



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

**LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY**

Thursday, March 3, 2022 • 9:00 a.m.
Conducted via Microsoft Teams Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Kay Fruhwirth, Director, EMS Agency, County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services

Phil Ambrose, Battalion Chief, Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association

David Povero, Police Chief, City of Covina Police Department

Brian Leyn, Captain, City of Signal Hill Police Department

ALTERNATES FOR BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

John Geiger, County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office

Eleni Pappas, Alternate Vice-Chair, Assistant Fire Chief, County of Los Angeles Fire Department

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

Ed Ridens, Chief Deputy, City of Inglewood Police 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

Brian Solinsky, Police Chief, Los Angeles County Police Chief's Association

Mark Alexander, City Manager, California Contract Cities Association



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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Alternate Board 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. February 3, 2022 – Regular Minutes

Alternate Board Chair Yanagi asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board to of the attached minutes to the Regular Meeting agenda. There were no questions or comments, therefore, he asked for a motion to approve.

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

Ayes 8: Geiger, Pappas, Yanagi, Fruhwirth, Ambrose, Povero, Ridens, and Leyn

MOTION APPROVED.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

There was no public comment.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – (B)

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

Alternate Board Chair Yanagi asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board for Consent Calendar Agenda Item B. There were no questions or comments, therefore, he asked for a motion to approve.

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



Ayes 8: Geiger, Pappas, Yanagi, Fruhwirth, Ambrose, Povero, Ridens, and Leyn.

MOTION APPROVED.

VI. REPORTS (C-F)

C. Director's Report – Scott Edson

Executive Director Edson greeted the Board and made a few announcements before starting his report. Executive Director Scott Edson welcomed new Board Member, Battalion Chief Phil Ambrose representing the Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association. Executive Director Edson had an opportunity to meet with Chief Ambrose at the Glendale Fire Department last month and was able to tour the Verdugo Fire Dispatch Center. Executive Director Edson went over the status of the LA-RICS project, some of its history, the work ahead for LA-RICS, and the important role Chief Ambrose holds on the Board. Executive Director Edson shared that Chief Ambrose expressed great enthusiasm and support of this very important project and the Authority looks forward to his leadership on this Board. Executive Director Edson asked Chief Ambrose if he wished to say a few words. Chief Ambrose thanked the Board, Executive Director Edson's kind words, and stated that he looks forward to a good year.

Executive Director Edson stated that as the Authority welcomes a new Board Member, it also says farewell to another, Kay Fruhwirth representing Emergency Medical Services (EMS) / Department of Health Services (DHS), who will be retiring from County of Los Angeles (County) service with over 20 years with County EMS and over 35 years in the field of emergency medical services. Executive Director Edson went on to say that Kay has served as an Alternate Board Member since the creation of the Joint Power Authority (JPA) and will be retiring from County service at the end of this month. Executive Director Edson congratulated Kay on this well-deserved milestone. Executive Director Edson took the opportunity to personally thank Kay for her consistent support as the Authority often heard her voice speak out in support of LA-RICS at regional grant meetings and other meetings, when others were ready to give up on this important project. Executive Director Edson stated Kay never wavered as a champion of the project. Executive Director Edson expressed that Kay may be retiring from County service, but the Authority will continue this important mission, always drawing from Kay's words of encouragement and support.

Alternate Board Member Fruhwirth thanked Executive Director Edson for his kind words and announced that Alternate Board Member Richard Tadeo will replace her as the LA-RICS Board Member, as they work to find an Alternate Board Member replacement.



Executive Director Edson stated that March is the month for retirements, and took the opportunity to thank Lieutenant Sven Crongeyer for not only his years of service to the County Sheriff's Department (LASD), but also the years of service he has provided to the region serving on the LA-RICS Project Team. Executive Director Edson knows that Lieutenant Crongeyer understands the importance of a unified radio communications system for public safety and has brought that understanding and sense of urgency to work with him daily, helping to usher this Project to completion. Executive Director Edson took the opportunity to thank Lieutenant Crongeyer for his passion and dedication and congratulated him as he embarks on this next chapter of his life. Executive Director Edson, on behalf of everyone, wished him all the best on his well-deserved retirement.

