



# **AGENDA**

## **LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY**

### **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, October 16, 2013 – 1:00 p.m.

LA-RICS Headquarters, Large Conference Room

2525 Corporate Pl., Suite 200, Monterey Park, CA 91754

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes for August 21, 2013

**Attachment 1**

IV. NEW BUSINESS –

2. Discussion Item: Federal and State Legislative Update
3. Discussion Item: Continue Discussion on T-Band Issues and Next Steps
4. Discussion Item: Grant Status Report and Continue Discussion on Grant Opportunities

**Attachment 2**

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. ADJOURNMENT



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# MEETING MINUTES

## LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, August 21, 2013 • 1:00 p.m.

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

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#### Official Voting Members Present:

**Stephen Sotomayor**, representative for the City of Los Angeles CAO  
**Greg Doyle**, representative for the City of Los Angeles Police Department  
**Joshua Drake**, representative for the City of Los Angeles Chief Legislative Analyst Office  
**Olyvia Rodriguez**, representative for the County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office  
**Mark S. Wilkins**, representative for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department  
**Nancy Ramirez**, representative for the Los Angeles School Police Department  
**Mitch Tavera**, representative for the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association

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#### Representatives For Official Voting Members Present:

**Rowena Magana**, representing Gerardo Pinedo for the County of Los Angeles DHS  
**John Lenihan**, representing Daryl Osby, Chair, for the County of Los Angeles Fire Department  
**Richard Shigaki**, representing Mary Giordano for the City of Torrance, At Large Seat #1

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#### Official Voting Members Absent:

**Ronnie Villanueva**, representative for the City of Los Angeles Fire Department  
**Daryl Osby, Chair**, representative for the County of Los Angeles Fire Department  
**Gerardo Pinedo**, representative for the County of Los Angeles DHS  
**Vacant**, representative for the City of Long Beach  
**Scott Ferguson**, representative for the Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association  
**Mark Alexander**, representative for the California Contract Cities Association  
**Mary Giordano**, representative for the City of Torrance, At Large Seat #1  
**Don Pederson**, representative for the City of Culver City, At Large Seat #2  
**Greg Simay**, representative for the City of Burbank, At Large Seat #3  
**Vacant**, representative for the City of Pasadena, At Large Seat #4



- I. CALL TO ORDER
  
- II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call taken by Committee Vice Chair Olyvia Rodriguez.
  
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 15, 2013, LA-RICS Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes. Committee Member Nancy Ramirez called the 1st motion and Alternate Committee Member Chief John Lenihan called the 2nd. **MOTION APPROVED.**
  
- IV. NEW BUSINESS –
  2. Discussion Item: T-Band Issues and Next Steps

Vice Chair Rodriguez stated that this item was added at the request of Committee Member Greg Simay at the Board of Directors Meeting on August 1, 2013. He would like the Committee to consider next steps with regard to the comments that LA-RICS submitted to the FCC on May 13, 2013. The comments included the challenges that are being faced with the implementation of H.R. 3630, especially in regards to the T-Band and determining whether the Committee should consider recommending to the Board any legislative options or action that should be taken. In regards to the comments that LA-RICS submitted, the FCC has a period of time to review all of the comments; they also have the role of implementing the law, and Congress has the power to make changes to any law.

Chief Lenihan stated that one of the FirstNet Board Members, Jeff Johnson, stated that he does not believe that any legislative action will happen until FirstNet is clear on what they need to provide.

Vice Chair Rodriguez stated that there is still time to discuss issues as they come up. There are no major legislative issues in this specific area currently being considered in Congress.

Executive Director Mallon stated that Committee Member Simay wanted the Committee to take a position and recommend the Board make an official statement relative to the T-Band.

He also stated that although there are some Members within the Authority that do operate on T-Band. H.R. 3630 affected the UHF system that LA-RICS was planning and some feel abandoning T-Band is not something feasible, and LA-RICS needs to begin moving the project forward with the hybrid approach. As suggested, there are a lot of other things that need to be worked out for there to be sufficient spectrum to operate. If T-Band is lost, there will be a significant amount of reliance on the FirstNet broadband system. Executive Director Mallon hopes that the Legislative Committee can discuss and take a position in the interim that, "Until such time that FirstNet and the Public Safety Broadband System has been proven and accepted to provide substantial relief for voice over LTE, the Authority's position be that T-Band cannot be abandoned."



Committee Member Stephen Sotomayor stated that the key point is money. If LA-RICS is given the correct spectrum and money to transition, then there is a possibility to migrate. Timing is also a factor. The money has to be provided early or something similar to the 800 MHz Re-Banding effort, which has gone way beyond its deadline. This would mean negotiating with Sprint to see how much money they can give in order to do the Re-Band. Obviously this would delay the transition off the T-Band. He suggested the Committee consider advocating there needs to be funds and spectrum available for the jurisdictions to move.

Vice Chair Rodriguez recapped that at the last meeting, one of the items discussed was AB 162, which is a two year bill, and is being closely monitored. She also provided a brief Federal overview of the legislative schedules in the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Executive Director Mallon stated that the State of California's decision whether to opt in or out of the broadband system is not whether they participate in the national system, but whether they opt to build their own system versus allowing FirstNet to build the system.

**Item to be continued at next meeting.**

3. Discussion Item: Grant Opportunities

Vice Chair Rodriguez stated that this item was added at the request of Chief Osby.

