



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

Thursday, November 4, 2021 • 9:00 a.m.
Conducted via Microsoft Teams Meeting*

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Alexander , City Manager, CA Contract Cities Association
David Povero , Chief of Police, City of Covina Police Department
Mark Fronterotta , Chief of Police, City of Inglewood Police Department

ALTERNATES FOR BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Geiger , General Manager, County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office
Eleni Pappas , Alternate Vice-Chair, Chief, County of Los Angeles Fire Department
Brian Yanagi , Alternate Chair, Chief, County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
Kay Fruhwirth , Assistant Director, EMS Agency, County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Scott Edson , LA-RICS Executive Director
Susy Orellana-Curtiss , LA-RICS Administrative Deputy
Beatriz Cojulun , LA-RICS Board Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT / VACANT:

Vacant Seat , The Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association
Brian Solinsky , Chief of Police, Los Angeles Area Fire Chief's Association
Brian Leyn , Captain, City of Signal Hill Police Department



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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Alternate Chair Brian Yanagi called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call

Board Secretary Beatriz Cojulun took the roll and acknowledged a quorum was present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (A)

A. October 7, 2021 – Regular and Special Minutes

Alternate Chair Yanagi asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board to the minutes attached to the Regular Meeting agenda. There were no questions or comments.

Board Member Kay Fruhwirth motioned first, seconded by Board Member David Povero.

Ayes 7: Geiger, Pappas, Yanagi, Fruhwirth, Alexander, Povero, and Fronterotta.

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 – Scott Edson

Executive Director Scott Edson stated that at the last Board meeting there was discussion of the vacant spot on the Oversight Committee, to which Executive Director Edson reported that Board Member Chief David Povero has graciously accepted the Chair's appointment to serve on this important committee. Executive Director Edson



thanked the Board and the Oversight Committee Members for the flexibility when scheduling Special meetings of the Board, as well as Oversight meetings. The Board's flexibility allows the Program to address unforeseen changes expeditiously which helps to keep the schedule on track. Executive Director Edson stated that JPA Counsel Truc Moore would provide the Board with an update on AB 361 and State of Emergency due to COVID under Agenda Item J. However, Executive Director Edson mentioned staff is working with partners at the Crime Lab, as well as County of Los Angeles Fire Department (LACOFD) and the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's (LASD) Headquarters to establish safe and compliant meeting venue(s) that will accommodate in-person meetings once it is deemed safe to do so. Once the Board approves Agenda Item L, the 2022 Schedule of LA-RICS Board meetings, staff will ensure reservations are in place to accommodate those dates, if in-person meetings are to take place.

Board Member Povero took the opportunity to state that filling current vacant Member Seats would alleviate reaching quorum issues, as well as allowing some Board Members/Alternates to participate in other meetings when there is a conflict. Board Member Povero shared that he missed being at his Department's staff meeting this morning to ensure that there was a quorum for this morning. Executive Director Edson stated the Authority would follow-up on this issue.

Executive Director Edson reported to the Board that out of the 58 LMR sites, the Authority has two (2) pending construction starts. Of the two (2) remaining sites, Topanga-RELAY (TOP-RELAY), whose coastal package was submitted to the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) last week, has run into some issues. Executive Director Edson stated that Deputy Program Manager Tanya Roth would elaborate on this under Agenda Item H and expressed that he would like to reserve updates for that item to allow for discussion/questions. However, Executive Director Edson stated that given the issues TOP-RELAY has run into, the Authority's team is exploring alternative paths to mitigate the potential loss of TOP-RELAY via use of the MCI site. Executive Director Edson went on to say that as the Board is aware, the MCI site suddenly became available and provided the Authority an existing infrastructure which resulted in a strong and beneficial alternative to building a brand new and shorter site at Saddle Peak (SPN). The Authority is exploring whether MCI can accommodate TOP-RELAY equipment, while in parallel the Authority will work with Department of Regional Planning (DRP) on TOP-RELAY site. The Authority will continue to update the Board on developments, while mindfully monitoring cost and identifying alternative paths that result in shorter time and less money.

