



# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**LOS ANGELES REGIONAL  
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY**

**Thursday, April 7, 2022 • 9:00 a.m.**  
Conducted via Microsoft Teams Meeting

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

<b>Richard Tadeo</b> , Director, EMS Agency, County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services
<b>Phil Ambrose</b> , Battalion Chief, Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association
<b>Brian Solinsky</b> , Police Chief, Los Angeles County Police Chief's Association
<b>Mark Alexander</b> , City Manager, California Contract Cities Association
<b>David Povero</b> , Police Chief, City of Covina Police Department
<b>Mark Fronterotta</b> , Police Chief, City of Inglewood Police Department
<b>Brian Leyn</b> , Captain, City of Signal Hill Police Department

### **ALTERNATES FOR BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

<b>John Geiger</b> , County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office
<b>Eleni Pappas</b> , Alternate Vice-Chair, Assistant Fire Chief, County of Los Angeles Fire Department
<b>Brian Yanagi</b> , Alternate Chair, Acting Chief, County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department

### **OFFICERS PRESENT**

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

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT / VACANT**

None
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**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 9:01 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-B)**

- A. March 3, 2022 – Regular Minutes
- B. March 24, 2022 – Special Minutes

Alternate Board Chair Yanagi asked the Board if there were any questions or clarifications to the attached minutes for the Regular and Special Meetings. There were none, therefore, he asked for a motion to approve.

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

Ayes 10: Geiger, Pappas, Yanagi, Tadeo, Ambrose, Solinsky, Alexander, Povero, Fronterotta, and Leyn.

**MOTION APPROVED.**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE**

There was no public comment.

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR – (C)**

**C. 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 C. There were no questions or comments, therefore, he asked for a motion to approve.



Board Member Richard Tadeo motioned first, seconded by Board Member Brain Solinsky.

Ayes 10: Geiger, Pappas, Yanagi, Tadeo, Ambrose, Solinsky, Alexander, Povero, Fronterotta, and Leyn.

**MOTION APPROVED.**

## **VI. REPORTS (D-G)**

### **D. Director's Report – Scott Edson**

Executive Director Scott Edson greeted the Board and all those in attendance. Executive Director Edson said that all sites are either under construction or completed, with the exception of the MCI site for which permit submission went to the Department of Public Works (DPW) on March 26, 2022. Executive Director Edson said that DPW has been a fabulous partner and quickly turned around the submission. Executive Director Edson stated the Authority has received the Civil Plan Check comments and Brandow and Johnston (B&J) Architecture Engineering (A&E) are working on them now. Executive Director Edson went on to say the MCI Invitation for Bid (IFB) Mandatory Pre-bid Conference and Site Walk will be held this afternoon, therefore, the site is coming together rather quickly. Executive Director Edson said that Program Manager Tanya Roth would provide more information on this under discussion under agenda item J.

Executive Director Edson stated the team has made great progress obtaining power at the Catalina sites after having engaged high level management at Southern California Edison (SCE). Executive Director Edson said that power would likely be in place by the end of the month, and would greatly benefit the schedule. Executive Director Edson said the City of Los Angeles (City) Department of Water and Power (DWP), as has been reported to the Board, continues to slowly work towards permanent power at the Green Mountain (GRM) site, however the permanent power issue has been mitigated through creative work of the LA-RICS team along with the support of the Authority's partners at the County of Los Angeles (County) Internal Services Department (ISD). Executive Director Edson expressed the short-term solution includes a temporary generator and would allow all scheduled work to continue uninterrupted. However, Executive Director Edson stated that given the lack of progress and engagement on the DWP side and the urgency in achieving permanent power at the GRM site, Executive Director Edson escalated the issue to highest levels of management at DWP and would be reaching out to Council Members to help push this issue along. Executive Director Edson previously reached out to the City Mayor's Office for assistance, but they were unsuccessful in effecting progress with DWP. Executive Director Edson



stated he would keep the Board updated on this important matter with additional information to be presented in the Program Manager's Report, by Tanya Roth.

