



AGENDA

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 18, 2015 • 1:00 p.m.

County of Los Angeles Fire Department Headquarters,
Training Room 25
1320 North Eastern Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90063

Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Authority (the "Authority")

AGENDA POSTED: March 13, 2015

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Members:

1. **Vacant**, At Large Seat
2. **June Gibson**, Fire Chief, City of Los Angeles Fire Dept.
3. **Robert Davis**, Lieutenant, City of Los Angeles Police Dept.
4. **Joshua Drake**, Sec., Chief Legislation Analyst, City of Los Angeles
5. **Olyvia Rodriguez**, Vice Chair, CEO, County of Los Angeles
6. **Daryl Osby**, Chair, Fire Chief, County of Los Angeles Fire Dept.
7. **Alex Radovic**, Lieutenant, County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept.
8. **Gerardo Pinedo**, Executive Manager, County of Los Angeles DHS
9. **Jose Santome**, Deputy Chief, LA School of Police Dept.
10. **Vacant**, At Large Seat
11. **Bill Walker**, Fire Chief, City of Alhambra
12. **Mitch Tavera**, Police Chief, City of El Segundo
13. **Vacant**, At Large Seat
14. **Vacant**, At Large Seat
15. **Ron Iizuka**, Police Captain, City of Culver City
16. **Greg Simay**, Asst., General Manager, DWP, City of Burbank
17. **Vacant**, At Large Seat

Alternates:

- Vacant**
- Graham Everett**, Asst., Fire Chief, City of Los Angeles Fire Dept.
- Daniel Gomez**, City of Los Angeles Police Dept.
- Matias Farfan**, Asst., Chief Legislation Analyst, City of Los Angeles
- Maggie Alvarez**, CEO, County of Los Angeles
- Chris Bundesen**, Asst., Fire Chief, County of Los Angeles Fire Dept.
- Sven Crongeyer**, Sergeant, County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept.
- Rowena Magana**, County of Los Angeles DHS
- George Sandoval**, LA School of Police Dept.
- Vacant**
- Vacant**
- Lili Hadsell**, Chief, City of El Segundo
- Vacant**
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Officers:

Patrick Mallon, Executive Director



NOTE: ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM IDENTIFIED ON THE AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (A)

A. March 12, 2014 – Special Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item A

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR – (None)

V. REPORTS – (None)

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS (B-C)

B. **Federal and State Legislative Update and Potential Recommendations**

Agenda Item B

C. **LA-RICS Legislative Committee Meeting Schedule for 2015**

Agenda Item C

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS – (None)

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS – (None)

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (None)

X. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION BY THE BOARD – (None)

XI. ADJOURNMENT and NEXT MEETING:

Tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., at the County of Los Angeles Fire Department Headquarters.



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MEETING MINUTES

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 12, 2014 • 10:00 a.m.

LA County Fire Department Headquarters, Training Room 25
1320 N. Eastern Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90063

Official Voting Members Present:

Stephen Sotomayor, representative for the City of Los Angeles CAO
Joshua Drake, representative for the City of Los Angeles Legislative Analyst Office
Daryl Osby, Chair, representative for the County of Los Angeles Fire Department
Olyvia Rodriguez, representative for the County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office
Bill Walker, representative for the Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association
Richard Shigaki, representative for the City of Torrance, At Large Seat #1

Representatives For Official Voting Members Present:

Sven Crongeyer, representing Mark S. Wilkins, for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Rowena Magana, representing Gerardo Pinedo, for the County of Los Angeles DHS
George Sandoval, representing Nancy Ramirez, for the Los Angeles School Police Department

Official Voting Members Absent:

June Gibson, representative for the City of Los Angeles Fire Department
Greg Doyle, representative for the City of Los Angeles Police Department
Mark S. Wilkins, representative for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Gerardo Pinedo, representative for the County of Los Angeles DHS
Vacant, representative for the City of Long Beach
Nancy Ramirez, representative for the Los Angeles School Police Department
Mark Alexander, representative for the California Contract Cities Association
Scott Pickwith, representative for the City of Culver City, At Large Seat #2
Mitch Tavera, representative for the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association
Greg Simay, representative for the City of Burbank, At Large Seat #3
Vacant, representative for the City of Pasadena, At Large Seat #4

AGENDA ITEM A



- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call taken by Committee Chair Chief Daryl Osby; quorum reached.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –
 1. January 22, 2014, LA-RICS Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes.

Committee Member Richard Shigaki called the 1st motion and Alternate Committee Member George Sandoval called the 2nd. **MOTION APPROVED.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS –

2. Discussion Item: Federal and State Legislative Update

Vice Chair Rodriguez provided the following updates:

Federal

- The President released his budget request for FY2015
 - UASI and SHSGP grant funding - similar to last year the Administration is proposing the consolidation of Homeland Security Grant Programs into one national preparedness grant program. Congress did not approve it last year, which is in the best of interest LA-RICS, but it is on the table again. 2014 is an election year, and there is a short timeline to get through a lot of funding requests. Therefore, most likely there will be a Continuing Resolution (funds programs within a certain time period) enacted by September 2015.

State

- The State Legislature reconvened on January 6, 2014, and they are moving forward on a number of budget items and bills.
- The bill introduction deadline was February 21, 2014.

3. Discussion/Action Item: Draft Recommendations for 2014 LA-RICS Legislative Priorities

Chief Osby stated that in past meetings the Committee discussed objectives and goals for the calendar year (see handout Draft Recommendations for 2014 LA-RICS Legislative Priorities) that will be presented to the JPA at their next meeting on April 3, 2014.