Executive Director Edson shared some staff changes within the Jacobs Project Management Team, and said that as some may be aware that Project Director Chris Odenthal has moved on to a new endeavor after thirteen (13) years of working on the LA-RICS team. Executive Director Edson expressed that Chris will be missed greatly, and also said that he would like ensure the Board that work will continue seamlessly, given the new teams' experience and expertise with the project. Executive Director Edson said the new Project Management Leadership team is made up from within, with promotions as follows: new Project Director is Justin Delfino, the Program Manager is now Tanya Roth, and the Deputy Program Manager is Steve Page. Executive Director Edson said he would continue to work closely with the team, as well as the LA-RICS Authority team leads, to ensure this transition is seamless and successful.

Executive Director Edson shared with the Board and members of the public that as the COVID-19 pandemic, hopefully transitions to an endemic, that staff has been working closely with LASD, as well as with the County Fire Department (LACoFD) to secure and reserve a public meeting facility for resumption of in-person Board meetings. Executive Director Edson was happy to report to the Board that once the State Emergency ceases, and public health orders allow it, and of course once the Board elects to do so, staff will be ready to resume in-person Board meetings.

Executive Director Edson believed many watched the Super Bowl and assumed many were very happy with the outcome. Executive Director Edson stated that successful outcome includes the LA-RICS radio system that was tested by many public safety agencies during the game. Executive Director Edson said the LA-RICS Technical Team took the opportunity of the Super Bowl as a multi-agency event to gather metrics from users on the various systems there. Executive Director Edson shared the Authority is in the process of applying the data to the logical LA-RICS network model, and initial indications are the system will sufficiently support all users and talk-groups planned for similar events, while at the same time supporting day-to-day operations for other agencies.



Executive Director Edson stated that as the data continues to be applied to the logical models for analysis, the Technical team will prepare a presentation for the Board that will be delivered during a future meetings.

Executive Director Edson also thanked Police Chief Ishii, Hawthorne Police Department, who met face-to-face with him last month at his department, right after a Super Bowl Executive Command meeting. Executive Director Edson and Chief Ishii spent time discussing daily connectivity to police officers and was provided a tour to see the South Bay Dispatch Center.

Executive Director Edson stated that Program Director Justin Delfino would provide the Board with the Project Manager's Report on progress made on the LMR project since the last meeting. Executive Director Edson expressed that one (1) item he was happy to report was construction at the three (3) Catalina sites has substantially completed, with all three (3) sites being punch walked. Executive Director Edson said that as the Board can appreciate, this is a huge accomplishment for LA-RICS and for the region as these three (3) sites will provide critical coverage not only on the island but on the mainland areas filling in existing coverage gaps.

Executive Director Edson shared that as the Authority wraps up construction at eight (8) other sites, the Authority did have an item before the Board to be presented that day, Agenda Item L, which sought approval for two (2) items: 1) a Change Order for a fire suppression system at Universal City Walk (UNIV-CITYWLK) and Universal City Plaza sites; 2) as well as an extension to the Bridge Warranty. Executive Director Edson stated the Bridge Warranty would allow the Authority to bridge the gap and ensure certain equipment that is put in use before Final System Acceptance is maintained during the buildout of the LMR system. Executive Director Edson stated that as he has previously mentioned to the Board, the proposed Change Orders and increase in the Contract Sum has corresponding funding identified from open and awarded grants.

Executive Director Edson stated that Technical Lead and Engineer Pao would provide the Board with an update on spectrum and licensing issues under Agenda Item H. However, Executive Director Edson did want to update the Board and stated the Authority continues to work with the Spectrum Manager and the County to obtain the necessary licensing to proceed with system deployment without delay.

Executive Director Edson stated that Tanya Roth is back this month with an update to the Coastal Commission sites under Agenda Item I, and will further elaborate in her report, the one site pending construction in the Coastal Zone, is the MCI site. Executive Director Edson said the Board previously authorized LA-RICS to procure the design and build of the site outside the Motorola Solutions, Inc. (MSI)



Contract. Executive Director Edson went on to say the Authority continues making good progress on the design while awaiting a response from Department of Regional Planning (DRP).

