



# FINANCE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL  
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

Thursday, September 16, 2021 • 1:30 p.m.  
Teams Teleconference Regular Meeting

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

**John Geiger**, County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office

**Maria Morales**, County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services

**David Povero**, City of Covina Police Department

## ALTERNATES FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Steve Cabrera**, County of Los Angeles Fire Department

**Sven Crongeyer**, County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department

**Gabriela Garcia**, City of Inglewood Police Department

## OFFICERS PRESENT:

**Scott Edson**, LA-RICS Executive Director

**Susy Orellana-Curtiss**, LA-RICS Administrative Deputy

**Beatriz Cojulun**, LA-RICS Committee Secretary

## ABSENT MEMBERS:

**Mark Alexander (interim)**, California Contract Cities Association

**Leticia Rivera**, County of Los Angeles Fire Department

**Judy Anderson**, County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department

**Marie DiBernardo**, City of Inglewood Police Department



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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair John Geiger called the Regular Meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 1:30 p.m.

**II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call**

Committee Secretary, Beatriz Cojulun performed a roll call and acknowledged the presence of a quorum.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (A)**

**A. May 20, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

Chair Geiger read in the minutes for August 20, 2020. With the absence of any objections, Chair Geiger called for a motion to approve.

Committee Member Sven Crongeyer motioned first, seconded by Committee Member Captain Maria Morales.

Ayes 6: Geiger, Cabrera, Crongeyer, Morales, Povero, and Garcia.

**MOTION APPROVED.**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE**

There was no Public Comment.

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR – NONE**

There was no Consent Calendar items.

**VI. REPORTS – (B-E)**

**B. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Scott Edson provided the Finance Committee with LA-RICS Project updates.



## Land Mobile Radio (LMR)

Executive Director Edson stated since the last JPA Board meeting, of the fifty-eight (58) LMR sites, forty-five (45) sites have completed construction; eleven (11) of those are still under construction; and two (2) coastal sites are pending start of construction.

Executive Director Edson stated that as of September 2, 2021, when the Board approved of the Engineering Design and Related Services contract, the LA-RICS team along with Brandow & Johnson (B&J) HBK, Inc., walked the MCI site. The preliminary site sketch was received on Monday, August 30, 2021, and currently pending the structural engineer assessment to determine if the existing foundation can support the LA-RICS deployment intended.

Executive Director Edson went on to say that Southern California Edison (SCE) transferred power from the previous site owner to LA-RICS, so power is established. Once the design is finalized, the Authority will move on to secure a site builder, which is an item that will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

Executive Director Edson mentioned that Topanga-RELAY (TOP-RELAY) is moving forward towards the public hearing process.

Executive Director Edson said that construction continues at the Catalina Island sites, as well as at the U.S. Forests, following the shutdown of the forest during some of the California fires.

Executive Director Edson relayed the only real obstacle is consensus on the Integrated Master Schedule (IMS). Executive Director Edson also stated that information has been provided to MSI in a No-Cost Amendment and awaiting their approval. The Authority would like MSI to provide a Work Acceptance Certificate (WAC) on the current schedule, which they are aware the Authority will accept. Executive Director Edson went on to say that MSI wants revisions to the No-Cost Amendment in order to move forward and executing the WAC. MSI and the Authority have been under negotiations for the last couple of weeks and seem to be in a better place, with the hopes of coming to a consensus next week. Executive Director Edson concluded his report by saying that such consensus would allow MSI and the Authority to feel more comfortable signing the WAC, and moving forward with the LMR IMS for an October 2023 completion date.



With the absence of comments or questions, Chair Geiger moved on to the next Discussion Item.

### **C. LMR UPDATE**

Program Manager Justin Delfino provided additional information relating to the LMR project.