Executive Director Edson said that while the Authority works with DRP on TOP-RELAY and explore options at MCI, the Authority may need a Special Meeting of the Board to accommodate this and potentially the Green Mountain (GRM) site, which has run into



significant issues. Executive Director Edson further stated that as the Authority previously reported to the Board, GRM has made significant progress on construction, and, due to extreme delays on the part of the Department of Water and Power (DWP), this site may be at risk of being late. The Authority reached out to the City of Los Angeles (City) Mayor's Office, who serves as Grant Administrator of the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program and provides extensive oversight of the Authority's LA-RICS LMR program, to assist the Authority with the massive delays encountered with DWP to obtain electrical utility design. Executive Director Edson expressed that unfortunately, the Authority did not receive the support requested from the City Mayor's Office staff. Therefore, Executive Director Edson reached out directly to Deputy Mayor Jeff Gorell, asking for him to assist with this delay. Deputy Mayor Gorell stated he would look into it, as the Authority continues to press DWP to keep the utility design moving forward. Executive Director Edson went on to say that if the Authority is able to get traction on this item, the Authority may need to return to the Board with a Special Meeting Agenda Item to address a Right of Entry (ROE) between State Parks, DWP and LA-RICS for the power plan at this site. Executive Director Edson thanked the Board for their flexibility.

Executive Director Edson said that with the two (2) sites pending construction start, progress continues on all other sites wrapping up Phase 2, while in parallel certain Phase 4 activities proceed. Executive Director Edson stated that Program Manager Justin Delfino would provide the Board with additional updates progress made to-date under PM report /Agenda Item C.

Executive Director then said that in support of the LMR buildout, the Authority has before the Board, Agenda Item K containing Amendment No. 83 and Unilateral Amendment No. 19, which upon the Board's approval, will allow for:

- Antenna work in accordance with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requirements to ensure there is no interference with DTV station; and
- Field implementation of Visual Impact Assessment Mitigation Measures at eleven (11) United States Forest Service (USFS) sites as required by the USFS in accordance with our special use permit.

Executive Director Edson shared that these activities were not contemplated and are considered appropriate to advance the program. Executive Director Edson said that relating to the antenna work, due to the T-Band take-back, the FCC froze the T-Band License process. Executive Director said that once the law was repealed, the FCC reopened its license processing and LA-RICS resubmitted this and other sites applications. The Authority subsequently received directive from the FCC to not



infringe on the TV station contour in Bakersfield – and thus in order to meet that requirement the Authority has had to make certain antenna changes.

Executive Director Edson assured the Board the funding to pay for these changes are included in the approved Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) spending plan contingency line item, intended to pay for exactly these types of unforeseen change orders.

Executive Director stated that as previously reported to the Board, once the Authority achieved the agreed-upon Integrated Master Schedule (IMS) the Authority was finally able to communicate to the Authority's Grantor at California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as well as City Mayor's Office the additional time that will be required to complete the system, as well as the corresponding funding. Executive Director Edson said the City Mayor's Office calendared an LA-RICS Presentation on the UASI Approval Authority meeting of October 12, 2021. Prior to the October 12, 2021, meeting, Executive Director Edson met with Deputy Mayor Gorell and his staff, which is when Executive Director Edson first learned the City Mayor's Office Grant staff had not been properly briefing. Executive Director went on to say that not only the City Mayor's Office, who serves as administrator of the UASI grant at the local level, but it was clear to the Authority, they had not been briefing or updating the Approval Authority Members of the LA-RICS Project, the issues, delays and impacts the Authority had been experiencing over the last two (2) years. Executive Director Edson stated that as previously reported to the Board, the Authority meets regularly with FEMA, CalOES and the City Mayor's Office to provide detailed updates on each and every line item in the LA-RICS project. Executive Director Edson further stated that if a site is one (1) week late, the Authority reports this to the Grantors along with the Authority's mitigation and recovery plans. Executive Director Edson stated that if the Project experiences unforeseen delays that cannot be mitigated and results in an increase in cost, the Grantors are not only made aware but they approve the Authority's modified spending plans that include the cost impacts. Executive Director Edson said the Grantors have been aware of the Projects' funding gaps, efforts made to recover time lost, efforts made to mitigate unforeseen expenses, etc.