Executive Director Edson spoke to also seeking the Board's approval to execute an Access Agreement with BKK power provider under Agenda Item N. Executive Director Edson stated this is comparable to entering an Agreement with SCE or the Department of Water and Power (DWP) for power at this site, except the power provider is BKK Corporation and the Authority will obtain power for this site via this Access Agreement. Executive Director Edson stated that once again, cost reflected in this action is funded under open /awarded grants and included in the Adopted Budget.

Executive Director Edson stated that in regards to grants, as he previously reported the Board, following partial funding awards received via Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)/State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grants and in an effort to secure funding needed to complete the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) system, the Authority has been working closely with Legislative Affairs Leaders from both County and City of Los Angeles (City) to seek State Budget Funding for the remaining funding gap. Executive Director Edson went on to say that LA-RICS sent an Urgent Budget Request letter on February 24, 2022, to various members of the State Legislature urging their support of the budget carve-out for this regional system which importantly will be used by the State.

Executive Director Edson stated that as he continues to work with Members of the State Senate and Assembly to identify a champion for our request, Members of the Legislative Affairs teams in both the County and City are obtaining approvals from their respective jurisdictions to move forward with State-level advocacy providing their respective agencies' endorsement and support for our request. Executive Director Edson went on to say that he will be reaching out to many of the Board Members seeking their written support of the Authority's Budget request and urged the Board to consider not only sending a written request on behalf of their respective agency, but also the seat which they represent on the Board. Executive Director Edson thanked the Board for their continued support and would continue to update the Board on this very important matter.

Executive Director Edson further added that as for awarded grants, as he previously shared on his last month's report, the "plan" the Authority presented to UASI Approval Authority to take \$15 million allocated to LA-RICS over three (3) grant years and swap with other UASI projects whose payment trigger would occur in 2023 and 2024 grant performance period, was voted down despite it not impacting the bottom line awards to others in the region. However, Executive Director Edson stated thanks to the continued support of the Authorities partners at the LACoFD and LASD, the Authority was able to identify a total of \$6.7 million in swap projects,



which took the Authority's 2022 UASI allocation from \$5 million to \$11 million. Executive Director Edson stated this undoubtedly helps the Authority's program continue work uninterrupted because it gives the project "awarded" funding in 2022 performance period, which is when the Authority needs it and allows the Authority's program to continue while in parallel, the Authority seeks State-level funding to complete the LMR program. Executive Director Edson gave special thanks, again, to LACoFD and LASD, who received reassurance from the grant administrator they would not need to re-apply in 2023 or 2024, but instead would receive their allocation via a simple grant workbook swap. Executive Director Edson stated that it was unfortunate the Authority was not able to receive similar support from others in the region, however the Authority will continue to work creatively, and aggressively, to ensure the funding is sufficient to allow for uninterrupted work.

Executive Director Edson stated before the Board is Agenda Item K, which is the Subrecipient agreement with the City of Los Angeles Mayor's office for UASI 2021 grant award totaling \$2 million. The agreement is substantially similar to agreements entered into in past UASI awards. Executive Director Edson stated that with your Board's approval, he would sign the Subrecipient agreement which will allow the Mayor's office to reimburse claims submitted which fall within the period of performance of this grant, which has an effective date of September 1, 2021.

Executive Director Edson said that on Long Term Evolution (LTE) side of the program as the Board may recall one of the negotiated points in Authority's Agreement with AT&T, Corp (AT&T) was to receive router swap services, as well as router equipment to replace the previously purchased equipment that was obsolete to operate on the FirstNet National Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN). Executive Director Edson stated that agencies continue to swap the routers and are requesting an extension to the existing swap out agreement, reflected as Amendment No. 1 found under Agenda Item M. This amendment will not only extend the term to allow for agencies to complete the swap work, but also to utilize any unspent AT&T funds on other router enhancements needed to successfully operate on the NPSBN. Executive Director Edson further stated this item has no fiscal impact as the funds for the services are provided by AT&T.

Executive Director Edson stated the final item on the Agenda was Item O, which is termination of the Site Access Agreement with the City of El Monte for the PSBN site at El Monte Police Department, which is an agreement the Authority entered into under Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) Round 1. Executive Director Edson explained the site has since been transferred to AT&T to form part of the NPSBN. Executive Director Edson, in addition, the item is seeking the Board's delegated authority to terminate other similar agreements where LA-RICS no longer



holds an interest where site / equipment etc. was assigned to AT&T FirstNet as part of the asset transfer agreement.