Executive Director Edson said the new Program Director Justin Delfino would provide an update on the PSBN Round 2 sites as they near conclusion under discussion Agenda Item H, and the Authority's Engineer Ted Pao would provide an update on Spectrum and Licensing under discussion Agenda Item I,. Executive Director Edson stated that as for Outreach, now that Lieutenant (Lt.) Sven Crongeyer has retired, the Authority's new Lt. Robert Weber, would provide an update on Outreach, under Discussion Item K.

Executive Director Edson moved on to Administrative Matters noting Helen Chu from BCA Watson Rice LLP, would present the Audit Report under Agenda Item L for year ending June 2021, which like all the reports before, would be favorable. Executive Director Edson said the Fiscal staff under Administrative Deputy Susy Orellana-Curtiss continued to perform at the highest levels with outstanding record keeping and documentation. Executive Director Edson they are truly an amazing team with little turn over, a true reflection of their leader Susy Orellana-Curtiss.

Executive Director Edson reminded the Board the program has pushed out nearly three (3) years due to the many reasons discussed with the Board. However, project management, contractor oversight, and contract management are still required. Executive Director Edson said the most cost effective way to continue forward is to retain those that have the most knowledge and at 2017 pricing that includes No Cost of Living increase. Executive Director Edson stated that before the Board was Amendment No. 31 to the Jacobs Project Management contract under Agenda Item M.

Executive Director Edson expressed that it is necessary to maintain Jacobs as the LMR Project Manager through completion of the system deployment. Executive Director Edson went on to say that with existing contract funding depleting by June 2022, Amendment No. 31 will serve as a bridge amendment through December 31, 2022, with the intention to return to the Board for a final amendment once necessary funding is secured.

Executive Director Edson shared that Jacobs Project Management Company was awarded the contract via DPW for LA-RICS for Project and Construction Management Services which include, but not limited to, many areas that remain to be completed such as construction, testing, deploying, commissioning, training, and warranty and maintenance, necessary for successful completion of the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) system. Executive Director Edson stated their responsibilities include contract management and administration, work acceptance and approvals, cost estimates, cost escalation, adherence to communication protocols, records management, budget and schedule adherence, and environmental best practices.



Executive Director Edson said that in addition, they provide support in coordination of interagency involvement through the System optimization and testing phase, as well as through subsystem acceptance, migration and cutover.

Executive Director Edson stated the Board approved Jacobs Amendment No. 25 in April 2017, which increased the budget to align with the Integrated Master Schedule (IMS) which, at that time, reflected Final LMR System Acceptance in December 2020. Executive Director Edson went on to say that through efficient contract and budget management, aggressive managing of staffing and contract resources, and adjustment made to these we were able to continue Jacobs contracted work under the 2017 augmented budget for an additional 16 months – funding which is now depleting. Executive Director Edson said the existing allocated contract budget will deplete Jun 2022, however, the current IMS version extends Final System Acceptance through October 2023, requiring an extension to the Jacobs contract through the LMR Warranty period. However, Executive Director Edson stated that given the existing budget shortfall to complete the LMR System, the Authority is requesting a “bridge” amendment to allow for Jacobs Project Management to continue work alongside Motorola Solutions, Inc. (MSI) and the LA-RICS team through December 2022. Executive Director Edson said the funding to pay for this amendment and corresponding work through December of 2022 is approved by the grantor and identified within the open and awarded Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grants spending plans. Executive Director Edson stated that in addition, the grantor has required the Authority to show Jacobs Program Manager’s participation through System Acceptance and corresponding costs captured in the funding gap assessment, as they understand the critical role they play in completing the System. Executive Director Edson recommended the Board to approve Jacobs Amendment No. 31 with discussion allowable under Agenda Item M.

Executive Director Edson concluded by saying that as for the Authority’s funding gap, the Authority continues pursuit of the \$18.6 million dollar funding shortfall and have met with Senator Kamlager, Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer, Senator Durazo, and Assembly Member Cristina Garcia’s Budget Consultant. Executive Director Edson shared that all meetings went well and they indicated support for the Authority’s funding request. Executive Director Edson stated the Authority continues to follow-up with them confirming a champion has sponsored the Authority’s request. Executive Director Edson said that in the afternoon, the Authority would meet with the Governor’s Office and State Budget Office again making the Authority’s pitch for dedicated funding to fill our gap.

