



Board of Directors

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

June 7, 2012

Los Angeles County Fire Department Headquarters
Training Room 26, 1320 N. Eastern Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90063

Board Members Present:

William "Bill" T Fujioka Chair, CEO, County of Los Angeles
Daryl L. Osby, Fire Chief, County of Los Angeles
Mark R. Alexander, City Manager, City of La Cañada 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

Representatives For Board Members Present:

John Vidovich, representing Brian Cummings, for the City of Los Angeles Fire Department
Sandy Jo MacArthur, representing Charles "Charlie" L. Beck, Vice Chair, for the City of Los Angeles Police Department
June Gibson, representing Gerry Miller, for the City of Los Angeles Chief Information Office
David Betkey, representing, Leroy "Lee" D. Baca, for the County of Los Angeles Sheriff 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
Mike Sarjeant, representing Reginald "Reggie" Harrison, for the City of Long Beach
Scott Ferguson, representing Timothy Scranton, for the Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association
David Tankenson, representing Donald "Don" Pedersen, City of Culver City, At Large Seat

Officers Present:

Pat Mallon, LA-RICS Executive Director
Rachelle Anema, representing Wendy L. Watanabe, Auditor-Controller, County of Los Angeles
Patricia Saucedo, Board Secretary

Absent:

Miguel Santana, CAO, City of Los Angeles
Scott Pickwith, Police Chief, City of La Verne, representing the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association
Mark J. Saladino, Treasurer and Tax Collector, County of Los Angeles



I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1–3)

1. March 29, 2012 – Special Meeting Minutes. **MOTION APPROVED.**
2. April 5, 2012 – Regular Meeting Minutes. **MOTION APPROVED.**
3. May 17, 2012 – Special Meeting Minutes. **MOTION APPROVED.**

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR – (None)

V. REPORTS (4–6)

4. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance Committee – No Report
 - b. Legislative Committee – No Report
 - c. Operations Committee – No Report
 - d. Technical Committee – No Report
5. Director's Report – Pat Mallon

Executive Director Pat Mallon said that at the last meeting on May 17, 2012, an update was given as to where the procurement was pursuant to an April 2, 2012 verbal suspension order by NTIA. The suspension was confirmed in writing on May 11, 2012. As a result, Authority staff will continue with the suspension of contract negotiations.

Executive Director Mallon also advised that a formal notice from the NTIA was received May 11, 2012. The LA-RICS project is required to prepare a written response to the notice by June 25, 2012.

a. LMR Status Report

Executive Director Mallon stated that he and Chair Bill Fujioka met with the New York Police Department (NYPD), Deputy Chief Chuck Dowds, who is over their Communications Division. NYPD is currently on the T-Band system and recently completed an upgrade. His position was, if and when, the broadband system provides reliable in-building data and voice communications, NYPD would consider a move to the broadband system to avoid the cost of maintaining duplicate systems. However, if the broadband system did not provide reliable data and voice in-building coverage, NYPD would wait for FCC to provide sufficient and suitable spectrum and sufficient funds to make an entire move of the NYPD radio system.

Executive Director Pat Mallon has also been in touch with Don Wright from ICIS, in an attempt to develop a consolidated approach with other jurisdictions that are using the T-Band system.



He reported that a feasibility study of an LA-RICS move immediately to a full 700/800 MHz LMR system identified some unacceptable capacity limitations. Therefore, a 700/800 MHz system is not recommended. A potential alternative to a 700/700 MHz system is a hybrid solution which would use a combination of 700 MHz and the T-Band frequencies. Jacobs Project Management Co., was asked to conduct the study by recasting some hours from their Phase One activities to Phase Zero. This will result in no change to the total contract value.

The study will also analyze the requirements for an analog talk-around capability, particularly for the fire services. The next steps include validation of the spectrum requirements for the 700 MHz and the T-Bands, review of regional plans to ensure that anything that LA-RICS might do is consistent with the accepted regional plan, and also consideration of how that type of system can be rolled out. The expectation is that there would be a report complete on July 3, 2012, at least in final draft, and to be able to present it to the Board on July 11, 2012.

Executive Director Mallon said that letters were also sent to three of the JPA Members to identify what spectrums might be committed for use in the 700/T-Band hybrid alternative. Specifically, those entities are Los Angeles County, Los Angeles City, and the City of Long Beach. There is an upcoming meeting that is being scheduled with the County to review the spectrum potential, and still pending is a response from the City of Los Angeles and the City of Long Beach.

There was one question asked at the last meeting regarding the FCC's notice of suspension of T-Band licensing. There was a clarification issued today by the FCC that makes it clear that the site licenses are okay as long as they do not expand the system footprint. It is possible to build-out additional T-Band sites as long as there is no impact to the sphere that the system would reach.

b. LTE Status Report

Executive Director Mallon said that he met with the NTIA on May 23, 2012, both individually and as part of a larger BTOP recipient group. The NTIA advised that LA-RICS was required to accept an amendment to the BTOP grant by June 25, 2012. The amendment basically restricts LA-RICS' ability to spend BTOP grant funds until there is an approved budget modification and requires acceptance to the suspension of the purchase of any LTE equipment. NTIA classified LTE equipment as including LTE transmitters (eNodeB), cores, antenna and user equipment. LA-RICS is allowed to spend funding for improvement of LTE infrastructure. The NTIA clarification includes LTE infrastructure such as specifically the monopoles, equipment shelters, emergency generators and backhaul. Infrastructure deployment must also show a nexus to public safety.