Alternate Board Chair Yanagi asked if there were any questions for Director Edson. There was no further discussion.

Alternate Board Chair Yanagi took a moment to congratulate the retiring individuals and thanked them for their service.

D. Project Manager's Report – Justin Delfino

LMR PROGRAM CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

Program Director Justin Delfino greeted the Board and clarified that Project Manager Tanya Roth will be reporting next month.

Open and Active Sites:

- Program Director Delfino stated that, as mentioned in Executive Director's Report, all of the UASI 19 Phase 2 work is moving along well. All Phase 2 work is substantially completed for the UASI 19 sites, including towers, generators, fuel tanks, site fencing, and concrete placements for equipment pads and foundations. Program Director Delfino said the main focus for MSI right now is Phase 4, putting antennas and lines on towers and doing optimization work.
- Program Director Delfino said that for Phase 2 work at Black Jack Peak (BJM) and Tower Peak (TWR), and Dakin Peak (DPK) were punch walked yesterday, March 2, 2022. The San Pedro Hill (SPH) site is also planned for Phase 2 punch walk later this week.
- Program Director Delfino said that six (6) sites currently do not have power connected to the utility. Sites Green Mountain (GRM) and Burnt Peak (BUR1), sites will require auxiliary power (not connected to the utility), in order to maintain progress in site optimization for each project. The auxiliary power source that LA-RICS will provide are mobile generators which will utilize the roll-up generator ports at each site. One (1) generator has been donated by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), and another generator will be borrowed from LASD. On March 9, 2022, BUR1 will have the generator unit on site and permitted for use. The Authority is still coordinating for GRM and plans to deliver a generator to the site in mid-March. Program Director Delfino went on to say that the Project Team had concern that sites BJM, DPK, and TWR, may be impacted by the Catalina fox pupping season, but was pleased to learn from SCE that SCE has its own Service Agreement around the island which allows their work to continue under the supervision of an environmental monitor



that SCE will provide itself and allow for power to be turned on at the three (3) sites this spring.

- Program Director Delfino also reported status of utility connection for other sites; Mount Disappointment (MDI) planned for power on March 5, 2022, and Magic Mountain Link (MML) planned for power on March 7, 2022. The Rancho Palos Verdes TEE (RPVT) site has already been connected and powered on at this time.
- Program Director Delfino stated there is one (1) coastal commission site remaining to construct, which is MCI.
- Program Director Delfino reported the site count remains at 58 sites for the LMR Program.

Notable February and to date successes on the LMR Program:

- There are zero reportable injuries to-date, which is a statistic the Authority is pleased to report. The Authority applauds MSI and its partners for helping to maintain a good safety record, as well as the LA-RICS staff that also travels to each site to oversee progress on a regular basis.
- At East Sunset Ridge (ESR), a severe weather event caused a rock-slide into the main access path to the site, MSI was asked to clear the road utilizing the change order process, but explained that they were unwilling to perform the work. Therefore, the Authority was forced to find an alternative solution. Also, in tandem, the Authority identified a clear alternate path to mitigate any production time loss, and the Phase 4 work continued to progress at the site. In March, the Authority plans to conduct debris clearing on main road utilizing outside vendor, if needed.
- Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) work concluded, since the Catalina sites have completed ground disturbing work.
- The MCI project is at 75% level construction documents. This milestone was reached on time and the Authority is on track for Coastal review of the project and preparation for request for bidders. The project is classified as a tenant improvement project, since the Authority plans to utilize the existing communications shelter and tower, however other major components such as distributed power system, HVAC system and fire suppression system
- Another key milestone has been reached for the LMR system in this reporting period. The functional testing of the primary and back-up cores were successfully completed. The MSI staff, as well as LA-RICS staff did a great job at Los Angeles Command and Control Facility (FCCF) to complete this work. Also the LA-RICS Project Team wishes to acknowledge the contributors at LASD Network Operations Center (NOC) for their work in making sure that both cores are active and were successfully tested.
- Director Delfino reported that 38 sites are currently optimized, 37 sites are currently on the air, and 19 cells are currently on the air.