That concludes the Director’s report. There was no further discussion.



E. Project Manager's Report – Tanya Roth

**LMR PROGRAM CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW**

Program Manager Tanya Roth greeted the Board and presented Agenda Item E.

**March Successes:**

Program Manager Roth expressed that March was a busy month for the Program Team, and started off by running through highlights of successes.

Program Manager Roth said that circling back to the March 3, 2022, JPA Board Meeting, two (2) of the Administrative Matters the Board approved have come to a close.

Program Manager Roth reminded the Board they had previously delegated authority to finalize an agreement for power at BKK Landfill (BKK) site and in the days following the Board Meeting, staff reached terms with the power provider and a fully executed agreement was reached on March 15, 2022. Program Manager Roth stated that in a separate action, the Board also delegated authority to terminate the Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) Round 1 Site Access Agreement (SAA) for the El Monte Police Department site.

Program Manager Roth said that on March 9, 2022, formal termination was issued to the City, which then allowed AT&T Corporation (AT&T) to proceed with their lease agreement with the City and ultimately fold the site into their National PSBN. Program Manager Roth said that secondly, the extension to the UASI 19' grant was approved with a performance period through June 30, 2022 and closeout by July 31, 2022.

Program Manager Roth reported the Special Temporary Authorization (STA) for Narrowband Mobile Data Network (NMDN) at Tejon Peak (TPK) was submitted in early March 9, 2022, and expecting response on or before May 16, 2022.

Program Manager Roth shared that with the help of County Fire Captain August Dougherty, the Authority has made significant traction with fire suppression inspections at LMR sites across the County. Program Manager Roth share that a concerted effort kicked off in March, and as of today, the Authority would have 27 completed sites, with three (3) more scheduled in the next week and a half. Program Manager Roth said that remaining sites have various minor issues to remedy before inspections can take place. Program Manager Roth stated that Captain Dougherty is in close communication with MSI and thanked him for spearheading this effort.





Program Manager Roth expressed that MCI has really been the belle of the ball this last month. B&J has made significant progress with both the Coastal Permit and building permit which she would cover in greater detail during the Coastal Report later in the Agenda.

Program Manager Roth said that power has been an ongoing issue for the LMR program, it is not secret, but the win here, is the Authority started the month with eight (8) sites pending a power source and closed the month knocking out half of that. Program Manager Roth stated that two of these were Mount Disappointment (MDI) and Magic Mountain Link (MML), where SCE delivered commercial power. Program Manager Roth believed that many did victory laps around each of their home offices when this news broke.

Program Manager Roth went on to say that in addition to those two (2), and in order to keep schedule, temporary generators were mobilized to Burnt Peak 1 (BUR1), where the permanent power infrastructure was destroyed in the 2020 fires and to GRM where permanent power is delayed with LADWP.

Program Manager Roth shared the Authority's final power win here is the Tower Peak (TWR) easement, which Program Director Justin Delfino has mentioned in previous reports to the Board. Program Manager Roth went on to say that after tedious negotiations between SCE and the Catalina Island Conservancy, the easement was executed earlier this week and now scheduling for the remaining SCE work to deliver power to TWR is underway, a critical site to the program from a connectivity standpoint.

Program Manager Roth said that not to be overshadowed by power, staff and MSI have made significant progress on the program IMS. Program manager Roth shared that on March 23, the Authority received MSI's March 8, 2022 data date (DD) schedule that incorporated removal of SPN and Topanga Peak-RELAY (TOP-RELAY); The Inclusion of MCI; and the temporary generators at BUR1 and GRM, which resulted in a final system acceptance date that was pulled in by a month to September 7, 2023.

Program Manager Roth reported that staff and MSI are working together to address comments, with both parties expressing a shared goal to clarify and adjust the March 8, 2022 DD schedule into a form that could be accepted and used to re-baseline the Program

**March Challenges:**

Program Manager Roth reported there are some challenges for the month of March that are very much tied to the successes.



Program Manager Roth said the Authority fought tooth and nail for Customer Commit Dates (CCD) on the remaining four (4) sites pending power, which all are now scheduled by mid-May with a distinct possibility of pulling in to this month. Program Manager Roth stated that while the Authority has a temporary generator at GRM, commercial power from LADWP remains a problem. Program Manager Roth shared the Authority is seeking assistance outside of the City Mayor's office given LADWP's inability to provide power in a timely fashion.