- Funding

- 1) **Continue to support increased funding for critical Federal grants for the LA-RICS Project through the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) and the State Homeland Security Grant Programs (SHSGP).**

Chief Osby stated that now that there is a selected vendor, support the Finance Committee funding streams and costs.

Executive Director Pat Mallon stated that the UASI Authority entertained the 2014 requests for funding. The challenge with the UASI grant is that there is a



one year grant performance period and the LA-RICS project is lengthy (about 8-9 grant years). There is a notable \$120 million dollar gap in the funding of the infrastructure and also there is a significant number of LA-RICS Authority Members that have radio systems that are not compatible with the LA-RICS system that would be willing or interested to participate in LA-RICS with suitable equipment.

As it presently stands LA-RICS has to seek multiple years of funding to achieve requisite funding.

2) Pursue additional funding opportunities at the Federal and State level for the LA-RICS Project.

Chief Osby stated that as representatives of the individual agencies and entities, as each Committee Member meets with Federal, State, or local entities, everyone should be on the same page.

Executive Director Mallon stated that there should be an effort to get away from relying on year-to-year allocations of UASI/SHSGP to where there is a single/larger allocation what would allow LA-RICS to be built out under one grant for the remainder of the gap (whatever it may be), as well as to inquire about grant funds for some of the user equipment in order to make it feasible for some of the agencies to participate.

Executive Director Mallon recommended a one-time allocation to the LA region to support interoperable communications (with whatever funding sources available). Vice Chair suggested continuing to pursue additional grant opportunities through other sources.

Executive Director Mallon added that the California Congressional Delegation needs to support LA-RICS in seeking additional one-time grant funds to facilitate the completion of the interoperable communications in Los Angeles.

Vice Chair Rodriguez stated that Committee Member Greg Simay was not present at the meeting, but emailed his support of the Draft Recommendation and also commented, "If it becomes necessary for Congress to revisit the forced migration of the T-Band, we could consider recommending a delay in the deadline rather than an outright abolition."

3) Seek additional flexibility with milestones and timelines under various grants.

Chief Osby stated that LA-RICS should explore other funding opportunities other than UASI and SHSGP grant programs.

Vice Chair Rodriguez stated that it was important for the JPA Board to have the Legislative Recommendation in hand since members would be going back to Washington D.C. as early as the last week of April or early May 2014.



Executive Director Pat Mallon stated that:

- The UASI Authority entertained the 2014 requests for funding. The challenge with the UASI grant is that it is a one year grant.
- There is a need to complete an Environmental Impact Report on the LMR System.
- The Motorola Solutions contract for the Public Safety Broadband Network (LTE) was approved by the Board on March 6, 2014, and a Notice to Proceed was sent to Motorola. A kick-off meeting will take place today. The timeframe is extremely short and the system must be completed by August 15, 2015. BTOP funding is through the ARRA 2010 and is a 5 year appropriation. NTIA has informed that any extension will not be supported by the Department of Commerce.

The only recommendation that Executive Director Mallon had was to continue support and increase funding for critical Federal grants, including consideration of multiple year performance periods.

• T-Band and Spectrum Issues

- 1) **Continue to maintain the position communicated by LA-RICS in its comments submitted to the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) last May 2013 relating to the challenges with implementing the T-Band provisions required under H.R. 3630.**

Chief Osby stated that there are difficulties with this throughout the Country and LA-RICS is not the only one in this position. All that can be done is to continue to plant the seed.

- 2) **LA-RICS position paper to the FCC indicated that LA-RICS strongly supports efforts to allocate new spectrum resources for public safety to address the loss of the T-Band. If adequate spectrum resources should not be made available, LA-RICS respectfully requests that the Commission support Congress revisiting the forced migration of public safety from the T-Band.**

Executive Director Mallon stated that LA-RICS has applied for a waiver to the FCC to use additional 700 MHz reserve channels and were told that there would be an answer at the end of the year 2013. We are still waiting for a response. If LA-RICS does not receive access to these channels, it will be very difficult to satisfy public safety needs even with the addition of Public Safety Broadband System.

Chief Osby stated that once approval is received from the JPA the Committee, the Executive Director can work on specific speaking points in relation to what is approved.



Committee Member Richard Shigaki called the 1st motion and Alternate Committee Member Stephen Sotomayor called the 2nd. **MOTION APPROVED.**

4. Discussion/Action Item: List of Congressional Members & Agencies Having an Interest in LA-RICS Issues.

At the last Special JPA Meeting on February 20, 2014, Chair Bill Fujioka asked for a list of key players that the JPA could meet with in preparation for the upcoming Washington D.C. trip. Chief Osby went over Agenda Attachment 3, "Congressional Members and Agencies having an interest in LA-RICS Issues" and will present to the JPA at the next meeting on April 3, 2014.

Committee Member George Sandoval called the 1st motion and Alternate Committee Member called the 2nd. **MOTION APPROVED.**

5. Discussion Item: LA-RICS Legislative Committee Schedule for 2014

Chief Osby and Vice Chair Rodriguez asked if anyone had any suggestions for a new meeting date/time. Since there was quorum for this meeting, the issue will be on hold and the current meeting date/time will stand as is, 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

Chief Osby emphasized the need to fill vacancies in order to avoid not having a quorum in the future.

No Action taken.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

VI. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Chief Osby adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., location to be determined.