Executive Director Edson provided a report from the meeting on October 12, 2021, making it clear to the LA-RICS Authority that certain Approval Authority Members were not aware of the LA-RICS Project status, issues faced over the last two (2) years including the fires, construction delays, COVID-19 impacts, Motorola Solutions Inc. (MSI) poor performance, and funding gap, and requested voting on Agenda Item addressing UASI 22' allocations be suspended pending resolution to LA-RICS request. Executive Director Edson further stated that at the meeting, the Approval Authority



voted to issue written questions to LA-RICS to gather additional information supporting the funding request, receive written responses and subsequently calendar another Approval Authority meeting to address the LA-RICS funding request. Executive Director Edson said that LA-RICS received 22 written questions from the Approval Authority on Friday, October 15, 2021, and responded to them on Friday, October 22, 2021, and met before the Approval Authority again on Tuesday, October 26, 2021. Executive Director Edson went on to say that at the meeting additional questions were addressed and after some discussion the representative from City of Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) offered a motion to fund \$2M in UASI 22' and \$2M in UASI 23'. Executive Director Edson stated the City of Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) representative offered a counter motion to fund \$5M in UASI 22' and \$5M in UASI 23'; and the representative from the LACOFD offered a counter motion to fully fund the LA-RICS request of \$22M in UASI 22' and \$18M in UASI 23'. Executive Director Edson stated that motion received 3 out of 10 votes. Subsequently, LAPD's motion to fund a total of \$10M over two (2) Grant years was voted and approved.

Executive Director Edson said that on November 2, 2021, the Authority met with FEMA, CalOES and City Mayor's Office, at the request of CalOES to provide an update on the funding request / Approval Authority Meeting. Executive Director Edson stated that FEMA and CalOES representatives were disappointed and concerned at the region's vote against interoperable communications is an understatement. Executive Director Edson said the State representative asked for some time to consider next steps and assured the Authority they would direct the City Mayor's Office to SUSPEND any additional allocations or awards out of the UASI 22' Grant pending their resolution on the funding of the LA-RICS System through completion.

Executive Director Edson stated that while the Authority is not surprised by the vote of the UASI Approval Authority, the LA-RICS Authority understands the federal and local partners that serve as administrators of the grants that fund LA-RICS. The Authority knows they know the importance of this project, they understand the regional decision that was made back in 2016 to build a system-of-systems model and the role LA-RICS plays in that model as the HUB for all other independent systems to interconnect. Executive Director Edson further stated the Federal and State administrators recognize the work remaining to complete the program is critical to ensure system deployment and the Authority will continue to work with them to ensure the funding required to complete the system is committed and we look forward to better educating the UASI Approval Authority Members. Executive Director Edson said he would continue to work aggressively to identify funding needed to complete this project and would update the Board accordingly. The Authority has time to work through these issues with no stoppage or delay to the project and is doing so as a high priority.



There was no further discussion.

C. Project Manager's Report – Justin Delfino

LMR PROGRAM CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

Program Manager Delfino provided an update on the construction overview and shared some recent successes on the LMR Program for September.

Program Director Delfino shared an LMR Network diagram (map).

Open and Active Sites:

Program Manager Delfino provided presentation detailing a list of active construction sites:

- There are thirteen (13) UASI 19' active sites at this time:
 - Burnt Peak (BUR1),
 - Pine Mountain (PMT),
 - Rancho Palos Verdes TEE (RPVT),
 - Green Mountain (GRM),
 - Mount Lukens-2 (MTL2),
 - Universal (UNIV),
 - Black Jack Peak (BJM),
 - East Sunset Ridge (ESR),
 - Los Angeles County Fire 072 (LACF072),
 - Tower Peak (TWR),
 - Dakin Peak (DPK)
 - Frost Peak (FRP) and
 - San Pedro Hill (SPH)

Notable September and early October successes on the LMR Program:

- There are zero recordable injuries to-date.
- There are three (3) towers that were erected recently at BJM, SPH, and DPK sites.
- The Authority has recently conducted punch walks:
 - There are three (3) sites that have conducted Phase 2 walks in this period: EST, GRM, and BUR1.
 - There are five (5) sites that have conducted Phase 4 punch walks: Portal Ridge (PRG), Judicial Council of California (JCC), Clara Shortridge-Foltz Criminal Center (CCT), and Compton Court Building (CCB)
- LACF072 tower excavation has reached depth, rebar onsite.
- MTL2 has power on and was punch walked with the Authority.