Program Manager Roth said that while generators were mobilized to BUR1 and GRM, cost efficient fueling logistics are in process, but are complicated and still working through that.

Program Manager Roth reported closeout documentation, particularly on the Phase 2 side of the house has been a challenge. The Authority is getting through it with MSI and their vendor, Pyramid, but it remains a struggle. Program Manager Roth expressed that on the bright side, MSI has implemented staffing changes to now put in place much needed oversight of the work product from their Phase 2 vendor, Pyramid. Program Manager Roth shared the Authority's expectation is that MSI will soon be able to submit complete and accurate Phase 2 Closeout Books that are of the professional quality required by the Contract.

### **Key Program Metrics**

Program Manager Roth reference two slides of successes and one of challenges, and asked what did this all net out to be?

Program Manager Roth shared that as of today April 7, 2022, the Authority has 57 of 58 sites that are substantially complete from a Phase 2 perspective with the final site being MCI.

Program Manager Roth went on to say there are 57 of the 58 where Phase 4 equipment is installed, 45 sites optimized, and 41 sites on air.

### **Sites Phase 2 Substantially Complete**

Program Manager Roth shared a map, with yellow pins representing the substantially complete Phase 2 sites, and the sole red site remaining is MCI.

Program Manager Roth referred back to the challenges slide, stating that while the Authority has 57 sites substantially complete, there are only 23 Closeout Books that have been approved. Program Manager Roth expressed that while there is some COVID delay at play, this is primarily held up by prolonged punch correction resolution and challenged document control by MSI and their various tiers of supporting vendors. Program Manager Roth stated the dialogue with MSI





continues and they have assured the Authority steps have been taken to improve the quality and completeness for Closeout Book submittals.

Program Manager Roth stated that MSI has installed their Phase 4 equipment at 57 of 58 sites.

Program Manager Roth talked about Sites Optimized, 45 sites across the network that are currently optimized, and referenced the sites still pending as being red on the map slide.

Program Manager Roth said there are 41 sites on air leaving 17 pending, which Program Manager Roth referred to as the red pins on the map slide.

### **Program Phases**

Program Manager Roth reported as we near completion of Phase 2, and as the Authority pivots to a Phase 4 focus on the Program, which is MSI's wheelhouse as opposed to Phase 2 where MSI relied heavily on their vendor Pyramid, PM Roth took a moment to breakdown what Phase 4 would entail since it is more than just the physical install of equipment.

Program Manager Roth reviewed the Program Phases:

Phase 1: Design, draw it out, prove with calculations, and get it permitted

Phase 2: Build it, from a civil perspective. Towers, foundations, shelter, power

Phase 3: Procurement of equipment

Phase 4: Implementation of what was built in Phase 2, this can also be seen as the execution of all previous phases

Program Manager Roth stated that per contract it is to install, test, commission, and deploy all hardware equipment parts, materials, goods, software, and data, as is necessary for the LMR System to be fully functional and to perform LMR System Training services required by the LMR System.

Phase 5: Warranty

Program Manager Roth stated Phase 4 has two (2) subcategories, a & b.

Program Manager Roth said that Phase 4a is the sites level work, which includes physical installation and configuration of equipment on-site, lines & antennas (L&A), path alignment, Fiber Network Engineering (FNE) installations, etc. This phase



also entails optimization of equipment and on-air testing, analogous to tuning, making every channel work the same to yield same “product” to end-user, since channels are dynamically assigned. Finally, the verification of Closeout Books documentation, which captures the physical install and configuration.

Program Manager Roth said to think if it as getting the sites on the map.

Program Manager Roth stated that while Phase 4a is the site level work, Phase 4b is the sub-system and Cell level work. Program Manager Roth went on to say that it entails network configuration and coordination between sites within a sub system, sites within a cell, and also cells within a system. Program Manager Roth said Phase 4b ensures that core talks to prime, prime talks to sub-sites.

