



AGENDA

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, September 27, 2010 : 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
2525 Corporate Place, Suite 200, Monterey Park, California 91754

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call
3. APPROVAL OF August 10, 2010 MINUTES
4. REPORT: Ad Hoc Financial Plan Committee
 - 4.1 Recommendation: Financial Model & Financial Plan Timeline
 - 4.2 Recommendation: Voter Approved Revenue
 - 4.3 Decision Point #1: Structure of Voter Approved Revenue
 - 4.4 Decision Point #2: Future Grant Revenues
 - 4.5 Decision Point #3: Inclusion of User Equipment
 - 4.6 Decision Point #4: Operations and Main
5. FUTURE MEETING DATES, TIMES, and LOCATIONS
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. ADJOURNMENT



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MINUTES

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, August 9, 2010 : 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
2525 Corporate Place, Suite 200, Monterey Park, California 91754

Official Voting Members Present:

Felipe Perez, Chair, representative for City of Los Angeles Police Department
Erick Lee, Vice Chair, representative for Culver City, At Large
Ed Medrano, Secretary, representative for Los Angeles County Police 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
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
Patty Huber, City of Los Angeles Administrative Office

Representatives For Official Voting Members Present:

Chia-Ann Yen, representing Jan Takata, County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office

Others Present:

Scott Poster, Task Force Leader

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
Andree Stecker, representative for County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services
Debby Prouty, representative for County of Los Angeles Fire Department
Alex Rodriguez, representative for Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association



1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Finance Committee was called to order on August 9, 2010 at 1:03 p.m. by the Committee Chair Felipe Perez.

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 July 12, 2010, Finance Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Committee Member Patty Huber and second by Secretary Ed Medrano.

MOTION APPROVED.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Broadband Technology Program Grant Proposal: LA-SafetyNet

LA-RICS is a FCC waiver recipient to utilize a portion of the 700 MHz spectrum for broad banding. There is now \$223M available in grant funding; LA-RICS is submitting a grant ask for approximately \$163M, and submitting an in-kind donation of \$70M through member-owned sites and existing backhaul infrastructure and cash (through the County of Los Angeles). The award for the grant is being announced September 30, 2010, with a three-year deadline to utilize the funds.

Vice Chair Erick Lee stated that the Committee has been trying to value existing infrastructure and the Committee agreed that it would not do that; now it appears that the LA-RICS would. If broadband does get added to the project, this issue warrants revisiting.

4.2 LA County Board of Supervisors Action on LA-RICS

Task Force Leader Scott Poster stated that at the August 3, 2010 meeting for the LA County Board of Supervisors, there was a transfer of \$17.61M to LA-RICS, which would include \$10M for grant funding and \$7.61M to be used for seed money. Through this agreement, the staff positions for LA-RICS would be hired.



Task Force Leader Scott Poster also provided an update on the RFP process. The RFP period is now closed, and three sealed bids were received and have all passed minimum requirements.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1 LA-RICS Public Finance and Revenue Options

Chair Felipe Perez stated that the revised spreadsheet to include assessed land value has not yet been provided to the Finance Committee, but will be soon.

Committee Member Greg Simay stated that it is likely that any scenario is going to have to include voter approval, so the Committee and Executive Board should begin planning for that.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 LA-RICS Procurement Update and Timeline

Chris Odenthal (Deltawrx) suggested that the vendor pricing proposed in the RFP responses not be communicated to the Finance Committee. While he acknowledged the usefulness of this information, he stated that the information being shared to the Committee could potentially weaken the JPA's ability to leverage contract negotiations, as the Finance Committee Meetings are public information. He did state that the working number of \$600M is an appropriate figure for the Committee to work from. The evaluation process should take through December 2010, and he expects contract negotiations could be completed in August 2011. To make the finance plan successful in LA County, it is going to have to be coordinated, well-crafted, and well-planned.

Secretary Ed Medrano stated that marketing a voter initiative would need to be crafted to be based on what needs to be paid for. Therefore, the Committee is going to need to have much more specific information so that it can be taken to the voters.

Committee Member Eric Tsao raised the question about if a voter initiative is utilized and not approved, is there a clause in the contract which allows LA-RICS an opportunity to stop the project? While Chair Felipe Perez said the RFP contained a sample agreement which included the clause, Committee Member Eric Tsao recommended we confirm that.

Secretary Medrano asked if the money we are spending now on infrastructure has been coordinated with the specifications of the RFP. Task Force Leader Scott Poster confirmed that there is a vetting process to ensure that the money spent now is part of the system build out.



6.2 Financial Planning Scenarios

Chair Felipe Perez suggested holding a closed meeting with a select group of Finance Committee Members to work through the numbers and create funding plan scenarios that consider the following variables:

- Amount of grant funds available to LA-RICS in future years
- Different levels of bond revenue to pay for maintenance, operations, and replacement costs
- Total start up costs
- Number of member agencies

The Committee then discussed the ability to hold the proposed working group, and what (if any) limitations the Brown Act creates. The Committee is going to seek advice from the JPA's counsel, and then if allowable, the working group will be scheduled.

6.3 Public-Private Partnerships: Examples

Chair Felipe Perez suggested that the Committee research the financing mechanisms other regional communication projects have utilized, examining both the successful and unsuccessful models. All Committee Members agreed that this is a worthwhile endeavor, and Committee Member Greg Simay volunteered to conduct the research and report his findings at a future Committee meeting.

7. FUTURE MEETING DATES, TIMES, and LOCATIONS

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 13, 2010 at 1 p.m. in the LA-RICS Conference Room.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the LA-RICS Finance Committee Meeting at 2:35 p.m. by Vice Chair Erick Lee and second by Committee Member Andrew Fox.