- Whitaker Middle Peak (WMP) meter was set by SCE and planned for next week and Mount Disappointment (MDI) on-track for meter on November 29, 2021.

SAA's:

Program Manager Delfino informed the Board that all site access agreements have been completed.

Areas of Focus:

Program Manager Delfino reported:

- The surety company remains involved in reviewing contractor default claims.
- On October 12, 2021, IMS update was rejected by the Authority since the update did not meet Contract Section 1.4.15.6 "Monthly IMS Update Submittals", requirements. The Authority met with MSI on November 1, 2021, to discuss in detail.
- BUR1 Power issue has progressed.
- MCI Coastal application planned for early submission.
- Monitoring and tracking Phase 2 and Phase 4a progress.
- Labor shortage and late material delivery impacts as reported by MSI.
- Closeout documentation submissions.
- UASI 19' completion, November 5, 2021, meeting with MSI.

Areas of Improvement:

Program Manager Delfino further reported that MSI and the Authority have reached an agreement over the contract changes that are required to accurately represent the phased acceptance of subsystems. The amendment also addresses the ancillary effects of the phased subsystem delivery as it pertains to retention payment schedules, which are contemplated in the LA-RICS 007 LMR Amendment No. 82. MSI submitted the Work Acceptance Certificate (WAC) for September 14, 2021 DD IMS and the Authority accepted that WAC.

Features Site(s):

Program Manager Delfino shared some images depicting activity at the following site:

- Tower Peak (TWR) Building CMU block around generator and fuel tank area (photo from October 19, 2021)



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

D. Joint Operations and Technical Committee Chairs Report – No Report

E. Finance Committee Chair Report – No Report

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (F-I)

F. PSBN Round 2 Implementation and Construction Update – Chris Odenthal

Program Director Chris Odenthal provided the Board the October PSBN Round 2 update. Program Director Odenthal stated that Sites 21-25 (Port of Long Beach which was site 26, is no longer in LA-RICS' scope) are complete. The Authority is finishing up some inspection items at the Pomona Court House 2 (POM2) site, as well as the last two (2) sites WTR2 and WMP2 which are awaiting the delivery of power under LMR. Program Director Odenthal concluded his report by saying these sites are expected to be completed by the end of November 2021.

This concluded the update on Agenda Item F by Program Director Odenthal. There was no further discussion.

G. Frequency and Licensing Issues Impacting Land Mobile Radio Deployment – Ted Pao

Technical Lead Ted Pao reported the Technical Working Group has concluded its spectrum monitoring at selected LA-RICS sites. Technical Lead Pao went on to say the County will be publishing a report based on its findings shortly. Technical Lead Pao stated that LA-RICS is in discussions with the Authority's engineers and looking into any additional testing that will quantify the data collected and what other options are available.

Technical Lead Pao stated that that as for Authority's FCC licensing update, there have been no movements by the FCC in issuing additional LA-RICS UHF licenses. Technical Lead Pao shared that eight (8) applications are still in pending status. Technical Lead Pao concluded his report by stating the Authority has approached the County on the timeline LA-RICS will need to have the licensing issue resolved to meet our grant requirements.



This concluded the update on Agenda Item G by Technical Lead Pao. There was no further discussion.

H. Update on Coastal Commission Sites in the Land Mobile Radio System – Tanya Roth

Deputy Program Manager Tanya Roth provided highlights on the progress of the two (2) sites remaining with coastal permitting to be completed. The report included sites TOP-RELAY and MCI, the two (2) final sites to commence construction on the LMR program that have interestingly and unexpectedly intertwined.

Deputy Program Manager Roth stated that on October 14, 2021, despite DRP's documented design concerns related to fencing and H1 habitat, MSI recommended the Authority proceed with the Coastal Development Permit (CDP) application and project as designed for TOP-RELAY, which entails pushing the existing water works compound fence line closer to the immediately adjacent H1 boundary. Deputy Program Manager Roth also stated that last Friday evening, October 29, 2021, MSI uploaded their response package to DRPs online portal, EpicLA, and the following business morning, Monday November 1, 2021, earlier this week, DRP confirmed receipt of the resubmittal package.

