



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

Thursday, November 2, 2023 • 9:30 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Richard Tadeo, Director, EMS Agency, County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services

Vincent Capelle, Fire Chief, Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs 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

Leslie Luke, Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Management, County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office

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

Shannon Robledo, Lieutenant, Los Angeles County Police Chief's Association

OFFICERS PRESENT

Scott Edson, LA-RICS Executive Director

Beatriz Cojulun, LA-RICS, Board Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT / VACANT

Joshua Nelson, City Manager, California Contract Cities Association

Vacant, City of Signal Hill Police Department



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

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – ROLL CALL

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (A)

A. October 10, 2023 – Special Minutes

Alternate Board Chair Yanagi asked the Board if there were any comments or corrections to the attached Special Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2023. There were no questions or corrections, therefore, he asked for a motion to approve.

Board Member David Povero motioned first, seconded by Board Member Anthony Morrone.

Ayes (6): Luke, Marrone, Yanagi, Tadeo, Capelle, Povero, and Fronterotta.

Abstained (1): Board Member Mark Fronterotta did not attend the Special Board Meeting on October 10, 2023, therefore, abstained.

MOTION APPROVED.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

There was no public comment.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – NONE

There were no reports on the Regular Meeting Agenda.

(AT 9:02 A.M. ALTERNATE CHAIR YANAGI TOOK THE XII. CLOSED SESSION OUT-OF-ORDER , MOVING IT AFTER THE CONSENT CALENDAR AND RESUMING WITH VI. REPORTS SOON THERE AFTER)



Alternate Board Member Shannon Robledo joined the meeting at 9:02 a.m., just as Closed Session was announced, thus did not participate in the Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2023.

XII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

The Board entered into Closed Session at 9:02 a.m.

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

The Board returned from Closed Session at 9:48 a.m. Counsel Truc Moore stated the Board was back in open session and the Brown Act does not require a report.

VI. REPORTS (B – E)

B. Director's Report – Scott Edson

Executive Director Scott Edson greeted Board members and went on to share the Authority anticipates Full System Acceptance on November 17, 2023, at which time the Authority's last year of its warranty will commence. Executive Director Edson also shared the Authority plans a ribbon cutting celebration for Thursday, November 30, 2023, at approximately 3:30 p.m. in the afternoon with a location to be determined (TBD), which he has confirmed with both County of Los Angeles (County) Sheriff's Department (LASD) and County Fire Department (LACoFD). Executive Director Edson informed the Board they would receive a Save-the-Date calendar invitation, later today. Executive Director Edson stated that attendance was optional, but would greatly appreciate anyone being available to attend.

Executive Director Edson reported the LACoFD is diligently testing portions of Analog Communications Voice Radio System (ACVRS), Los Angeles Regional Tactical Communications System (LARTCS), and Narrowband Mobile Data Network (NMDN) Phase 2 in preparation for the final cutover. Executive Director Edson mentioned that as is typical with the transition from legacy systems to new ones, there have been some areas of concern and a learning curve for the migration users. Executive Director Edson expressed reassurance in reporting that most of these concerns have either been validated, addressed, or resolved, with a focus on educating users about the new interfaces when needed.

Executive Director Edson shared that October also marks the successful completion of the Authority's training classes. Executive Director Edson said the Authority dedicated a total of 1,993.5 hours to provide training classes for the Project's agencies, County Internal Services Department (ISD), and LA-RICS staff, covering the operation and maintenance of the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) system.



Executive Director Edson said that in addition, the Authority offered end-user operator training classes. Executive Director Edson went on to say the training classes were conducted through a combination of online, virtual instructor-led, and in-person sessions covering a wide-range of subsystems, subsystem components, and end-user equipment. Executive Director Edson shared that in order to make it more manageable for students and to accommodate varying schedules, these classes were offered in multiple sessions. Executive Director Edson stated that notably, instructor-led classes were video-recorded, ensuring flexibility for refresher and new employee training. Executive Director Edson mentioned that this comprehensive training effort spanned sixteen (16) months, from July 2022 to present date.

Executive Director Edson expressed the Authority's gratitude to Justin Compito, a dedicated member of the LA-RICS staff, who worked tirelessly with Motorola Solutions, Inc. (MSI), various agencies, ISD, the LASD, and the LACoFD to manage schedules, classroom locations, and the student registration process. Executive Director Edson further expressed that Justin Compito's efforts have been instrumental in the success of our training program and thanked him very much.

