



JOINT OPERATIONS AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

Tuesday, July 20, 2021 • 1:30 p.m.

Microsoft Team Meeting*

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:
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John Geiger, County of Los Angeles, Chief Executive Office
Steve Cabrera, Vice-Chair, Fire Chief, County of Los Angeles Fire Department
Sven Crongeyer, Chair, Lieutenant, County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
Jeff Morgan, County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services
David Povero, Captain, City of Covina Police Department
Jeff LaGreek, Sergeant, City of Inglewood Police Department

OPERATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT/VACANT:

Vacant, Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association
Anthony Vairo, Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association
Vacant, California Contract Cities Association
Vacant, At-Large Seat #10

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Geiger, County of Los Angeles, Chief Executive Office
Scott England, Vice-Chair, County of Los Angeles Fire Department
Sven Crongeyer, Lieutenant, County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
Lipin Tan, County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services
Ted Pao, Chair, Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association
David Povero, Captain, City of Covina Police Department
Jeff LaGreek, Sergeant, City of Inglewood Police Department

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT/VACANT:

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OFFICERS PRESENT:

Scott Edson, Executive Director
Vacant, Committee Secretary



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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Operations Committee Chair Sven Crongeyer, called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call

Jeanette Arismendez acknowledged a quorum was present for both Operations and Technical Committees (Joint Committees). Captain David Povero confirmed attendance after roll call.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (A)

A. March 16, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Operations Chair Crongeyer asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Technical Committee Vice-Chair Steve Cabrera motioned first, seconded by Joint Committee Member Jeff LaGreek.

Ayes 8: Geiger, Crongeyer, Cabrera, England, LaGreek, Pao, Tan, Morgan, and Povero.

MOTION APPROVED.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (NONE)

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – (NONE)

VI. REPORTS (B-D)

B. Status Report Update for PSBN Round 2 Deployment Update – Program Director Chris Odenthal

Program Director Chris Odenthal provided an update on the deployment of PSBN (Long Term Evolution [LTE]) Round 2.

Program Director Odenthal reported:

- The PSBN sites 1-20 have been completed and transferred to the AT&T Corporation (AT&T).
- The PSBN sites 21-26 are finalizing proofing out and documentation

- The Port of Los Angeles 1 (POLA1) site is pending power form the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP).
- The Pomona Court House (POM2) is the only site currently under construction out of the PSBN sites 21-26. Some Court House activities have created power delays, but will soon resume.
- The PSBN Round 2 is waiting for the final transfer and the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) filing from AT&T as required by our Asset Transfer Agreement in compliance with processes stipulated by the National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA). All administrative activities have closed relating to PSBN Round 2.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item C presented by Project Director Odenthal. There was no further discussion.

C. Status Report Update for LMR – Program Manager Justin Delfino

Program Manager Justin Delfino provided a LMR system update summary and information on which sites are in construction, along with additional details supporting the construction-related activities occurring at the sites to-date.

- The Loop Canyon (LPC) and Portal Ridge (PRG) sites, which both share PSBN Round 2 sites, today both were powered on. These activities were shifted from the UASI 18' Grant to the UASI 19' Grant spend.
- There are currently eleven (11) UASI 19' grant funded sites under construction at various stages of completion, for example:
 - Green Mountain (GRM) site approximately 50% completed.
 - Black Jack Peak (BJM) site approximately 32% completed.
 - Pine Mountain (PMT) site completed all solar work installation and approximately 70%-75% completed.
 - There are three (3) sites that have not yet been started:
 - Saddle Peak (SPN), Topanga Canyon-RELAY (TOP-RELAY), and San Pedro Hill (SPH). The Authority contemplates replacing SPN with MCI, which would benefit coverage in the Malibu area West Cell, it is anticipated to create a cost savings as well. The improved coverage in the area is highly valuable since there is a high demand and a limited supply of communication sites in the area. In addition, building any new communication tower in the vicinity is limited to only 18' tall, due to California Coastal Commission's adherence to the significant ridgeline ordinance.
- Motorola Solutions, Inc. (MSI) is making good progress on Phase 4a and Phase 4b work, particularly with the Digital Trunked Voice Radio Subsystem (DTVRS). Nearly all cells have been turned on and have started initial testing, which so far has yielded positive coverage results measured against prior predictions. Program Manager Delfino said that LMR System Manager Steve Page would

be providing a detailed update regarding testing and coverage and may answer any specific questions regarding the testing progress.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item C presented by Program Manager Delfino. There was no further discussion.

D. Regional ISSI Interoperability Working Group – Steve Page

LMR System Manager Steve Page provided an update on the Regional Inter- Radio Frequency (RF) Inter Sub-System Interface (ISSI) part of the LA-RICS program, which connects LA-RICS to other systems for further interoperability.