Deputy Program Manager Roth reported to the Board in last month's coastal update that all CDP applications go through a series of evaluations in order to ensure that any approved project represents the most conservative possible impact to coastal resources while also being consistent with the parameters of the local implementation plan. Deputy Program Manager Roth said the evaluation process is intended to refine projects and even eliminate some where justification and ultimately findings for a project are lacking.

Deputy Program Manager Roth stated that given the fencing challenges and proximity to sensitive habitat, the TOP-RELAY site is going through such a scrub. Deputy Program Manager Roth shared that DRP has indicated that drafting findings in support of the project will be a challenge. Deputy Program Manager Roth further stated the delivery of power to the site is also proving problematic. Deputy Program Manager Roth went on to say that while the Authority is still pending a final power design from Southern California Edison (SCE), it appears that any design will cross sensitive habitat and also cross land owned by the National Park Service, triggering engagement with another entity not accustomed to moving quickly.



Deputy Program Manager Roth said that as a result of these challenges, staff has quickly and in parallel to the DRP review embarked upon evaluating the possibility of a more efficient and cost effective alternative should TOP-RELAY stall out during the coastal evaluation process.

Deputy Program Manager Roth agreed with what Executive Director mentioned in his report, this is where an interesting opportunity has presented itself. Deputy Program Manager Roth said there are quite a few chess pieces to this scenario, therefore she asked for the Board's patience while providing them.

Deputy Program Manager Roth stated that if it were an in-person scenario she would have provided a map and draw the Board's attention to the one and a quarter miles south-west from TOP-RELAY to SPN. Deputy Program Manager Roth also stated that due to its ridgeline location, the SPN site was limited to 18' in height and as a domino effect, this triggered the need for another nearby site with height in order to provide the desired coverage for the area, that taller site was intended to be TOP-RELAY. Deputy Program Manager Roth said that in an unexpected turn of events when the SPN site was tied up in the coastal appeals process, a 70' existing tower adjacent to SPN, less than 300' to the east, became available to the Authority, the MCI site. Deputy Program Manager Roth further stated that since the MCI tower is already in place at 70', the Authority is no longer limited to 18' in height which is a KEY factor. Deputy Program Manager Roth went on to say that now, the Authority has the height that they wanted and in the desired location, at SPN which also comes with an existing 700 sf shelter and 200 amps of SCE power already in place. Deputy Program Manager Roth shared that staff are working with SCE to assess the possibility to upgrade that service to 400 amps. Deputy Program Manager Roth also reported that so far it is looking good and expected to have a final determination by end of the year. Deputy Program Manager Roth went on to share that with the TOP-RELAY design and power challenges a brew and a site with height and power now under control of LA-RICS, staff and MSI are evaluating the possibility of relocating the non-redundant sub-systems planned for TOP-RELAY to now be housed at MCI. Deputy Program Manager Roth stated that staff is in review of coverage maps produced by MSI to evaluate this change. Deputy Program Manager Roth expressed that if coverage is determined to be acceptable, the Authority may have a very compelling option available to realign our chess pieces that is actually more efficient and cost effective for the program.

This concluded the update on Agenda Item H by Deputy Program Manager Roth. There was no further discussion.



I. Outreach Update – Sven Crongeyer

Lead Operations Lieutenant Sven Crongeyer went on to provide the September Outreach Update.

Lead Operations Crongeyer stated that last month the Authority with representatives from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) discussed radio interoperability via an Inter Sub-System Interface (ISSI) connection. The Authority is cooperating with the Inglewood Police Department and the LAPD to draft a communications plan for the National Football League's Super Bowl 56 Experience Week because many of the events are taking place in downtown Los Angeles.

Lead Operations Crongeyer informed the Board that Authority staff attended the California Public-Safety Radio Association's (CPRA) 2021 Annual Vendor Showcase & Training event in Montebello where there was a presentation by the California Office of Emergency Management on the California Radio Interoperable System (CRIS).

Lead Operations Crongeyer concluded his report by stating that a radio testing plan is being developed with the LASD's Aero Bureau. The Authority needs to ensure that officers and deputies on the ground can communicate with airships. The Authority expects to conduct testing in the first quarter of 2021.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item I. There was no further discussion.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (K-L)

J. FINDINGS TO CONTINUE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER AB 361 AND RELATED ACTIONS

JPA Counsel to the Authority Truc Moore, presented Agenda Item J, Findings to Continue Teleconference Meetings under AB 361 and Related Actions.