Program Manager Roth shared that Functional Acceptance Testing Procedure (FATP) makes sure performance is consistent with P25 and contract requirements and also making sure the system functions as required by contract. Program Manager Roth also shared that Coverage Acceptance Testing Procedure (CATP) makes sure that coverage is provided as required by the Contract; it is worth noting that this step is going to require coordination and collaboration with LASD and LACoFD for drive testing activities. Program Manager Roth stated documentation is also required in this phase. Phase 4a puts the sites on the map and Phase 4b connects them to make a network. Program Manager Roth went on to say that these activities will be the focus of efforts from now through final system acceptance in the fall of 2023.

#### **April Areas of Focus**

Program Manager Roth said that in addition to the ongoing Phase 4 efforts, focus over the next month of April will be: “power”, energizing the remaining sites, MCI Permitting and IFB, Phase 2 Final Inspections, site documentation, which is also known as Closeout Books and the IMS, and finally hitting and processing billing milestones for the UASI 19’ grant for a successful closeout of the current open grant.

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

- F. Joint Operations and Technical Committee Chairs Report – No Report**
- G. Finance Committee Chair Report – No Report**



## VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (H-K)

### H. PSBN Round 2 Implementation and Construction Update – Justin Delfino

Program Manager Roth provided the Board with an update to the Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) Round 2 program, since Program Director Justin Delfino is en-route to a bid walk at site MCI.

Program Manager Roth reported the final site the Authority is focusing on is a detail at Pomona Court House 2 (POM2), which is an attachment of the antenna sled on the roof. Program Manager Roth said that a revised detail was required and is under review by the Judicial Court of California (JCC). Program Manager Roth shared that upon JCC approval the scheduling for that work will be placed on the calendar, the work will complete, then the discussion item can be wrapped up.

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

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

Technical Lead Ted Pao reported that on the Licensing front, successful progress has been made with the Authority's three (3) T-band licenses granted in March, which were Hauser Peak (HPK), Magic Mountain Link (MML), and Puente Hills (PHN) for Channel 15. Technical Lead Pao said this leaves five (5) T-band applications still pending with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Technical Lead Pao stated as previously mentioned in last month's report, the most time-sensitive license is for the Narrowband Mobile Data Network (NMDN) at Tejon Peak (TPK), sharing that it will have some impact on the overall NMDN Phase 1 transition, if it is not granted soon. Technical Lead Pao went on to say that during this past month, the County submitted to the FCC a Special Temporary Authorization (STA) for TPK's NMDN frequency. Technical Lead Pao said the Authority is expecting to get a status update at end of this week from the County.

Technical Lead Pao said that in regards to the interference issue, MSI has reported to the Authority that there appears to be high noise level at Signal Hill (SGH) site on the 700 MHz band. Technical Lead Pao said the Authority has notified ISD of this potential interference during the Spectrum Technical working group (a weekly County meeting) and an investigation at SGH started this morning. Technical Lead Pao concluded by saying that staff, along with ISD, is placing test instrument to record the spectrum noise level in question.

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



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

Program Manager Tanya Roth reported March was productive month for MCI and the Authority's new vendor providing design and engineering services, Brandow & Johnston (B&J).

Program Manager Roth shared that on March 29, 2022, the Authority received preliminary approval from the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) for the MCI coastal permit submittal package. Program Manager Roth said that other than standard conditions, such as not blocking any roads, DRP had no comment or correction to the package as submitted. Program Manager Roth happily expressed how uncommon it is for the DRP to accept something with no comment. Program Manager Roth reassured the Board that provided California Coastal Commission takes no exception to DRP's preliminary approval, the approval will be finalized in the coming weeks.

Program Manager Roth reported that on March 26, 2022, as previously reported by Executive Director Edson, B&J uploaded the MCI Building Permit (BP) submittal package to the DPW online portal, EpicLA, which DPW confirmed receipt on March 29, 2022, and returned civil comments on March 30, 2022, to which B&J responded on, April 6, 2022. Program Manager Roth expressed that today the Authority sits in a good place with all permitting for MCI on track to complete on or before schedule.

Program Manager Roth also reported that on March 29, 2022, the Authority, in partnership with DPW, released the MCI Invitation for Bid (IFB). Program Manager Roth went on to say that all pre-qualified bidders have been notified and calendar placeholders have been sent for upcoming key dates related to the solicitation, which includes, among other things, a mandatory bid walk on-site later this morning, which is where Program Director Justin Delfino and other team members are in route to.

