the public hearing. We met 3 times with LA-RICS, with LA-RICS staff and CEO staff and Fire Department staff to no avail. We didn't hear anything back from LA-RICS until last week. We started a petition that's up to 2,000 signatures of our members opposing the cell towers being in our sites. We then receive a letter from Director Mallon. All we heard in these meetings is, "Okay, but we have to do a parallel track because of the time deadline and grant money." Seems like there is a lot of grant money that's being chased on this project and I understand that's how it goes. Build now and do everything later. Health and safety of our members for us to agree to a parallel track would be built on a relationship of trust. We feel there is no trust between us and LA-RICS at this point. We made our objections known and haven't been taken seriously. There is no level of trust with LA-RICS for the safety of our members. We would like to go public on record, to request a cease and desist of construction on our Fire Department sites. Until the entire contract constraints are met, we can review the RF emission report and process and settle our collocation concerns because none of that is taking in consideration, for the safety of our members at this time. This are the points we would like to make at this time.

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

XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT (1)

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
(Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))
Title: Executive Director
2. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
(Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))
Title: Executive Director
3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54957.6)



Closed session convened at approximately 10:00 AM and reconvened to open session at 10:41 AM. The Board members met in closed session to discuss the above items. There was no reportable action.

XII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:

Chair Hamai announced adjournment of this meeting. The Board's consensus was unanimous. The next Board meeting will take place on Thursday, March 5, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., at the Grace E. Simons Lodge.