JPA Counsel Moore provided the Board with updated information regarding teleconference meetings. JPA Counsel Moore informed the Board the California Legislature passed AB 361 to enhance public access to local legislative body meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic and future applicable emergencies. JPA Counsel Moore explained to the Board pursuant to AB 361, in order for the Board to continue to meet via teleconference, the local legislative body must adopt, by a majority vote, specific findings within 30 days of the first use of the teleconferencing meeting rules



after October 1, 2021, and within every 30 days thereafter. The first meeting under AB 361 occurred on October 7, 2021, as such, it is time for this Board to make its first findings under AB 361 for continued use of teleconference meetings.

JPA Counsel Moore informed the Board that moving forward under AB 361, teleconference meetings should be within 30 calendar days of each finding. In light of this, Counsel Moore stated the Board will be seeing monthly an agenda item entitled "Findings to Continue Teleconference Meetings under AB 361 and Related Actions" at all future Board Meetings when it intends to convene meetings via teleconference.

Board Member Alexander informed JPA Counsel Moore the City of La Canada had a different interpretation of the legislation and did not agree with County of Los Angeles interpretation of AB 361, which was the basis of Counsel Moore's interpretation and recommendation to the Board. JPA Counsel Moore stated she understands that jurisdictions across California are interpreting AB 361 differently amongst themselves. However, the County Counsel's Office represents the County, various independent County committees and commissions, and different JPAs, and thus have provided a uniformed interpretation of AB 361 to all agencies it represents, and she is recommending the same interpretation to this Board. JPA Counsel Moore went on to say that she would further discuss this interpretation further with her office and would provide Board Member Alexander and the Board with the results of these further discussions, but reiterated that advice regarding AB 361 remains the same currently.

Board Member Alexander stated he was not in agreement with the 2022 Board meeting dates provided, since the dates no longer fall on the first Thursday of the month and the new dates present schedule conflict. Board Member Alexander also pointed out the January 6, 2022, date did not fall under the 30-day rule interpretation outlined by Counsel for AB 361. Administrative Deputy Susy Orellana-Curtiss stated the need would likely exist to hold a Special Meeting in December before the January 6, 2022, meeting date for certain Board items, therefore that Special meeting date would still allow the Authority to be in compliance with County Counsel's interpretation of AB 361.

Board Member Fruhwirth motioned first, seconded by Board Member Povero.

Ayes 7: Geiger, Pappas, Yanagi, Fruhwirth, Alexander, Povero, and Fronterotta.

MOTION APPROVED.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item J. There was no further discussion.



K. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 83 AND AMENDMENT 84 (UNILATERAL AMENDEMENT NO. 19) TO AGREEMENT NO. LAR-RICS 007 LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM LAND MOBILE RADIO

Contracts Manager Jeanette Arismendez presented Agenda Item K.

Contracts Manager Arismendez requested the Board authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 83 and Amendment No. 84 – Unilateral Amendment No. 19 to Agreement No. LA-RICS 007 (Agreement) to incorporate certain change orders to address Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requirements and to account for Visual Impact Assessment Mitigation Measures (VIAMM) implementation work required by the United States Forest Service (USFS), which increases the Maximum Contract Sum by \$186,340 collectively.

Contracts Manager Arismendez requested the Board to authorize:

1. Make the following findings:
 - a. Find the approval and execution of Amendment No. 83 to contemplate a change order related to antenna changes per FCC requirements at the Burnt Peak 1 (BUR1) site to align with the updated LMR System Design is (a) within the scope of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the LA-RICS LMR System, which was previously certified under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on March 29, 2016; (b) that the environmental findings and Mitigation Monitoring Program previously adopted by your Board are applicable to the currently recommended actions; and (c) there are no changes to the project at this site or to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken that require revisions to the previous EIR due to new significant effects or substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.
 - b. Find that (a) approval and execution of Amendment No. 84 – Unilateral Amendment No. 19 to contemplate a change order related to tower finishing work at ten (10) LMR System Sites, Burnt Peak 1 (BUR1), Frost Peak (FRP), Grass Mountain (GMT), Johnstone Peak 2 (JPK2), Loop Canyon (LPC), Magic Mountain Link (MML), Mount Lukens (MTL2), Pine Mountain (PMT), Whitaker Middle Peak (WMP) and Whitaker Ridge (WTR), is (a) within the



