



AGENDA

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 12, 2014 – 1:00 p.m.

LA County Fire Department Headquarters, Training Room 25

1320 N. Eastern Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90063

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes for January 22, 2014

[Attachment 1]

IV. NEW BUSINESS –

2. Discussion Item: Federal and State Legislative Update
3. Discussion/Action Item: Draft Recommendations for 2014 LA-RICS Legislative Priorities

[Attachment 2]

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

[Attachment 3]

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENT –

VI. ADJOURNMENT –



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MEETING MINUTES

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 22, 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
Greg Simay, representative for the City of Burbank, At Large Seat #3
Bill Walker, representative for the Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association
Mitch Tavera, representative for the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association

Representatives For Official Voting Members Present:

Richard Shigaki, representing Mary Giordano for the City of Torrance, At Large Seat #1
Sven Crongeyer, representative for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's 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
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
Vacant, representative for the City of Pasadena, At Large Seat #4



- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call taken by Committee Chair Chief Daryl Osby; quorum reached.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –
 - 1. October 16, 2013, LA-RICS Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes.
 - 2. August 21, 2013, LA-RICS Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes.

Motion to Amend

Committee Member Stephen Sotomayor asked to strike the line on page 3, first paragraph, “~~This would mean negotiating with Sprint to see how much money they can give in order to do the Re-Band.~~”

Committee Member Stephen Sotomayor called the 1st motion and Committee Member Greg Simay called the 2nd. **MOTION APPROVED for both minutes.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS –

3. Discussion Item: Federal and State Legislative Update

Vice Chair Rodriguez gave an update on the Federal and State legislature as they both went back into session on January 6, 2014.

At the Federal level, Congress passed legislation with respect to funding the Federal government for FY 2014 and the legislation was signed into law by the President. The good news for LA-RICS is that there are significant funding increases for the UASI Program (from roughly \$490 million to \$587 million nationwide) for FY2014 and for SHSGP (by about \$106 million to \$406 million nationwide) for FY 2014.

We will be closely monitoring Federal and State legislation that is introduced with respect to interoperability and of interest to LA-RICS; including the Federal bill, H.R. 3300 FEMA Reauthorization Act of 2013, which is one of the discussion items on today’s agenda.

4. Discussion Item: Goals and Priorities

Chief Osby stated that this item was added to the agenda to discuss ideas for legislative goals and priorities for 2014 to recommend to the Board, especially for any potential trip to Washington D.C. on public safety issues important to LA-RICS.

Committee Member Simay stated that at the Board meetings there have been discussions to try to consolidate the grant awards and not have them be subject to year-by-year deadlines. For example, if there is a project that will take an extended period of time, it is more logical to spend the money as needed than at certain deadlines,



regardless of what stage of the project you are on. He does not know if this is something controlled by the granting agencies or if it is legislation that would be needed to allow greater flexibility in timing and spending of award money. He is aware that there should be deadlines, but maybe the deadlines could be for longer periods, for example, five years without having to worry about a deadline every six months and being at risk of losing funds. Chief Osby stated that he also did not know if this is an administrative or legislative decision, but this could be something that can be researched.

Vice Chair Rodriguez stated that there are separate federal funding streams for the grant programs, and any proposal to consolidate them would probably be something that would have to be done legislatively. She did mention that President Obama had previously proposed the consolidation of Homeland Security Grant Programs as part of his budget proposals and Congress has supported keeping the funding streams for these grant programs as they are.

Committee Member Simay indicated he is not sure if the FCC commented on all of the LA-RICS statements or those from other jurisdictions with regards to the implementation of the T-Band provisions under the enacted legislation H.R. 3630. Maybe LA-RICS should press them for a response and maybe on the same trip to Washington D.C. there should be a visit to the FCC. The Board should not give a statement on this issue until hearing from the FCC.

Vice Chair Rodriguez suggested that this is an issue that can also be raised with legislative offices in Washington D.C. as a follow up to the status of the comments LA-RICS submitted to the FCC. Maybe their offices could be helpful in reaching out to them for an update on the status of a response.