LA-RICS is also required to prepare a budget modification. There were some preliminary discussions about reduction in match requirement from 29% minimum requirement down to 20%.



The NTIA advised that LA-RICS could repurpose the BTOP grants to expand the systems infrastructure without withholding funds for LTE equipment deployment. There are two considerations in this regard: 1) Expansion of the number of LTE sites could complicate the environmental assessment; and, 2) by preserving the funds for LTE equipment, as determined by FirstNet in their development of a nationwide architecture, LA-RICS can show that there are sufficient funds to deploy equipment immediately and become one of the system's "beta" sites.

As far as an extension of grant deadlines, there has not been any formal communication between the FCC and the OMB at this point. Although, we have been informed that there have been some discussions. In light of the uncertainty at this point, LA-RICS is focusing on the infrastructure build-out within the current grant deadline of August 30, 2013.

6. Grant Status Report – Pat Mallon

Executive Director Mallon stated that there has been no change to the grant status from that reported a couple of weeks ago. Extensions have been requested for UASI and SHSGP grants.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (7–8)

7. At Large Directors and Alternate Directors Election (January 3, 2013) – Pat Mallon

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board:

1. Set the date for At Large Directors and Alternates mail-in ballot elections for Thursday, January 3, 2013.

Executive Director Mallon's recommendation is to hold that item until a future meeting.

Chair Fujioka stated that he knows that this is an issue that keeps popping up. There are critical decisions that will have to be made soon; therefore, making any changes to the Board Members right now will not service the project well.

Board Member Mark Alexander concurred and stated that he realizes that this is a very critical phase of the project and agrees that a change in the makeup of the Board Members would make a disservice to the progress being made. He believes that the cities would have no problem with the continuity of the existing Board. He asked that this could come back as an actual agenda item at the next meeting to suspend the election process for a year or whatever time is appropriate.

Chair Fujioka stated we will go ahead and place it as an agenda item as a recommendation subject to modification. The next move that it makes will be the final move.

Board Member Leroy Jackson wants to make sure that Legal Counsel is comfortable with this. Chair Fujioka stated that as part of the discussion, Counsel will be present.



8. Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budgeting of \$123,381,000 to be utilized for the continued operation of the Authority and the project.

Executive Director Mallon stated that this budget was approved by LA County as well as by the JPA's Finance Committee. The actual operating funds have decreased from the previous year for staff.

Board Member Jackson asked if the operations and capital allocations were intermingled as a combined budget, and if there is an expectation that they will extend that \$110,000,000 grant money next year. Executive Director Mallon stated that this budget was developed with the turmoil that H.R. 3630 created. If we are able to move forward with the BTOP grant in an expeditious fashion, we do anticipate spending the money in the next fiscal year. If we do not spend it, it will roll into the next year. If there are any changes, a revised budget will be brought to the Board for approval.

Board Member Greg Simay asked if there was any way to repurpose the grant funds as soon as it becomes clear that they will not be spent and the Board can make it known in order to determine what other alternatives, assuming that they have exhausted all other ways. The second is more of a technical issue. Because of the delays like H.R. 3630, we are incurring a certain amount of funding that is an ongoing administration cost. Is there any way that the Feds would recognize that impact? Executive Director Mallon stated that right now we are hoping they will recognize the delay caused by the impact of H.R. 3630 and grant the extensions.

MOTION APPROVED.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS – (None)

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Dan Carlin, Natural Resources Defense Council, has two questions. Are there any deadlines to the BTOP funding and UASI? Chair Fujioka stated that normally during a Public Comment there is no give and take, but he can say that there is a deadline to expend the BTOP dollars, the deadline being August 30, 2013. Mr. Carlin asked if any of the 255 sites or projects that have been identified, are they underway, or are they ready to be solved right now, or is there a timeline/duration on that? Chair Fujioka said that they are not underway yet until there is a contract in place and an approved plan.

Board Member Daryl Osby asked a question as to the statement regarding the visit to NYPD, and item number two under Items for Future Discussion. Are we going to take some action something like Chicago did and is this something that needs to be further discussed and be placed on agenda for the next meeting? Executive Director Mallon stated the item could be placed for



discussion, but the comments regarding NYPD was for informational purposes, and there is no action to be taken. There is a letter similar to that of Chicago that has been drafted. However, the letter should be project specific and may need to be modified depending on the direction of the LA-RICS project.

Chair Fujioka stated that New York is taking the stand that they are staying on the T-Band and are waiting for the Feds to tell them to move and pay them to move. If enough cities take that position it changes the whole landscape.

Executive Director Mallon stated that the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC), which has been heavily involved in the development of broadband technology, has announced the formation of a subcommittee to address this issue of the T-Band frequencies. He will be participating in that effort.

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

- 9. Project Funding
- 10. Project Risk Controls

X. ADJOURNMENT and NEXT MEETING:

Meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m. The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, July 11, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., at the Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90012.