Executive Director Edson said that in the realm of service-related matters, the Authority has been actively engaged with the MSI service team to address various service-level issues, which Authority staff have encountered since the commencement of the Bridge Warranty on the subsystems. Executive Director Edson felt it was worth noting that MSI faced challenges in meeting the contractual requirements of the warranty services, compounded by a change in personnel at the service manager level, which required time for proper transition. Executive Director Edson went on to say the new service manager, who joined with limited familiarity with the Authority's contract requirements, presented some initial challenges in meeting the Authority's expectations.

However, Executive Director Edson, reported that just this past week, LA-RICS and Jacobs conducted a productive face-to-face meeting with the MSI services delivery team to discuss the issues and clarify expectations. Executive Director Edson shared with the Board the Authority was pleased to see a strong turnout from MSI, including their Western State Regional Service Management team. Executive Director Edson believes the meeting provided an encouraging demonstration of MSI's commitment to working closely with LA-RICS to align with the Authority's expectations and contractual obligations for warranty services. Executive Director Edson expressed reassurance, the Authority is prepared to enforce the Authority's contract requirements if the service level falls short of our expectations.

Executive Director Edson stated that moving forward, a lot of his focus in this report would be on the future, LA-RICS membership and subscription services. Executive Director Edson mentioned the Authority is wrapping up the new membership and funding model and should have a presentation before your Finance Committee in



December 2023 or January 2024. Executive Director Edson further mentioned the Authority is also pursuing additional grant funding for operations and maintenance and in discussions with the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) approval authority now.

Executive Director Edson believes that if the Authority's grant funding ask is fulfilled, subscribing agencies will only pay \$20 a month per device.

Executive Director Edson said that over the last few months the Authority has had many Interoperability Working Group meetings, and last month everyone came to a consensus on how to complete interoperability in this region. Executive Director Edson shared that it was great to get representatives of all the systems, both police and fire, and come to a consensus. Executive Director Edson felt that it showed how important interoperability is to this region. Executive Director Edson reported the UASI Approval Authority (AA) approved a Systems of Systems model in this region, funded most radio systems to completion, and made a written promise to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to fund an equitable portion of their operations and maintenance. However, Executive Director Edson, believes that since these individual systems have been completed or near completion, the Authority also need to connect them for regional roaming and interoperability. Executive Director Edson went on to say that because MSI designed, built and maintains all these systems, the Authority asked them to do a gap analysis and report back as to what was needed to complete the system of systems model when it came to roaming and interoperability.

Executive Director Edson offered that upon completion of the gap analysis and in discussions with all of the systems in the region and their engineer experts and consultants, the interrupt working group came to the consensus that he mentioned and has a recommendation for the UASI AA to ensure public safety roaming and interoperability.

Executive Director Edson said the operations and maintenance request, and roaming/interoperability request, would all be made at the next UASI AA meeting, later this month.

Executive Director Edson reported that in the coming months, the Authority's focus and efforts would be on outreach, a new membership subscription plan, and an affiliate agreement, for those that only want to use our radio system for mutual aid, emergencies and disasters.

Executive Director Edson mentioned that last month he was able to present an update on LA-RICS to all the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs at their annual retreat and later this month he would be providing an update to all the independent fire chiefs at their meeting.



Executive Director Edson said that as the Authority moves forward, the Authority is monitoring the warranty services provided by MSI and the Authority is identifying and executing agreements with other service providers for areas not covered by MSI's services agreement. Executive Director Edson added that this included things like weed abatement, refueling of our generators, to name a couple.

Executive Director Edson stated the Authority is also closely looking at software user agreements and all the other maintenance services the Authority needs, validating all assumptions, updating quotes, etc. to ensure the Authority has the proper numbers in the new funding plan. Executive Director Edson went on to say that all this will be provided to the Finance Committee, and then to the Board, in the very near future.

Executive Director Edson shared that immediately following his report there would be an update from Jacobs Program Director, and an outreach and systems update. Executive Director Edson went on to add there are two (2) Action Items before the Board, one is an amendment to extend the term through December 2024 for the Authority's Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International Inc. frequency licensing coordination services agreement, and the other is an amendment to the Jacobs contract aligning the term of their agreement with the warranty period, given their current term is tied to Final System Acceptance. Executive Director Edson mentioned that both recommended actions have no additional fiscal impact given the Board's previous approvals provided for sufficient budgeting to carry the Authority through the extended terms. Executive Director Edson shared that for the Jacobs Amendment, despite the change in rate sheet details and Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA), their max contract sum is unchanged and their services will carry the Authority through completion of the warranty period and the project closeout that will follow.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item B by Executive Director Edson.