Committee Member Sotomayor stated that the FCC is also standing on the approval of the release of reserve 700 MHz frequency channels that CPRA Region 5 supported to allow LA-RICS to utilize as part of the LMR system. The FCC has not released those frequencies at this point. This is probably something that can be done, especially since LA-RICS is at the design portion of the system. Maybe the technical engineers can go through site-by-site survey and compile a list of sites that can be taken to Washington D.C. and let the FAA and the FCC know the issues that LA-RICS has. This may help to expedite the process.

Chief Osby stated that the Washington D.C. trip will likely be in May 2014, leaving enough time to prepare. He also asked Legislative and Finance Committee Member Simay if there is anything that the Legislative Committee can do in order to assist the Finance Committee with any of its challenges.

Committee Member Simay stated that one of the difficulties that the Finance Committee is facing is that agencies might join the LA-RICS network at different times, depending on the condition of their system, and finances. The construction of the system might be spread out to accommodate the timing of different agencies and those conflicts with the existing grant structure and deadlines.



Legislative Committee Member and Finance Committee Chair Stephen Sotomayor stated that the challenges right now are grant deadlines and source of funding. Especially with the LMR, how does LA-RICS pay for a system utilizing the grants with the deadlines that have been given?

Vice Chair Rodriguez stated that some of the delays that have contributed to grant extension requests have also been a result of implementing the new requirements under H.R.3630. She stated that one of the goals and priorities for 2014 is also identifying new funding opportunities in general. For example, there is a transportation related grant at the Federal level that LA-RICS is looking into.

The question of grant timelines arose and Vice Chair Rodriguez suggested that this be an item on the next Agenda, as well as an update on LA-RICS latest communications with FirstNet to be provided by LA-RICS staff.

5. Discussion Item: H.R. 3300 FEMA Reauthorization Act of 2013

Vice Chair Rodriguez summarized the H.R.3300 attachment, which would reauthorize FEMA funding for over three years (FY 2014-16), among other proposed changes. Some of provisions are closely related to LA Fire operations, mostly because there are proposed additional protections for First Responders. Wanted to make sure the Committee is aware of this legislation mostly for informational purposes at this time.

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

Chief Osby and Vice Chair Rodriguez asked if anyone had any conflicts with the standing meeting schedule, especially since there are three existing vacancies that make it difficult to reach a quorum.

Chief Osby recommended the second Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m., location would be announced at a later time. After further discussion, it was determined that for the next meeting, it will be Thursday, February 13, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., and the location will be announced at a later date.

Committee Member Simay stated that the Finance, Operations, and Technical Committees would have to have a joint meeting before the final adoption of the Funding Plan around April 2014.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

VI. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Chief Osby adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., location to be determined.

Draft Recommendations for 2014 LA-RICS Legislative Priorities

The following are draft recommendations regarding 2014 Legislative Priorities for the LA-RICS Legislative Committee's consideration to submit to the LA-RICS Board of Directors for any potential advocacy in Washington, DC and Sacramento.

Funding:

- 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 Program (SHSGP).
- Pursue additional funding opportunities at the Federal and State level for the LA-RICS Project, and any new grant opportunities.
- Seek additional flexibility with milestones and timelines under various grants.

T-Band and Spectrum Issues:

- Continue to maintain the position communicated by LA-RICS in its comments submitted to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) last May 2013 relating to the challenges with implementing the T-Band provisions required under H.R. 3630 which was enacted in 2012.
- Specifically, LA-RICS position communicated 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. And, that 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.
- It is important to consider the FCC's response, once received, to the comments submitted by LA-RICS and other entities that expressed similar concerns in any future recommendations on next steps for legislative action.

Congressional Members and Agencies having an interest in LA-RICS Issues

House of Representatives

- Rep. Henry Waxman
- Rep. Adam Schiff
- House Energy and Commerce Committee (jurisdiction of spectrum issues)

Senate

- Senator Dianne Feinstein
- Senator Barbara Boxer
- Senate Commerce Committee (jurisdiction of spectrum issues)

Federal Agencies and Others

- National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- FirstNet