LMR System Manager Steve Page stated that since the last Joint Operations and Technical Committee meeting, the physical connection between the Authority and the Interagency Communications Interoperability (ICI) system was completed. The Authority technical staff seamlessly talked to their counterparts on the ICI system on pre-programmed regional talk groups.

LMR System Manager Steve Page went on to say that while the use of the ISSI was not for “production” or “beneficial” use. The Technical team created a guidance document for agencies on the LA-RICS and ICI systems, in order to test the interoperability of these sixteen (16) regional resources (of which eight (8) are clear, and eight (8) are encrypted). LMR System Manager Page continued by saying that once the system is accepted, by then users would be familiar with the capabilities and features of the resource and would be able to use the systems in the most efficient and interoperable manner possible.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item D presented by LMR System Manager Page. There was no further discussion.

E. Spectrum and Licensing Issues and Update – Ted Pao

Technical Lead Engineer Ted Pao provided an update on Spectrum and Licensing Status.

Technical Lead Engineer Pao said that in regards to spectrum, the Authority received spectrum fingerprinting and noise floor monitoring reports under Amendment No. 40, Scope of Work with MSI. The reports showing certain interference that affected the inbound coverage. This report and coverage maps were shared with the County of Los Angeles (County) on April 28, 2021, therefore, the County Internal Services Department (ISD) can make its independent determination on the interference issues. Technical Lead Pao stated that based on a briefing the Authority received by the County regarding the findings of the primary draft report, the County believes the relocation of the KDTF transmitter on Channel 16 at San Diego has cleared the

spectrum of all interference issues. Technical Lead Pao went on to say the County is stating KDTF transmitters was relocated after MSI performed the spectrum fingerprinting and noise floor measurement. The spectrum environment is not the same today at these select sites. The County is internally reviewed the report, with a final report tentatively available to LA-RICS by July 30, 2021.

Technical Lead Engineer Pao provided good news in regards to licensing update. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued seventy-nine (79) out of ninety-three (93) of the Authority's UHF licenses. There is a batch of UHF digital-trunk system Channel 15 applications that were modified with technical parameters that are still going through the FCC Administrative review process. The remaining three (3) applications are associated with the Tejon Peak (TPK) site. TPK is located in the very northwest corner of the County. Because of distance, the limitation of license parameters, and in close proximity to other broadcast stations in the north, this site will need to go through an extended review process by the FCC.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item D presented by Lead Technical Engineer Pao. There was no further discussion.

F. Inglewood Police Department and SoFi Stadium Radio Testing Update – Sven Crongeyer

Operations Chair Sven Crongeyer stated the Authority staff have been working closely with the Inglewood Police Department, the County Sheriff's Department (LASD), County Fire Department (LACoFD), and South Bay agencies to provide interoperable communications in support of SoFi Stadium security, which is a very important venue. This is not only for the upcoming Super Bowl in 2022, but for ongoing events at the stadium.

Operations Chair Crongeyer appreciated LMR System Manager Page's report in which he provided critical insight for the use of those regional talk groups that are connected to the ICI System via ISSI, as agencies in the South Bay that may be providing support for events at SoFi Stadium operation on the ICI System. Joint Operations and Technical Committee Member LaGree, LMR System Manager Page, Operations Chair Crongeyer, and a few others will all be working together to tackle both the technical and operational sides of this multi-jurisdictional operation.

Operations Chair Crongeyer also reported on the Regional Talk Groups 1-16 would be used to connect ICI users with Authority users. Operations Chair Crongeyer concluded by stating that he would be working with colleagues to produce a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ICI and the Authority (possibly also County ISD) to ensure that the regional talk groups are managed effectively using best practices.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item F presented by Operations Chair Crongeyer. There was no further discussion.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (NONE)

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (G)

G. APPOINTMENT OF OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY

Appointment of a Committee Secretary is required pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreement for the Authority, in particular Article III, Section 3.10.

Operations Chair Crongeyer brought forth the nomination of appointment to Committee Secretary, Beatriz Cojulun, who is highly qualified working with LA-RICS for many years. Operations Chair Crongeyer requested both the Operations Committee and Technical Committee, to appoint Beatriz Cojulun to serve as the Committee Secretary to both Committees.

Operations Chair Crongeyer asked if there was a motion to approve.

Joint Committee Geiger motioned first, seconded by Technical Committee Vice-Chair England.

Ayes 8: Geiger, Crongeyer, Cabrera, England, LaGreek, Pao, Tan, Morgan, and Povero.

MOTION APPROVED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS – NONE

X. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION BY THE COMMITTEE - NONE

XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – NONE

XII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:

The Operations and Technical Committee Meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m. The next Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., via Microsoft Teams Meeting.

Operations Chair Crongeyer asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.



Joint Committee Member Geiger motioned first, seconded by Technical Committee Vice-Chair England.

Ayes 8: Geiger, Crongeyer, Cabrera, England, LaGreek, Pao, Tan, Morgan, and Povero.

APPROVED