scope of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the LA-RICS LMR System, which was previously certified by your Board under CEQA on March 29, 2016; (b) that the environmental findings and Mitigation Monitoring Program previously adopted by your Board are applicable to the currently recommended actions; and (c) there are no changes to the project at these sites or to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken that require revisions to the previous EIR due to new significant effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.

- c. Find that (a) approval and execution of Amendment No. 84 – Unilateral Amendment No. 19 to contemplate a change order related to tower finishing work at one (1) LMR System Site, Mount Disappointment (MDI), is within the scope of the design, construction, implementation, operation and maintenance activities for the LMR System previously authorized at this one (1) site, which your Board previously found statutorily exempt from review under CEQA on February 5, 2015, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25, the exemption adopted specifically for the LA-RICS project.
2. Approve Amendment No. 83 to Agreement No. LA-RICS 007 for an LMR System with MSI, which revises the Agreement to include a change order at the BUR1 site to address FCC requirements for a cost increase in the amount of \$17,412.
3. Approve Amendment No. 84 – Unilateral Amendment No. 19 (Unilateral Amendment No. 19) to Agreement No. LA-RICS 007 for an LMR System with MSI, which revises the Agreement to include a change order impacting eleven (11) sites (BUR1, FRP, GMT, JPK2, LPC, MDI, MML, MTL2, PMT, WMP and WTR) to contemplate VIAMM implantation work for a cost increase in the amount of \$168,928.
4. Authorize a collective increase to the Maximum Contract Sum in the amount of \$186,340, from \$289,615,292 to \$289,801,632, when taking both Amendment No. 83 and Unilateral Amendment No. 19 into consideration.
5. Allow for the issuance of one or more Notices to Proceed for the Work contemplated in Amendment No. 83 and Unilateral Amendment No. 19.



6. Delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 83 and Unilateral Amendment No. 19, in substantially similar form to the enclosed Amendments (Enclosure 1 and Enclosure 2).

This concluded Agenda Item K presented by Contracts Manager Jeanette Arismendez.

There was no further discussion.

Board Member Gieger motioned first, seconded by Board member Alexander.

Ayes 7: Geiger, Pappas, Yanagi, Fruhwirth, Alexander, Povero, and Fronterotta.

MOTION APPROVED.

L. 2022 SCHEDULE OF LA-RICS BOARD MEETINGS –

Administrative Deputy Susy Orellana-Curtiss recommended the Board approve the 2022 Schedule of LA-RICS Board Regular Meetings. Due to COVID-19, the meetings will be held via Microsoft Teams meeting until further notice, unless the requirements of state law pursuant to AB 361 can no longer be met. In that AB 361 requires the Board make specific findings within 30 days of the first use of the teleconferencing meeting rules after October 1, 2021, and within every 30 days thereafter, Board meetings have been scheduled to be within those 30 days and no longer fall on the first Thursday of every month.

Board Member Alexander asked if the item could be carried over to the next meeting to allow for County Counsel to get back to the Board regarding AB 361 interpretation.

Alternate Board Chair Yanagi stated the Agenda Item would be carried over to the JPA Board Meeting on December 2, 2021.

Board Member Geiger motioned first, seconded by Board Member Alexander.

Ayes 7: Geiger, Pappas, Yanagi, Fruhwirth, Alexander, Povero, and Fronterotta.

MOTION APPROVED.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS – NONE



X. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION BY THE BOARD – NONE

XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

The Board entered into Closed Session at 9:38 a.m.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL –Anticipated Litigation (subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9) (1 case).

The Board returned from Closed Session at 10:04 a.m., Counsel Truc Moore stated the Board was back in open session and the Brown Act did not require a report.

XII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:

Alternate Chair Yanagi called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Board Member Kay Fruhwith motioned first.

The Regular Board meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m., and the next Regular meeting will be held on December 2, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., via Microsoft Teams / Teleconference Meeting.

APPROVED