



FINANCE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

June 30, 2015
LA County Fire Department Headquarters
1320 N. Eastern Ave., Training Room 26, Los Angeles, CA 90063

Committee Members Present:

Ed Roes, City of Los Angeles CAO
June Gibson, City of Los Angeles Fire Dept.
Patricia Whelan, City of Los Angeles, LAPD
Matias Farfan, City of Los Angeles, Legislative Analyst Office
Doug Cline, County of Los Angeles Fire Dept.
Cynthia Evans, County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept.
Kay Fruhwirth, County of Los Angeles DHS/EMS
James Alther, Los Angeles Unified School District
Daniel Calleros, Los Angeles Police Chiefs Assoc.

Alternate Committee Members Present:

Michael Iwanaga, Los Angeles, County CEO

Officers Present:

Patrick Mallon, LA-RICS Executive Director

Absent:

John Geiger, County of Los Angeles CEO
David Lantzer, Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs
Dan Jordan, California Contract Cities



I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call

Due to current vacancies for the Finance Committee Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, Executive Director Pat Mallon made an acknowledgement that a quorum was present and asked for a roll call.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (None)

IV. REPORTS – (A)

A. Director's Report – Pat Mallon

▪ **Funding Plan Status:**

- Through the month of May, there have been 16 member cities that have opted out, possibly Santa Monica within this week.
- Overall impact on Funding Plan is 9.78%
- March 2015 JPA meeting an Ad Hoc Committee was formed to revisit the Funding Plan and to develop a more predictable level of contribution to be required by Authority members. A response to the request was submitted to the Committee Chair within 30 days and further discussion within the Ad Hoc Committee continues. Any resulting revision to the Funding Plan will be brought to this Committee for review and recommendation to the Board.

▪ **LTE Project Status:**

- Pushback from Fire Union, the claim is that exposure to RF Emissions is harmful.
- March 24, 2015, the Board of Supervisors took action relative to withdrawing approval to build LTE installations at County Fire Station



Sites. On April 1, 2015, the LA City Council took similar action relative to all City Fire and Police Stations.

- April, 3, 2015, NTIA notified LA-RICS of a suspension of the BTOP grant and set a date of April 13, 2015, by which LA-RICS was required to submit a Corrective Action Plan (CAP). On April 13, 2015, the CAP was submitted which included 46 LTE sites plus 15 sites where Cell on Wheels (COWs) could be deployed. On April 14, 2015, the CAP was presented to the Board of Supervisors and gained their support to move forward with County Sheriff's sites. On May 1, 2015, NTIA notified LA-RICS that the CAP was approved with amendments and lifted the suspension.
- On April 17, 2015, the LA City Council reconsidered their decision, and returned 19 LAPD sites for inclusion in the PSBN.
- In agreement with FirstNet representatives, NTIA committed to work with LA-RICS to determine if any semblance of usable system remaining. April 3-13, 2015, LA-RICS worked closely with NTIA and FirstNet to develop a scaled back plan for providing at least a "starter" PSBN system at County Sheriff Stations and at sites offered by independent cities. The State of California (CalOES) offered their assistance in identifying State owned sites that might provide some coverage in the County area. That offer has not panned out; again due to union resistance. Southern California Edison (SCE) has stepped forward and has committed 10 sites on a gratis basis.
- LTE construction status, there are 22 sites with completed infrastructure; 21 sites under construction; 2 additional sites with permits; 36 sites awaiting construction; 5 COWs sites confirmed; 10 other COW sites unconfirmed. SCE maintenance yards are an option.
- LMR Project Status:

- FEMA requested LA-RICS to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the LMR project. LA City and their contractor (AECOM) are assisting in the review of the document.
- Meetings are scheduled to meet with U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- There are 88 sites identified for the 700 MHz channels. There are 65 channels available for the County, 5 County channels created interference issues and cannot be used, but there are 5 suitable replacements. The Regional Planning Committee approved licensing all 24 reserve channels to the County for LA-RICS to use. These channels were previously requested from FCC over 2 years ago.
- LA-RICS is awaiting a proposed Memorandum of Agreement which will outline a proposed working relationship between LA-RICS and other systems. Judge Robert Bonner, on behalf of the UASI Approval Authority, will examine potential paths forward to insure interoperability throughout the County.
- Grant Status:
 - UASI '11 grant extension for a year; and two years for the UASI '12.
 - FEMA approved a reprogramming request for \$2 million to cover Phase 1 activities for Motorola and Jacobs through this month as a bridge agreement, while we await a decision on the full grant award extension.
 - UASI 2011-13 Grants: The County has fronted the cost for Project Staff via payment out of the revolving fund account, with the understanding that UASI / SHSGP grants would reimburse them. If staff is not partially funded by grants, it will impose an additional \$1.9 million cost to member funded JPA operations in this Fiscal Year, and an additional \$2.6 million in FY 2015-16. LA-RICS believes that FEMA has misunderstood that project staff is an ongoing operation by the County. In the past, these positions were provided by a contribution from the County, however, effective with the adoption of the funding plan, only three positions were considered as managing and administering the grant operations.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (None)