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

**K. Outreach Update – Robert Weber**

Operations Lead Robert Weber provided a detailed outreach summary document for the month of March 2022 which was included in the Agenda Packet for the Board's review and information.

Operations Lead Weber reported that Authority Staff conducted LA-RICS system testing at the NBC Universal property which includes Universal Studios and



Universal City Walk. Operations Lead Weber said the system metrics from the testing would be shared with the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department's (LASD) Communications and Fleet Management Bureau (CFMB) staff and West Hollywood Station Personnel. Operations Lead Weber expressed that overall, the system performed extremely well, and the information obtained from the testing will be useful going forward.

Operations Lead Weber reported that Authority staff conducted an outreach to the University of Southern California (USC) Department of Public Safety regarding their current radio communication technology. Operations Lead Weber said they are evaluating their radio system and will contact the Authority if they wish to further explore opportunities with LA-RICS.

Operations Lead Weber stated that representatives from the City of Malibu, Office of Public Safety are currently evaluating their communication needs and the possibility of using LA-RICS. Operations Lead Weber said that Authority staff will work closely with city representatives to ensure their needs are met.

Operations Lead Weber shared that representatives from the California Department of Parks and Recreation are currently evaluating their radio needs and the possibility of onboarding with LA-RICS. Operations Lead Weber went on to say that Authority staff is working closely with their staff to ensure interoperability with local public safety agencies.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item K. Operations Lead Weber asked if there were any questions.

Board Member Alexander stated that it has been a while since there has been a presentation with Contract Cities, and asked that Executive Director Edson speak with Alternate Board Member Marcel Rodarte to make arrangements for a presentation, since some are unfamiliar with LA-RICS and would benefit from outreach to the new Contract Cities Managers. Executive Director Edson stated that he would do so.

## **VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (L-M)**

### **L. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021 – BCA WATSON RICE LLP**

Helen Chu, engagement partner with BCA Watson Rice, presented the results of the financial and single audit for the Authority for Fiscal Year (FY) June 30, 2021.

Ms. Chu went over the responsibilities of the audit, the financial highlights for the year, and the Auditor's required communication.



Ms. Chu stated the Authority's responsibilities include the Authority's management being responsible for preparation and fair presentation of the basic financial statements in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. Ms. Chu said the Authority's management is also responsible with the compliance with the requirements of laws and regulations, contracts and grants applicable to the Federal programs.

Ms. Chu went on to say that as Auditors, their responsibilities are to express an opinion on the fair presentation of financial statements and also to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Authority's major Federal programs based on their audit. Ms. Chu shared that their audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the U.S., also government auditing standards and also the Federal programs that would be in accordance with title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements called Principles and Requirements for Federal Work, in short form it is the Uniform Guidance.

Ms. Chu shared the results of the Financial Statements in the single audit, and have issued an unmodified opinion on the Financial Statements, as addressed in Page 1 of the report, which is a clean opinion, and in their opinion the statements presented fairly in all material respects, the financial position of the government activities of the Authority as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes and financial position for the year-ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S.

Ms. Chu stated they sent a separate letter, on Page 26 of the report, which is a report on internal controls over financial reporting and compliance and other matters in accordance with government auditing standards. Ms. Chu reported there were no material weaknesses noted, no significant deficiencies noted, and also no instances of non-compliance or other matters noted. Ms. Chu went on to say the report compliance with each major Federal program, on Page 28 of the report, and they issued an unmodified or clean opinion, the Authority complied with OMB Compliance Supplement on each major Federal program. Ms. Chu said there was another part of the report on internal controls over compliance, on page 29 of the report, no material weaknesses or no significant deficiencies were identified.

Lastly, Ms. Chu stated that a separate report on the Expenditures of Federal Awards, on page 29 of the report, again, received an unmodified clean opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards were fairly stated and non-material in respects to the basic financial statements.