SAAs:

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

Areas of Focus:

Program Director Delfino reported:

- The surety company had no engagement with the LA-RICS staff in the period.
- The Compensatory Mitigation conversation with the United States Forest Services (USFS) representatives is still ongoing and has not yet identified additional scope at this time. The conversation to date has been focused on a dilapidated old communications shelter that the USFS had used in the past, but now hopes to demolish the structure.
- The Authority will continue to work on cut-over planning, especially at Narrowband Mobile Data Network (NMDM1), which the first subsystem to cut-over, accepted, and used daily.
- Lagging close-out documentation submittals from MSI and MSI's acquisition of final inspection records is an area of focus, because it is important for the Authority to have its' documentation for the work that has been completed and will be paid within the extended UASI 19 grant performance period.
- Program Director Delfino stated that UASI 19' work will essentially complete all of the sites in the network, except MCI, which is planned to complete 3rd quarter 2022. The Authority is currently working with MSI to ensure that work is completed, submitted and paid in a timely fashion for the UASI 19 grant closure. The Authority has requested an extension from the Grantor on behalf of MSI to complete Ph.4 work at certain sites.
- Program Director Delfino mentioned the non-conformance issue with IMS updates, as they have been a consistent area of focus. It was reported that the current operative IMS is the September 14, 2021, Integrated Master Schedule (IMS) version with an October 10, 2023 System Acceptance date.

LMR HIGHLIGHTS

Features Site(s):

Program Director Delfino continued by providing the site progress at Tower Peak, (TWR) Catalina Island and shared some of the activity at the TWR site and said that all three (3) sites are substantially completed on Catalina Island. Program Director Delfino described the detailed progress of the TWR site, in which cables are installed, receive, transmit, and microwave antenna mounts are up, including antennae. Program Director Delfino sharing that MSI will remain on the island to complete punch-list activities and then perform the remaining Phase 4 work which



is verification and site optimization testing. Program Director Delfino stated that all marine grade stainless cabinets are installed, which look nice, but more importantly protect the equipment from corrosion and sea air. Program Director Delfino said that another reason that TWR is being presented is because it is the only site remaining in the program that requires an easement for SCE to connect power. Program Director Delfino stated SCE has an existing easement on the island, but for reasons specific to SCE, they have informed the Authority that it is not a suitable easement document and SCE will require a new easement to connect this particular site to the utility. Program Director Delfino continued by saying the survey work has been done for the easement in anticipation of a rejection of the petition to use the existing easement. Now that SCE has made its final judgement regarding the easement issues, the LA-RICS Project Team will be very diligent and will assist, where able, to get the new easement in place as quickly as possible. Once the new easement is in place, SCE will connect the site to its utility. Program Director Delfino shared that the collective goal is to get this connected to the utility by late spring 2022.

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

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

F. Finance Committee Chair Report – No Report

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (G-I)

G. PSBN Round 2 Implementation and Construction Update – Justin Delfino

Program Director Delfino provided the Board with an update to the Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) Round 2 program, and spoke about Port of Los Angeles (POLA1) and Port of Los Angeles (POLA2) permit close out materials. Program Director Delfino stated the LA-RICS team was diligent in managing some items required to close out the building permits at both sites since wet signed structural observation reports were required by the City of Los Angeles (City), to confirm that the installed foundations and towers met the specified structural requirements. The process in obtaining the wet signatures was protracted, due to a change in personnel at the Architect of Record (AOR) office, which in turn forced a separate process to update the project with the newly appointed AOR. Therefore, once the changes were made, a hardcopy structural observation report was signed for both sites allowing POLA1 and POLA2 sites to have the permits closed by the City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) Office.

Program Director Delfino reported that the Pomona Court House 2 (POM2) was not yet completed, due to the change in the antenna sled mount roof connection detail.



Program Director Delfino said the Authority is pending confirmation from the Judicial Council representative that the revised detail is appropriate for the project and meets the criteria of the Judicial Council's specifications. Once the approval is formalized, the contractor (Motive) will make the adjustments to the revised attachment detail. Program Director Delfino went on to report that Magic Mountain Link 2 (MML2), is planned to be connected to SCE utility on March 5, 2022.