Board Member Marrone thanked Executive Director Edson on his comment at the Los Angeles Area Fire Chief's Association (LAAFCA) Conference for clarifying some of the misunderstanding by some of the other people in attendance.

Board Member Vincent Capelle had questions that he asked to be clarified so he would be able to provide them to the LAFCA. Board Member Capelle asked regarding the \$20 per device, if they would be grant funded approval, for how long would that be, for one (1) year, lifetime, for all users, etc.

Executive Director Edson expressed the fifteen (15) year term has not been identified/figured out yet, therefore, could probably be considered an introductory term, but at this time could not say. Executive Director Edson does not anticipate the \$20 dollars per device/per user/per month would change anytime soon, which is there for anyone who wants to use it as their primary radio (fire, law enforcement,



etc.) for primary users. Executive Director Edson said that if user want to use it only for mutual aid or season disasters, there is no associated cost.

Board Member Capelle also asked if the Gap Analysis from MSI was provided to the Authority, to which Executive Director Edson said MSI did provide it and had already been shared with the Interoperable Working Group at meetings, as well as the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Approval Authority.

Board Member Marrone asked Executive Director Edson is that is how he came up with the \$3.4 million dollar ask, with \$2.4 for LA-RICS and \$1 million for the City of Los Angeles to complete, to which Executive Director said yes, that is how the figures were configured.

Board Member Marrone commented that there is misunderstanding at the LAAFCA and people were under the impression they would have to pay \$20 dollars per device to use the system, yet they were not prepared to opt-in. Executive Director Edson stated that unfortunately, at the last Approval Authority meeting that seed was planted by an Approval Authority Member that was incorrect and took off from there, even though he attempted to clarify it. Executive Director Edson reiterated that current Members that are opted in, e.g. LASD, LACoFD, City of Inglewood, etc. would pay \$20 dollars per device; and the fire departments that are not Member and do not want to subscribe and only want to use for interoperability emergencies only, disasters, fire / law enforcement that want to use it for disasters and mutual aid, no cost.

Board Member Marrone asked if the LA-RICS system could be complete without the connections, but the connections allow that interoperability, to which Executive Director Edson said that was correct.

Board Member Capelle wondered if the System-of-Systems was not part of the original objective of LA-RICS, which was to be interconnected mutually and interoperability with other systems, to which Executive Director said that was correct.

Executive Director Edson referenced a 2016 letter from the UASI AA providing fund for city systems for LA-RICS, Long Beach, and ICI System, to finish their systems in the System-of-Systems model and to provide an equitable percentage of funding for Operations & Maintenance (O&M), but it did not plan or elaborate on the connections the Authority and all of the different systems to ensure maximum interoperability and roaming opportunities.

Board Member Capelle asked if the System-of-Systems is available connecting with trunking Talkgroup, what would be the advantage for an agency to be part of one or joining if they are already one, e.g. an ICI System. Executive Director Edson



stated that perhaps the cost savings, more additional Talkgroups, capacity, and coverage, just to name a few.

Board Member Marrone reminded the Board the goal was to build City of Los Angeles (City) system, County of Los Angeles (County) System, and a Long Beach System, which were built. Board Member Marrone went on to say that at the LAAFCA, the request for the connections between those three (3) systems is a requirement or a request of LA-RICS. Board member Marrone continues by saying the understanding was that agencies had the option to leave all three (3) systems, which really is five (5) systems, to be independent.

Executive Director Edson expressed that it feels that way because the ICI System, for example has the Verdugo Fire, which they can all be very independent and not interoperate with each other. Executive Director Edson provided an example and said the disadvantage to law enforcement is Long Beach gets in pursuit going on the 710 Freeway, leaving their footprint and they cannot talk.

Board Member Marrone said the request has been made for connectivity, with the assumption that it is the County's responsibility. Board Member Marrone reiterated there are several systems, such as LA-RICS, ICI, Port of Los Angeles Police (LA Port), Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), City Police Department (LAPD), and Long Beach. Board Member Marrone stated those systems are either complete or near completion and up to the group if they want to join them. Board Member Marrone expressed that LACoFD has taken the lead in asking for this connection, therefore, leaving them believing it a LA-RICS responsibility.