- The majority of the Catalina Island sites are making progress that tracks well against the August 17, 2021, IMS.
- The two (2) coastal sites that Executive Director Edson previously mentioned are MCI and TOP-RELAY.
- As far as the South Cell is concerned, the wait to turn up is on San Pedro Hill (SPH), which has the tower completely erected and soon the shelter will be worked on; As well as Rancho Palos Verdes (RPVT), which is substantially constructed and will complete the South Cell. The Inter-Subsystem Interface (ISSI) has been successfully tested and even advancing into encrypted testing/talk channels.
- Mount Lukens (MLT2) and East Sunset Ridge (ESR) are forest sites that are under construction and coming to conclusion.
- LACF072 site is having difficulties with hard digging conditions at the site, specifically as it pertains to the tower foundation, which has caused the project to track behind the IMS by several weeks. We do not anticipate that this will cause the LMR Program to finish late since there are other sites in the West Cell that finish after LACF072.
- Overall the Phase 2 effort is moving forward, with zero recordable injuries to-date, and no issues preventing access to sites. However, MSI is running late in turning in Ph.2 close-out documentation.
- The 700 MHz system has been turned on by MSI for early testing procedures despite the South and East Cells, absent a couple of sites, SPH, RPVT, and ESR respectively.
- The system remains at fifty-eight (58) sites.

With the absence of comments or questions, Chair Geiger moved on to the next Discussion Item.

### **D. PUBLIC SAFETY BROADBAND NETWORK (PSBN/LONG TERM EVOLUTION [LTE]) Round 2 Deployment Update**

Program Director Chris Odenthal greeted the committee and provided an overview of the construction status of LTE2 System.



- PSBN sites 1-20 have been transferred to AT&T the owner and operator of the NPSBN, as previously reported. The Authority has received final payment from AT&T Inc. (AT&T) on all sites.
- A few sites are finishing their SCE power work with the expectation of being completed by the next month and turned over.
- Two (2) of the three (3) remaining sites are LMR forest sites with power being completed for the LMR, and simply being tied into the LTE2.
- PSBN sites 21-26, the only site that still remains under construction is Pomona Courthouse2 (POM2), which has received clearance and working closer with the Judicial Council of California (JCC) to resume work on Monday, September 20, 2021, and finish in two (2) weeks.

Program Director Odenthal concluded his report by saying other than that, all sites are complete.

There were no further questions asked at the conclusion of the report.

#### **E. FREQUENCY INTERFERENCE UPDATE**

Technical Lead Ted Pao greeted the Committee and stated that in his last report, the Committee was informed of the issue with the original planned spectrum LA-RICS was to deploy its radio system on. The subsequent shift of frequencies entailed additional spectrum fingerprinting and noise floor monitoring with the new spectrum. Based on the report received, the County of Los Angeles (County) and LA-RICS have been working together to determine if the reported issues will have impact to the system. Technical Lead Pao went on to say the Technical Working Group tasked with validating the spectrum fingerprinting reported is continuing to perform spectrum interference monitoring at the selected LA-RICS sites. Technical Lead Pao stated the working group has been meeting weekly to go over data collected and discuss interim results. Technical Lead Pao stated in addition to the spectrum monitoring receiver desensitization test was done at the Compton Court Building (CCB) to provide a baseline effective receiver sensitivity reading. Technical Lead Pao concluded his frequency report by saying that with a better understanding of this issue, it will assist the Authority in the future to assess the interference impact to the system and any mitigation strategy.

Technical Lead Pao provided an update on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) licensing report and was glad to report to the Committee that eighty-six of the ninety-two of the UHF licenses have been received from the FCC. Technical Lead Pao went on to say that three (3) of the sites are associated with the Tejon Peak (TPK) sites that are expected to have a longer review and administrative process by the FCC



due to the close proximity to another co-channel TV station. If TPK is approved as proposed, LA-RICS will need to consider amendments to be presented to the Board to mitigate interference/licensing issues. This concluded Technical Lead Pao's report.

**VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS – (NONE)**

**VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS – (NONE)**

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS – (NONE)**

**IX. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – (NONE)**

**X. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION BY THE COMMITTEE**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT and NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., via Teleconference Meeting.

With the absence of any objections, Chair Geiger moved for a motion to adjourn.

Committee Member Gabriela Garcia motioned to adjourn.

The Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

APPROVED