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

H. Spectrum and Licensing Issues Impacting Land Mobile Radio Deployment – Ted Pao

Technical Lead Ted Pao reported that in February, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) continued to grant the Authority the 700 MHz and T-band licenses. Technical Lead Pao said this particular set of licenses is for the MCI site, which needed modifications due to the change of tower location and transmit-antenna elevations from the Saddle Peak (SPN) site to the MCI site. Technical Lead Pao stated the Authority is very happy this set of licenses are quickly being granted by the FCC.

However, Technical Lead Pao stated the Authority still has eight (8) T-band applications that are still pending with the FCC. Technical Lead Pao said currently, the most time-sensitive license is for the Narrowband Mobile Data Network (NMDN) at Tejon Peak (TPK). Technical Lead Pao went on to say that if TPK's license is not granted by May 16, 2022, it will have some impact on the overall NMDN Phase 1 transition in August of this year. Technical Lead Pao reported that during this past month, LA-RICS has been working with the County of Los Angeles Internal Services Department (ISD) to seek a Special Temporary Authorization (STA) from the FCC for TPK's NMDN frequency. Technical Lead Pao said that for all other T-band licenses that are in pending status, LA-RICS will strategize with the County on those applications once the NMDN STA has been submitted. Technical Lead Pao concluded by saying the Authority is expecting a continuation of this effort in the coming months to resolve all our T-band license issues.

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

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

Program Manager Tanya Roth presented Agenda Item I. Program Manager Roth stated as previous Coastal items reported, the Coastal Permit Application for Topanga Peak-RELAY (TOP-RELAY), the Radio Frequency (RF) addition to the



existing microwave site TOP was complicated by design issues related to fencing and exasperated by proximity to sensitive habitat.

Program Manager Roth stated that on February 16, 2022, the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) transmitted a letter to the Authority via DRP's online portal, Epic-LA, informing the Authority as currently designed DRP would be unable to provide a recommendation to approve the project. Program Manager Roth stated the Authority was concerned that this would occur due to MSI's design, not conforming to the requirement of Title 22 specifically as it relates to barbed wire and proximity to sensitive habitat zones, as communicated to MSI in DRP's August 2021 comments. Program Manager Roth said at the time of resubmittal in the fall of 2021, after digesting DRP's comments, MSI's recommendation to the Authority was to submit to DRP with the design as-is, which entailed bumping out a chain linked fence a topped with barbed wire further into sensitive habitat. Program Manager Roth stated that unfortunately, that did not move the marker closer to an approval. In light of the February 16, 2022 letter from the DRP, the Authority has directed MSI to formally withdraw the Coastal Permit application from DRP.

Program Manager Roth stated that due to the growing concerns with TOP-RELAY brewing over late summer and fall, the Authority proceeded in parallel with the contingency site MCI, which the Board has become familiar with for the last several months of reporting and was formally amended into the program October 2021. Program Manager Roth went on to say that since then MCI has really hit the ground running, following scoping and initial design efforts in late 2021, February 2022 saw significant design progress.

Program Manager Roth shared that on February 11, 2022, the Authority received both the 50% CDs from Brandow and Johnson (B&J) for the MCI site and also the Radio Frequency (RF) Design / Floor Plan / Rack Layout from MSI. Program Manager Roth went on to say the Authority conducted internal reviews as well as page turns with each vendor and formally returned comments in February 2022. Program Manager Roth stated the full site design for MCI entails collaboration and coordination from both vendors, which has thankfully been a very smooth, productive, and efficient process so far. Program Manager Roth said that while the Authority awaits formal comments from the DRP to the Coastal Permit application, B&J is working to progress design to the 75% CD level with an anticipated submittal to the Department of Public Works (DPW) for Building Permit (BP) review before month end. Program Manager Roth said that Outreach to DPW has been conducted so that they know to anticipate the final LMR Building Permit submittal in the next few weeks.

Program Manager Roth paused for a moment to acknowledge a huge milestone for LA-RICS, before the end of the month the final LMR building permit will have been submitted, which has been 13 years in the making. Program Manager Roth stated



that from a coastal site permitting perspective focus over the next several months will be the dialogue with DRP regarding the coastal permit and also the dialogue with DPW for the building permit at MCI.