Executive Director Edson said that what was interesting is that all of the groups Board Member Marrone just mentioned have met all together for several months now and have discussed interoperability, went over the Gap Analysis with MSI and came to a consensus in that room, amongst all of those mentioned agencies, the ask would be \$2.4 million dollars, plus \$1 million from the City to make those interconnections. Executive Director Edson mentioned that it was presented to the UASI AA as a regional ask not as a LA-RICS ask. Executive Director Edson went on to say that as the discussion carried forward people made the focus as it was a LA-RICS ask.

Board Member Marrone that is because we spoke of the hub-and-spoke model and LA-RICS is characterized as the hub and the other radio systems are spokes. It is an ameba trying to connect six (6) independent radio systems. It is not like we are at the center and you are all connected to us we are all connected together.

Executive Director Edson yes as a matter of a fact LAPD, LA Port, and LA Airport cannot talk together without buying a connection from MSI to connect the systems the way they were designed.



Board Member Capelle shared that he was aware that some systems have shared trunking Identifications (IDs) made for that actual device, at which point Executive Director Edson said the sharing of IDs is not a System-of-Systems Model that is not what the UASI AA funded and moved down to the System-of-Systems Model, since then and since the Authority went live, the ICI system approached the Authority and provided 10,000 radio IDs and offered to share this wave with LA-RICS. Executive Director Edson stated that LA-RICS would be a hybrid and will be both the System-of-System Model and an umbrella approach with the sharing of IDs.

Board Member Capelle reiterated what Board Member Marrone previously stated, expressing that potential users know the system has better infrastructure and that if the system is better and more modern, and due to the higher interest in Talkgroups, the more people on the system the better the system will be, it is a matter of getting the word out.

Executive Director Edson said that was outreach/marketing, the Authority does not want to oversell, but that was included in his presentation at the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association (LACPCA) and anticipates presenting it to the LAAFCA on the December 9, 2023, as well. Executive Director Edson shared there is operability for all the different benefits at a cost and available for interoperability free of cost. Executive Director Edson also said that at the LAAFCA presentation he would will further explain the regional interoperable group, the incorporation of IDs into the radio systems (fire already has IDs and law enforcement is looking into it), the Authority is on its way to become a hybrid.

Executive Director Edson reported the sixteen (16) regional Talkgroups in the LA-RICS system are available to law and fire, with a connection with ICI since April/May 2023, therefore, any other ICI agency can program their devices with those sixteen (16) regional Talkgroups with a radio patch available as well.

Board Member Capelle mentioned the Technical Committee has not discussed the Inter Subsystem Interface (ISSI) connection being active, because some time ago the Technical Committee did a patch test, as the Agreement came through with ICI and LA-RICS.

Operations Lead Lt. Robert Weber stated that at the August 15, 2023, Joint Operations and Technical Committees meeting the intent was to demonstrate the Authority did complete all of the Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) and did have the ISSI connection in place. Operations Lead Weber further stated there was a slight variant at the meeting, in which the agencies involved during the test were using a patch because of a console issue, but as far as the ISSI demonstration at that meeting was the use of the ISSI that could be used by any agency that have those regional channels programmed in for direct connection. Operations Lead Weber explained the difference between ISSI and having shared IDs, which are



two (2) different approaches, which with shared IDs there are things that agencies do not get for interoperability, for example, not getting a lot of roaming. Operations Lead Weber detailed that to allow systems to work, allowing agencies mobility, that if they move off of their system's footprint and to still have a connection, LA-RICS can assist with that, as long as the ISSI's are in place with auto-roaming giving true interoperability. Operations Lead Weber mentioned that as previously discussed at the Interoperability Working Group meetings, it was very clear that it was absolutely necessary for the region, not only because of all of the things that are done together, but in preparation of the future events in and for the region.

Board member Capelle wondering if with the shared IDs, if instead of going to one of the regional channels Talkgroup, for example, if an agency is using a current Talkgroup channel on an incident and a LA-RICS user comes in, unless they have the shared IDs, even with the ISSI, they cannot just go to that trunked channel and use it if they do not have the device.

Operations Lead Weber agreed, but also stated that it was a different type of interoperability with the law enforcement organization, for example, there might be times when Inglewood PD might respond to something for the South Los Angeles (LA) Sheriff's station has, and with the shared ID approach they can switch to South LA's L-TAC (service) and be talking on that, but would not run an operation on South LA's L-TAC and would not allow for auto-roaming if another agency that was not LA-RICS and out of their footprint, also allows for them to potentially scan that Talkgroup.

