



BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

Thursday, December 20, 2021 · 9:00 a.m.
Conducted via Microsoft Teams Meeting*

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anthony Marrone, Vice-Chair, Interim Fire Chief,
County of Los Angeles Fire Department

Cathy Chidester, Director,
EMS Agency, County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services

Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police,
Los Angeles Area Fire Chief's Association

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,
County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office

Brian Yanagi, Alternate Chair, Acting Chief,
County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department

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 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 9:01 a.m.

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call

Administrative Deputy Susy Orellana-Curtiss took roll and acknowledged a quorum was present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE

There were no minutes to approve.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

There was no public comment.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – (A)

A. FINDINGS TO CONTINUE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNER AB 361 AND RELATED ACTIONS

JPA Counsel Moore stated that unless the Board has any questions, the Board can move and approve the item on the Consent Calendar.

Board Member John Geiger motioned first, seconded by Board Member Brian Solinsky.

Ayes 8: Geiger, Forman, Yanagi, Chidester, Alexander, Povero, and Fronterotta.

MOTION APPROVED.

VI. REPORTS – NONE

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (B)

B. 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 intertwined as reported at the November meeting.

Deputy Program Manager Roth informed the Board the scenario discussed in the November Coastal Report, in which the non-redundant items from Topanga-RELAY (TOP-RELAY) would be relocated to the MCI site, is now a very tangible reality. Deputy Program Manager Roth also stated that engineering assessments and vendor negotiations are complete. In connection with this relocation, Deputy Program Manager Roth went on to say the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Amendment No. 85, Agenda Item C, recommends the relocation of TOP-RELAY scope to MCI. Deputy Program Manager Roth also stated the microwave only install at the construction site TOP will remain, and the Radio Frequency (RF) coverage component of TOP-RELAY will effectively relocate to MCI. Deputy Program Manager Roth also reported that upon approval of the Amendment No. 85, the Coastal Development Application for a full coastal development permit that for the TOP-RELAY site which has been troubled with design complications as reported to your Board over the past few months, will be withdrawn for review and further consideration by the Department of Regional Planning (DRP). Deputy Program Manager Roth went on to say that this would allow the Project Team to place full focus on design and permitting of MCI, which will include all non-redundant scope from TOP-RELAY and full subsystem scope from Saddle Peak (SPN). Deputy Program Manager Roth reminded the Board the very compelling features of MCI are that existing 70-foot tall tower in the coastal zone that can be permitted for the LA-RICS use as a coastal exemption.

Deputy Program Manager Roth concluded her report informing the Board that staff are in review of the draft Coastal Exemption package, which was received from Brandow and Johnson (B&J) on December 10, 2021, and the Authority remains on track with the submittal DRP before year's end.

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

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (C – D)

C. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 85 TO AGREEMENT NO. LA-RICS 007 LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM LAND MOBILE RADIO SYSTEM

Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss, thanked the Board for allowing the Special meeting to take place and address the time sensitive Agenda Item C, LMR Amendment No. 85 to the Agreement with Motorola Solution, Inc. (MSI). Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss asked the Board to consider the recommended actions before them, specifically to make those environmental



finding relating to Amendment No. 85, as detailed in Item 1a, which specifically address the scope of activities that are contemplated through the Amendment for work contemplated at site MCI, are within the scope of the activities the Board previously authorized on August 5, 2021, for the MCI site, and are within the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss asked the Board to also approve Amendment No. 85, which includes changes to the LMR contract to contemplate the removal of certain work and the inclusion of certain work for MCI site.

- Removal of certain Phase 1 (System Design) work in the LMR System.
- Removal of certain Phase 2 (Site Construction and Site Modification) work in the LMR System.
- Removal of certain Phase 4 (LMR System Implementation) work, which removes some testing work, as well as removal of Phase 4 work as it relates to the SPN site.

Regarding the Phase 4 testing that will be removed, the Special Operations Test is being removed. The Special Operations Test was conceived as transitioning one or two Sheriff / Fire Stations to operate fully on the LA-RICS Subsystems, due to the Phase implementation approach the Authority has taken and which the Board has previously approved, the test is no longer possible. Moreover, Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss stated that as agencies transition to each unique subsystem, there will be an opportunity for each agency to conduct its own operational test on each subsystem prior to their cutover. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss reported that in short, the original plan was that all subsystems would go live simultaneously, but given the change in the Contract structure and the Authority's Subsystem Acceptance, the Authority no longer has the need for the Special Operations Test.

Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss reported the second test that will be removed is the Stress Test. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss informed the Board that the Authority has been operating on the LMR System via the Early Deployment System as far back as 2014. The Authority has completed real world operational tests on the LMR Core, including tests at various Rose Parades, therefore, have now determined that this test is no longer required.

Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss reported that another test being considered for removal is the Aerial Test. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss stated that LA-RICS is working with the County of Los Angeles (County) Sheriff's Department (LASD) and County of Los Angeles Fire Department (LACoFD) to conduct Aerial Tests, tests that can only be performed with the assistance of LASD and LACoFD



fleets. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss went on to say that regardless whether MSI or the Authority conducts this test it would be done and facilitated through LASD and LACoFD, as such, the test will be removed and performed in-house.

Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss informed the Board the final test to be removed is the Water Way Test, which is limited to half a mile of ocean water off the coast of the County and a few of lakes. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss stated the Technical and Operational teams believe there is little doubt the Water Way test would pass as there is no obstruction to the RF signal propagation over the water, there are no trees or mountains that obstruct, therefore, the test is no longer deemed necessary.

Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss that additionally under Agenda Item 2d, the Authority is asking for the relocation of the work as mentioned in Deputy Program Manager Roth's report, the relocation of certain TOP-RELAY work over to the MCI site. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss went on to say that would be a cost increase of \$146,334, as well as the Authority also removing additive alternative work, which is a significant bulk of the scope work removal. These additive alternate were alternates that were included in the contract at the time of contract execution, which were options to be considered dependent on the system make-up of the membership. That is a result in reduction to the \$73,350,438 million. The Authority is also removing previously approved Change Order work that is no longer deemed necessary in the amount of \$10,497.

Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss asked on behalf of the Authority to approve the overall net decrease to the Contract Sum in the total of \$75,133,830 million, as well as delegating authority to the Executive Director to execute this Amendment No. 85, that is substantially similar to the enclosure within the packet, and also provide the Executive Director with delegated authority to issue corresponding Notices to Proceed.

This concluded Agenda Item C presented by Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss.

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

Ayes 8: Geiger, Forman, Yanagi, Chidester, Alexander, Povero, and Fronterotta.

MOTION APPROVED.

D. DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE, FINALIZE AND EXECUTE A RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT WITH



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR LAND MOBILE RADIO

Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss presented Agenda Item D.

Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss stated that before the Board was the requested for Delegated Authority to negotiate and enter into a final Right of Entry (ROE) Agreement with the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR), referred to as State Parks and are the land owners at GRM, which the Authority has also previously executed a Site Access Agreement (SAA) with CDPR.

Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss informed the Board the agreement before them for consideration is to allow the Department of Water and Power (DWP), the commercial utility provider, to access a portion of the parcel to perform and provide the utility that is required in order to energize the site.

Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss stated that GRM is already construction complete, with the only pending item is for DWP to attain utility at the site, an activating the Authority has been pressing hard with DWP to achieve. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss went on to say the ROE will provide the first step to gain access for DWP.

Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss read into the record the recommended actions:

1. Certify that the Addendum (Enclosure 2) to the certified Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) and has been completed in compliance with the CEQA and reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Authority; find that the Board of Directors for the Authority has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Addendum with the Final EIR prior to approving the project and has determined that no subsequent EIR is needed; and approve the proposed modification to existing site GRM analyzed in the Addendum.
2. Authorize the Executive Director to complete negotiations, and finalize and execute the ROE identified herein, substantially similar in form to the agreement attached hereto as Enclosure 1.

This concluded Agenda Item D presented by Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss.

Board Member Alexander motioned first, seconded by Board Member Mark Fronterotta.



Ayes 8: Geiger, Forman, Yanagi, Chidester, Alexander, Povero, and Fronterotta.

MOTION APPROVED.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS – NONE

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

Board Member Alexander addressed Executive Director Edson regarding the County considering bringing back broadband access to all County residents and part of that effort would consist of the County looking at locating sites for broadband antenna. Board Member Alexander inquired if this is something the Board should be on the Agenda to discuss, in terms as to how can the Board assist the County in that effort. Executive Director Edson stated the Authority would certainly be looking into the details of that, and if nothing else, Executive Director Edson will provide an update on his Director's Report at the next meeting on January 6, 2022.

XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – NONE

XII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:

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

The Regular Board meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m., and the next Regular meeting will be held on January 6, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., via Microsoft Teams / Teleconference Meeting.

APPROVED