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

J. Outreach Update – Sven Crongeyer

Operations Lead Sven Crongeyer thanked Director Edson and Chief Yanagi for their kind words and expressed that he is looking forward to seeing agencies migrate to LA-RICS in the future.

Operations Lead Crongeyer provided a detailed outreach summary document for the month of February which was included in the Agenda Packet for the Board's review and information.

Operations Lead Crongeyer shared that Super Bowl 56 communications testing resulted in an important and successful milestone for LA-RICS. Operations Lead Crongeyer said that ten (10) talk groups were heavily tested, both inside and outside of SoFi stadium. Operations Lead Crongeyer went on to say the in-building distributed antenna system worked as planned, and to-date, the Authority is not aware of any complaints from field staff.

Operations Lead Crongeyer provided an update on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between LA-RICS and the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Police Department (HLPUSD). The MOU has been signed and approved. Operations Lead Crongeyer said the LA-RICS staff will now begin assisting the School Police Department with testing and onboarding.

Operations Lead Crongeyer stated that Representatives from California State University, Los Angeles have been working closely with LA-RICS staff to configure their dispatch console in order to become compatible with LA-RICS. Operations Lead Crongeyer said the University's subscriber units are currently programmed and ready for migration.

Operations Lead Crongeyer said that radio testing will soon begin with cities that are migrating to LA-RICS. Operations Lead Crongeyer concluded by saying that LA-RICS will be testing a variety of P25 radio subscriber units from different manufacturers to ensure that they operate on the system as designed.

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



VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (K-O)

K. ACCEPT 2021 URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) FUNDS

Administrative Deputy Susy Orellana-Curtiss presented Agenda Item K, which requested the Board to accept \$2 million dollars in Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) 2021 grant funds. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss asked the Board to approve three (3) recommended actions:

1. Accept \$2,000,000 in grant funds from the Fiscal Year 2021 UASI funds as distributed through the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES).
2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute the enclosed 2021 UASI Sub-recipient Agreement between the City of Los Angeles and the Authority.
3. Delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute any subsequent amendments to the Agreement that do not impact the award amount.

Alternate Board Chair Yanagi asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. There were no questions or comments, therefore, he asked for a motion to approve.

Alternate Board Member John Geiger motioned first, seconded by Board Member Povero.

Ayes 8: Geiger, Pappas, Yanagi, Fruhwirth, Ambrose, Povero, Ridens, and Leyn.

MOTION APPROVED.

L. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 90 TO AGREEMENT NO. LA-RICS 007 LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM LAND MOBILE RADIO SYSTEM

Contracts Manager Jeanette Arismendez presented Agenda Item L, requested the Board make those certain CEQA findings that were set forth in the Board Letter and also requested the Board to approve Amendment No. 90 to the LMR Agreement which contemplates two (2) items:

1. Contracts Manager Arismendez requested the Board approve Amendment No. 90 to Agreement No. LA-RICS 007 for an LMR System with Motorola Solutions, Inc. (MSI), which revises the Agreement to reflect:



- a. The incorporation of one (1) Change Order for a fire suppression system at the UNIV site for a cost increase in the amount of \$60,717.
 - b. Contracts Manager Arismendez also requested the Board to approve to extend the bridge warranty for certain equipment which will bridge the warranty gap until December 31, 2022, for a cost increase in the amount of \$173,951.
2. Contracts Manager Arismendez also requested the Board approve an increase to the Maximum Contract Sum in the amount of \$234,668, which if approved, would be funded by the UASI grant.
 3. Lastly, Contracts Manager Arismendez went on to request the Board to delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 90, in substantially similar form to the Enclosure included with the Board Letter and to issue one or more Notices to Proceed for the Work contemplated in Amendment No. 90, as may be necessary.

Alternate Board Chair Yanagi asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. There were no questions or comments, therefore, he asked for a motion to approve.

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

Ayes 8: Geiger, Pappas, Yanagi, Fruhwirth, Ambrose, Povero, Ridens, and Leyn.

MOTION APPROVED.

M. DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO FINALIZE AND EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT NO. 328640.C WITH AT&T CORP. FOR CONTINUED ROUTER INSTALLATION SERVICES

Contracts Manager Arismendez presented Agenda Item M, and requested the Board to authorize the Executive Director to finalize and execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with AT&T, which is connection to the routers that were provided by AT&T and to the \$2.5 million dollars they allowed the Authority to utilize to pay for router swaps/installations.

Contracts Manager Arismendez also requested the Board authorize the amendment, which would extend the agreement to December 31, 2023 to allow for router installation services to continue as well to obtain any other services that may be needed in connection with the router enhancements and the router replacement/swap-out program.



Lastly, Contracts Manager Arismendez informed the Board that there is no fiscal impact as previously mentioned this amendment is in connection with the \$2.5 million allowance AT&T has given which was accepted by the Authority.

Alternate Board Chair Yanagi asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. There were no questions or comments, therefore, he asked for a motion to approve.

Board Member Fruhwirth motioned first, seconded by Board Member Phil Ambrose.

Ayes 8: Geiger, Pappas, Yanagi, Fruhwirth, Ambrose, Povero, Ridens, and Leyn.

MOTION APPROVED.

N. DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE, FINALIZE, AND EXECUTE AN ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH BKK CORPORATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELIVERING POWER AT THE BKK SITE

Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss presented Agenda Item N, and stated as Executive Director Edson mentioned in his report, this access agreement is for the purpose of delivering power to the BKK site where the Authority currently does have an executed Site Access Agreement and a deployed site, therefore, the Board is asked to approve the following:

1. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss asked the Board to find the proposed actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the reasons stated in this Board Letter.
2. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss asked the Board to authorize the Executive Director to complete negotiations, finalize, and execute the Access Agreement which is substantially similar in form to the Enclosure in the Board packet, that would grant access to the Authority to the Power Provider's property and its electrical transformer in order to provide power to the BKK site, with a total consumption / power access fee totaling \$9,000 on an annual basis. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss went on to say that it should not increase by more than five percent (5%) annually.
3. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss asked the Board to delegate authority to the Executive Director to approve and execute amendments to the Agreement, provided any such Amendments are approved as to form by Counsel to the Authority.



Alternate Board Chair Yanagi asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. There were no questions or comments, therefore, he asked for a motion to approve.

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

Ayes 8: Geiger, Pappas, Yanagi, Fruhwirth, Ambrose, Povero, Ridens, and Leyn.

MOTION APPROVED.

O. TERMINATION OF EL MONTE SITE ACCESS AGREEMENT (SAA)

Contracts Manager Arismendez presented Agenda Item O, and requested the Board delegate authority to the Executive Director to terminate the Site Access Agreement (SAA) with the City of El Monte for the El Monte Police Department (ELMNTPD) site, which is in connection with the Public Safety Broadband Network project (PSBN Round 1 and PSBN Round 2) where interests have since been transferred to AT&T under the Asset Transfer Agreement. Contracts Manager Arismendez requested the Board authorize termination of the agreement, so that City of El Monte may directly enter into an agreement with AT&T.

Additionally, Contracts Manager Arismendez requested the Board further delegate authority to the Executive Director to terminate or amend any other agreements including, but not limited to, site access agreements, permits, leases, or any kind of license agreements the Authority entered for any PSBN Round 1 or PSBN Round 2 sites, in order to further progress the transition of sites over to AT&T and if the agencies need to directly enter into agreements with AT&T. Contracts Manager Arismendez went on to inform the Board that the Authority would not be terminating any agreements for sites collocating with an LMR site and nor would the Authority proceed with any terminations or amendments not approved as to form by Counsel to the Authority.

Alternate Board Chair Yanagi asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. There were no questions or comments, therefore, he asked for a motion to approve.

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

Ayes 8: Geiger, Pappas, Yanagi, Fruhwirth, Ambrose, Povero, Ridens, and Leyn.

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 9:48 a.m.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL –Anticipated Litigation (subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9) (2 cases).

The Board returned from Closed Session at 10:08 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 Board Chair Yanagi called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Board Member Kay Fruhwirth motioned first.

The Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m., and the next Special Board Meeting will be held on March 24, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., via Microsoft Teams / Teleconference Meeting.

APPROVED