



Notice of Availability
Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS)
Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Project
Draft Environmental Impact Report
SCH #2014081025

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To: Responsible Agencies and Interested Parties
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Subject: Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report

The Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) Joint Powers Authority (Authority) as Lead Agency has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed Land Mobile Radio system.

Project Description and Location: The LMR system would consist of installation and operation of LMR facilities at up to 90 sites. The Authority is considering a total of 94 sites to provide alternate locations if some sites are determined to be unviable and are removed from further consideration during site feasibility assessments, system engineering, geotechnical evaluations, the permitting process, and/or in lease agreement discussions with the property owner. Of these 94 sites, the Authority has previously determined that 40 sites are statutorily exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Public Resources Code section 21080.25. This DEIR analyzes the remaining 54 sites that do not qualify for the CEQA statutory exemption. Although potential LMR sites are located in Los Angeles County and adjacent portions of Orange and San Bernardino counties, the sites evaluated in the DEIR (i.e., the sites not subject to statutory CEQA exemption) are all located within Los Angeles County with the exception of one site in San Bernardino County. Each of the 54 sites analyzed in this DEIR would be equipped with whip and microwave antennas mounted on either (a) an existing building, or on an existing or modified monopole or lattice tower, or (b) a new monopole or new lattice tower. Supporting infrastructure to be developed at each site would include equipment racks to be located inside a new or existing equipment shelter or building, a new up to 85 kilowatt backup generator with up to 1,500 gallon integrated diesel fuel tank, and supporting interconnections for fiber and electrical service.

Significant Anticipated Environmental Effects: The Proposed Project analyzed in the DEIR would result in significant and unavoidable impacts at some locations to aesthetic and cultural resources as a result of project activities. Cumulative impacts to migratory birds would also be significant and unavoidable. Impacts to air quality, biological resources, geology and soils, hazards, hydrology/water quality, noise, transportation, and utilities at some sites would be significant, but reduced to less than significant with implementation of mitigation measures. All other identified project level and cumulative impacts would be less than significant or could be reduced to less than significant with implementation of mitigation measures.

Hazardous Waste Sites: In accordance with CEQA Guideline Section 15087 (c) (6), this notice discloses that one LMR site analyzed in the DEIR is located on a list of sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. This site is located at the Pacific Design Center in the City of West Hollywood.

Document Availability: Copies of the DEIR are available for review at the following locations and on the LA-RICS website at www.LA-RICS.org.

Acton Agua Dulce Library
33792 Crown Valley Road
Acton, CA 93510

Angelo M. Iacoboni Library
4990 Clark Ave.
Lakewood, CA 90712

Azusa City Library
729 N. Dalton Ave.
Azusa, CA 91702

Avalon Public Library
215 Sumner Ave.
Avalon, CA 90704

Canoga Park Branch Library
20939 Sherman Way,
Canoga Park, CA 91303

Castaic Library
27971 Sloan Canyon Road
Castaic, CA 91384

James S. Thalman Chino Hills Branch Library
14020 City Center Drive
Chino Hills, CA 91709

Lancaster Library
601 W. Lancaster Blvd.
Lancaster, CA 93534

Los Angeles Public Library Central Library,
Science, Technology & Patents Department
630 W. Fifth St.
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications
System Headquarters Building
2525 Corporate Place, Suite 100
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Malibu Library
23519 Civic Center Way
Malibu, CA 90265

Pasadena Public Library
285 E. Walnut St.
Pasadena, CA 91101

Peninsula Center Library
701 Silver Spur Road
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

West Hollywood Library
625 N. San Vicente Blvd.
West Hollywood, CA 90069

Westlake Village Library
31220 Oak Crest Drive
Westlake Village, CA 91361

Wrightwood Public Library
6011 Pine St.
Wrightwood, CA 92397

Public Review and Meetings: The DEIR will be available for public review starting on January 12, 2016. The 45-day review period ends on February 25, 2016. The LA-RICS Authority has scheduled six public meetings to provide additional opportunity to input. The public meetings are scheduled as follows and will be held at the following locations and times:

Monday, Jan. 25, 2016, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Walnut Senior Center, Assembly Room
21215 La Puente Road, Walnut, CA 91789

Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Canoga Park Branch Library, Meeting Room
20939 Sherman Way, Canoga Park, CA 91303

Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2016, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Culver City Veterans Memorial Building, Multipurpose Room
4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA 90230

Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Jane Reynolds Activity Center, Activity Room
716 Oldfield St., Lancaster, CA 93534

Monday, Feb. 1, 2016, 4 to 6 p.m.

Catalina Country Club, Dining Room
1 Country Club Drive, Avalon, CA 90704

Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Peck Park Community Center, Auditorium
560 N. Western Ave., San Pedro, CA 90732

Written comments to the DEIR may be submitted at these meetings, by mail to the address below, or by email to DraftEIR.Hotline@la-rics.org.

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