Board Member Capelle that if regards to the Finance Committee, if the Authority was asking for two (2) separate things from the UASI AA, monies to complete all of the ICI/ISSI connections (which only one is in place, the connection with ICI/LA-RICS), but the others still need to be completed. Executive Director Edson clarified that LA-RICS is not asking for anything, the Regional Working Group is asking for \$3.4 million to complete interoperability in the region. Executive Director Edson went on to say the Regional Working Group also asked for the UASI AA to consider paying one third towards their O&M, which is different from \$3.4 million. Executive Director Edson provided a breakdown of the one third ask, being that ICI has an \$11 million dollar ask for O&M 2024, LA-RICS has a \$1.7 million dollar ask, the City has an \$8.9 million dollar ask, and the City of Long Beach asked for \$2.7 million dollars, the Interoperable Working Group is asking the UASI AA to consider paying one third of each of those figures.

Board Member Marrone mentioned the contents of a 2016 letter and how some agencies are misinterpreting it, but Executive Director Edson clarified by saying the letter stated that LA-RICS would fund systems to completion, as well as providing a dollar amount in the 2016 letter, for that three (3) year UASI time period. Executive Director Edson said that it clearly stated that when systems are



completed the UASI will ensure an equitable funding towards the statement of their O&M.

Executive Director Edson said the UASI AA expected for the systems to be completed during those three (3) UASI periods, but that was pre-COVID, pre-fires, pre-storms, therefore, every radio system returned asking for more money, and continued to be funded, which only LA-RICS is done, no one else is done. Executive Director Edson went on to say that LA-RICS is complete and will be able to sustain itself with subscription monies, and would like an equitable share of the maintenance funds.

Executive Director Edson concluded by saying the UASI AA has to make a decision on what is the System's responsibility to pay for and what is the region's responsibility (expansion, technology changes, etc.).

There was no further discussion.

C. Project Manager's Report – Brian Smyth

Program Director Brian Smyth greeted the Board and presented Agenda Item C.

Program Director Brian shared there was no change in the Final System Acceptance Date of November 17, 2023, from the previous month and, as Chief Edson mentioned, the Authority is working towards the goal of achieving said date. October Progress

Project Director Brian Smyth said the Analog Communication Voice Radio Systems (ACVRS) and Los Angeles Regional Tactical Communication System (LARTCS) Subsystem cutovers were completed. Project Director Brian Smyth stated that he would discuss Narrowband Mobile Data Network Phase 2 (NMDN2). Project Director Smyth continued by stating that migration activities continued in October 2023, and the Authority has been working closely with the County of Los Angeles (County) Internal Services Department (ISD). Project Director Smyth In addition, MSI submitted warranty reports for NMDN1 and the Digital Trunked Voice Radio System (DTVRS) which are being reviewed. Project Director Smyth Tracking tools for warranty activities are being developed.

Project Director Smyth shared the Southern California Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) hearings for Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Center (CCT) and Mount Disappointment (MDI) sites were held, and both sites passed on the consent calendar. Project Director Smyth further shared that stipulations were in place for the variances received. In addition, Project Director Smyth mentioned that measures during the variance period were set in place to ensure that generator usage stayed under the 200-hour mark. Project Director Smyth stated he would provide further detail in the November Focus section.



Project Director Smyth shared that all hardcopy books and record documents have been received, and were packaged and ready for sites delivery. Project Director Smyth went on to say that Fire Suppression Work at the Universal Citywalk (CITYWALK) site was completed.

November Focus

Project Director Bran Smyth reported that final year of LMR Final System Warranty was being finalized, and the anticipated completion date was November 17, 2023. Project Director Smyth further reported that data from Motorola Solutions, Inc. (MSI) regarding warranty activities were being tracked and that forecasting tools were being put in place. Project Director Smyth expressed the Project Management team was working closely with the technology team on a more robust monitoring system would be established in anticipation of any issues that may occur. Project Director Smyth believes the monitoring system would also provide the ability to forecast warranty activities.

Power at Green Mountain (GRM)

Project Director Smyth shared that a Contractor has been secured to perform power work at the GRM site. However, trenching, and underground cabling is on hold due to an issue between California State Parks and City of Los Angeles (City) Department of Water and Power (LADWP). Project Director Smyth The issue has to do with the location of a power pole, and the fact that the power pole is metal and not wood. Project Director Smyth further stated that the Authority was working with the two parties to resolve this issue. Project Director Smyth One pole is needed to complete power work at GRM.