Executive Director Mallon stated that on Thursday, August 15, 2013, the Board approved the Motorola Solutions contract for \$280 million. The project includes 15 years of maintenance, which is valued at \$75 million. The base project cost is in range of about \$200 - \$205 million. Current grant funds available are UASI (\$80 million) and SHSGP (\$9 million).

Executive Director Mallon stated that the main reason Chief Osby wanted this item to be discussed is because cities and the county do not have the monetary capacity to state their position; therefore, future funding has to be looked at within UASI and SHSGP grants. All monies are needed to build the infrastructure to allow membership in the project without a substantial local capital cost. He finds it discouraging that there is competition from LA-RICS' membership, because the system being built is for everyone's needs; is this a system for all or a system in which members want to build their own system? Chief Lenihan was present for the SHSGP 2013 Allocation meeting in which ICIS walked away with \$1.5 million. LA-RICS got \$309,000. He was concerned with the fact that over 70 sites proposed by Motorola for the LMR may not be in alignment with what ICIS is doing with the monies that they are using for their system. He does not see it as a direct carry over into the LA-RICS project especially in absence of details within ICIS presentations. He also suggested looking into other grants such as transportation grants (some of the radios will be put into the Metrorail tunnels) and



even school grants to assist paying a portion of the system, outside of the UASI and SHSGP grants.

Committee member Sotomayor stated grant deadlines sometime makes LA-RICS perform faster or make quicker decisions, which really becomes an issue when trying to build a system. LA-RICS needs a source of ongoing revenue not just grants; this could possibly be approached at the State level. For example, there are taxes applied to 911 to cellphone bills, use of telephone and telecommunications. These are largely regulated by the Public Utilities Commission. Maybe this is something that LA-RICS can look into as a long term, constant source of revenue.

Vice Chair Rodriguez stated that State funding opportunities should be looked at, and all other funding options, and work closely with the Finance Committee.

Vice Chair Rodriguez requested an updated grants report.

**Item to be continued at next meeting.**

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

VI. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Vice Chair Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., located at the LA -RICS Headquarters, 2525 Corporate Pl., Large Conference Room, Monterey Park, CA 91754.

## LA-RICS Project Grant Funding by Network System

### System: Long Term Evolution (LTE)

GRANT FUNDING	Award Amount	Adjustment <sup>1</sup>	Earmarked	Expenses to-date	Remaining Balance	Grant End	Comments
BTOP	\$ 154,640,000			\$ (4,239,156)	\$ 150,400,844	09/30/15	
LA-RICS Cash Match	\$ 16,431,956			\$ (1,031,576)	\$ 15,400,380		
LA-RICS in Kind	\$ 46,822,409			\$ (1,356,403)	\$ 45,466,006		
	\$ 217,894,365			\$ (6,627,136)	\$ 211,267,229		

### System: Land Mobile Radio (LMR)

GRANT FUNDING	Award Amount	Adjustment <sup>1</sup>	Earmarked	Expenses to-date	Remaining Balance	Grant End	Comments
SHSGP 7	\$ 5,269,134.00	\$ (3,043,487.00)		\$ (2,225,647)	\$ -	CLOSED	
SHSGP 8	\$ 6,852,418.00	\$ (6,549,191.00)		\$ (303,227)	\$ -	CLOSED	
SHSGP 9	\$ 5,769,201.00	\$ (5,064,726.00)		\$ (704,475)	\$ -	CLOSED	
SHSGP 10	\$ 5,315,000.00		\$ (1,766,973.00)		\$ 3,548,027	04/30/14	
SHSGP 11	\$ 3,000,000.00		\$ (3,000,000.00)		\$ -	04/30/14	
SHSGP 12	\$ 250,000.00		\$ (250,000.00)		\$ -	04/30/14	
SHSGP 13	\$ 309,000.00				\$ 309,000	04/30/15	
	\$ 26,764,753.00	\$ (14,657,404.00)		\$ (3,233,349.00)	\$ 3,857,027.00		

UASI 6	\$ 1,881,443.00			\$ (1,881,443.00)	\$ -	CLOSED	
UASI 7	\$ 7,126,754.00	\$ (7,126,754.00)			\$ -	CLOSED	
UASI 8	\$ 28,954,155.00	\$ (28,954,155.00)			\$ -	CLOSED	
UASI 9	\$ 23,929,838.00	\$ (7,000,000.00)			\$ 16,929,838	01/31/14	
UASI 10	\$ 20,406,079.00	\$ (1,000,000.00)			\$ 19,406,079	03/31/14	Repurposed to City of LA for Verdugo peak site completion
UASI 11	\$ 18,227,386.00				\$ 18,227,386	03/31/14	
UASI 12	\$ 18,263,579.00				\$ 18,263,579	03/31/14	
UASI 13	\$ 13,744,067.00				\$ 13,744,067	03/31/15	
	\$ 132,533,301.00	\$ (44,080,909.00)	\$ -	\$ (1,881,443.00)	\$ 86,570,949.00		
SHSGP and UASI	\$ 159,298,054.00	\$ (58,738,313.00)	\$ -	\$ (5,114,792.00)	\$ 90,427,976.00		

#### Notes:

1. Amounts in the "Adjustment" column represent funds returned by LA-RICS to the grantor due to inability to spend.