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (B-C)

AGENDA ITEM B

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE SELECTION OF OFFICERS: CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, AND SECRETARY

1. Chair nominees:

Committee Member Doug Cline nominated CEO Representative, Michael Iwanaga (Alternate)/John Geiger (Member), motion seconded by Committee Member Cynthia Evan. **MOTION APPROVED by unanimous vote.**

2. Vice Chair nominee:

Committee Member June Gibson nominated LA City Mayor's Office Representative, Patricia Whelan (Member)/Lt. Bob Davis (Alternate), motion seconded by Committee Member Matias Farfan. **MOTION APPROVED by unanimous vote.**

3. Secretary nominee:

Committee Member Cline nominated Beatriz Cojulun, LA-RICS Project Staff, motion seconded by Committee Member Kay Fruhwirth. **MOTION APPROVED by unanimous vote.**

B. REVIEW AND RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

Susy Orellana-Curtiss went over the Proposed Operating Budget attachments and answered questions and concerns from Committee Members. Executive Director Mallon answered questions regarding the feasibility of completing the PSBN project within the performance period of the grant as well. Presentation slides were to be sent to Committee members, which content best illustrated how the PSBN project plan and schedule would achieve completion by September 30, 2015.

Ms. Orellana-Curtiss alerted the Committee to notice received from the UASI grant administrators that funding LA-RICS project team staff was considered to be supplanting. She informed the Committee the Board Chair was drafting a letter to FEMA to clarify the apparent misunderstanding. Ms. Orellana-Curtiss



stated that any amendments would be brought back to the Committee for presentation to the Board for adjustment to the Operating Budget.

Vice Chair Iwanaga asked if to present the Proposed Operating Budget to the Board, Committee Member June Gibson motioned first, followed by Committee Member Fruhwirth seconding the motion. **MOTION APPROVED by unanimous vote.**

IV. MISCELLANEOUS – (None)

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (None)

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

AGENDA ITEM B

VII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – (None)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT and NEXT MEETING:

Vice Chair Iwanaga announced adjournment of this meeting at 2:00 p.m. The Committee's consensus was unanimous. The next Committee meeting will take place on Thursday, July 23, 2015, at 1:00 a.m., at the same place, LA County Fire Department Headquarters.

APPROVED



COMMITTEE MEETING INFORMATION

Members of the public are invited to address the LA-RICS Authority Committee on any item on the agenda prior to action by the Committee on that specific item. Members of the public may also address the Committee on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee. The Committee will entertain such comments during the Public Comment period. Public Comment will be limited to three (3) minutes per individual for each item addressed, unless there are more than ten (10) comment cards for each item, in which case the Public Comment will be limited to one (1) minute per individual. The aforementioned limitation may be waived by the Committee's Chair.

(NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3(b) the legislative body of a local agency may adopt reasonable regulations, including, but not limited to, regulations limiting the total amount of time allocated for public testimony on particular issues and for each individual speaker.)

Members of the public who wish to address the Committee are urged to complete a Speaker Card and submit it to the Committee Secretary prior to commencement of the public meeting. The cards are available in the meeting room. However, should a member of the public feel the need to address a matter while the meeting is in progress, a card may be submitted to the Committee Secretary prior to final consideration of the matter.

It is requested that individuals who require the services of a translator contact the Committee Secretary no later than the day preceding the meeting. Whenever possible, a translator will be provided. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability, you are advised to make your request at least 72 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend. (323) 881-8291 or (323) 881-8295

SI REQUIERE SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR LA OFICINA CON 72 HORAS POR ANTICIPADO.

The meeting is recorded, and the recording is kept for 30 days.