Ms. Chu provided some of the financial highlights during the current year, the Authority's assets totaled a \$182.5 million dollars, cash investments deposited in





the County Treasury pool totaled \$7.9 million dollars. Ms. Chu stated that total program revenues totaled \$50.5 million dollars and mainly consisted of Federal grants in the amount of \$39.7 million dollars, communications services totaled \$6.7 million dollars and local match grant contributions in the amount of \$4.1 million dollars.

Ms. Chu stated the Authority has a cash operating loan balance totaling \$28 million dollars with the County of Los Angeles for the funding of start-up and operational costs, this loan bears no interest and has no definite repayment schedule. Ms. Chu said that as of June 30, 2021, the Authority had \$149.4 million dollars in capital assets consisting of telecommunications equipment under construction valued at \$148.7 million dollars, telecommunications equipment valued at \$693,000, office furniture valued at \$31,000.

Ms. Chu stated that part of their audit standards, they are required to communicate certain items, one of them is BCA Watson as Auditor's responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards is to conduct their audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the U.S.A., and applicable to the financial statements contained in government auditing standards which provides reasonable and not absolute assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatements. Ms. Chu stated there were no legal acts identified during the audit, there were no changes in the accounting policies during FY 2020-21. Ms. Chu stated there were no significant or unusual transactions, there were no significant issues discussed with management, no major issues discussed with management prior to their retention, no disagreements with management on financial accounting or reporting matters, they did not encounter any difficulty with management during their audit, they obtained a management representation letter from the management, a letter basically stating the Authority has disclosed and provided all of the information that they requested. Ms. Chu stated they are independent, respect to the Authority and the County of Los Angeles.

Ms. Chu concluded her presentation and asked if there were any questions.

Alternate Board Chair Yanagi thanked Ms. Chu for her presentation and asked the Board to receive and file.

**Board Member Mark Alexander motioned first Seconded by Alternate Board Member John Geiger to RECEIVED AND FILE The Auditor's Report.**

**M. AMENDMENT NO. 31 TO THE PROJECT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT**

Administrative Deputy Susy Orellana-Curtiss presented Agenda Item M, which was before the Board as Amendment No. 31 to the Project and Construction



Management Contract with Jacobs Project Management. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss asked the Board to approve the following recommended actions:

1. Approve Amendment No. 31, substantially similar in form to the (Enclosure), which will increase the Maximum Contract Sum by \$2,401,722 from \$67,514,982 to \$69,916,704, to allow Jacobs to continue its scope as Project Manager through December 31, 2022.
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 31, in substantially similar form, to the enclosed Amendment (Enclosure).
3. Allow for the issuance of one or more Notices to Proceed for the Work contemplated in Amendment No. 31.

Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss stated as Executive Director reported to the Board, since the last presentation of the contract augmentation back in April 2017, the Board approved an augmentation that was to take the project through December 2020, which at that was the scheduled System Acceptance and closeout of the LMR System. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss expressed that since that time, the Authority has been able to extend those resources in corresponding funding to carry the Authority through the present date, and projections at current expenditure rate show the amount that falls to the LMR budget for the Project Management Contract will deplete in June 2022. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss stated that before the Board is what is referred to as the Bridge Amendment that reflects a \$2.4 million dollar increase in contract sum to carry the Authority through December 2022, which is believed to provide sufficient time to secure the additional funding that Executive Director Edson reported is being actively sought. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss shared the Authority plans to return to the Board with a subsequent amendment that will carry the project through System Acceptance.

Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss shared some numbers with the Board, the \$2.4 million dollars would pay for six (6) months of projected expenditures through December 2022 that translates to approximately 2,600 staff support hours a month, which equates to approximately 16,500 staff support hours over the six (6) month period. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss reiterated this was a funded and approved line item within open and awarded grants and approved by the Grantor in the Authority's existing awarded spending plans.

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



Alternate Board Member Geiger motioned first, seconded by Board Member Phil Ambrose.

Ayes 10: Geiger, Pappas, Yanagi, Tadeo, Ambrose, Solinsky, Alexander, Povero, Fronterotta, 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 9:43 a.m.

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

The Board returned from Closed Session at 9:58 a.m. Counsel Michael Simon 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. Alternate Board Member Geiger motioned first.

The Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m., and the next Special Board Meeting will be held on May 5, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., via Microsoft Teams / Teleconference Meeting.