Site Access Roads

Project Director Smyth stated that acquiring funding for Whitaker Middle Peak (WMP) site is in process. Project Director Smyth reported that additional funding from a number of sources such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is being pursued. Project Director Smyth expressed that regarding the Loop Canyon (LPC) site, the Authority received assistance from the United States Forest Service (USFS) and County Fire Department (LACoFD) for road work. Project Director Smyth shared that for the Portal Ridge (PRG), Bald Mountain (BMT), and Magic Mountain Link (MML) sites, road costs are being shared with ISD, and that partnerships with different entities to assist with site road repairs were currently being developed.

Southern California Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)



Project Director Smyth reported that SCAQMD placed stipulations on usage of generators in the variances received for CCT and MDI sites. Project Director Smyth said that specifically, the monthly generator testing for both sites was restricted to one (1) hour per month and that generator testing automatically occurs every week for fifteen (15) minutes. Project Director Smyth expressed that a database of all generator usage across the system was developed to manage monthly usage and ensure that generator testing stays under the 200-hour limitation. Project Director Smyth stated the Authority was working closely with MSI to ensure that all generator testing information is in this database to ensure that all generator information was available as requested from SCAQMD. Project Director Smyth explained that when generator usage reaches the 150-hour mark, a notification alert is triggered, enabling the close monitoring of generator usage. Project Director Smyth further explained that if generator usage reaches the 180-hour mark, a regular variance will be required by the SCAQMD. Project Director Smyth said this method would provide a cushion to prevent an emergency variance from being filed. Project Director Smyth concluded this topic by stating that SCAQMD has been helpful and believes that SCAQMD expects the LA-RICS project to be successful.

Migration Activities

Project Director Smyth stated that migration activities at Tower Peak (TWR) would be completed by November 17, 2023, with Solicitations and bids for the demolition of the old tower to be received by December 12, 2023. Project Director Smyth further stated that work probably begin before the end of year providing storms are not an obstacle. Project Director Smyth reported that other migration activities are ongoing and are being coordinated, as well as Site Access Agreements (SAA) being updated as necessary.

NMDN2

Project Director Smyth shared that acceptance date for NMDN2 is November 3, 2023, and the cutover period is from November 6, 2023, to November 17, 2023. Project Director Smyth also shared the project is ahead of schedule in this respect, and that there are no obstacles to getting to the finish line as Executive Director Edson mentioned.

Site Documentation

Project Director Bian Smyth shared slides demonstrating the progress and status of Site Documentation that will be available at each site.

Fuel Reduction and Weed Abatement

Project Director Smyth stated the Authority has a regular program of fuel reduction at all sites, as well as weed abatement. Project Director Smyth concluded by



sharing this is the Authority's regular rotation across all of the sites, in which Captain August Dougherty has been helping the Authority in performing fuel internal audits at the sites.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item C by Project Director Smyth. There was no further discussion.

D. Joint Operations and Technical Committee Chair's Report – Operations Lead Lieutenant Robert Weber

Operations Lead Lt. Robert Weber greeted the Board and presented Agenda Item D.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber shared the Joint Operations and Technical Committees meeting was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, Operations Lead Lt. Weber chaired the meeting; having quorum present, the Minutes were approved; the committee received an update on the LMR system, Regional interoperability update, as well as Land Mobile Radio status update, and with no further items and no comments, the meeting concluded.

This concluded the presentation and report on Agenda Item D by Project Operations Lead Lt. Weber.

E. Finance Committee Chair's Report – NONE

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (F – J)

F. Land Mobile Radio Network Operations Status and Issues – Ted Pao

Technical Lead Ted Pao greeted the Board and presented Agenda Item F.

Technical Lead Pao expressed that upon provisional acceptance of the two (2) analog voice subsystems, ACVRS and LARTCS, in the early week of October 2023, LACoFD has been conducting pre-cutover testing on these analog voice subsystems. Technical Lead Pao stated that analog voice layers would be an integral part of LACoFD's operation and for the region's analog voice interoperability needs, in particular, for wildland fire and fire ground operation. Technical Lead Pao went on to say there have been challenges with line and technical personnel getting to know how the new subsystems operate. Technical Lead Pao mentioned there also have been discoveries of operational issues due to either LACoFD equipment or in one instance, alarm notification issue on the LA-RICS system. Technical Lead Pao further mentioned that as these problem areas have been validated by both LA-RICS and MSI, solution for alarm notification is being worked on by MSI. The LACoFD and ISD would be working on mitigating fire equipment performance issues.



Technical Lead Pao expressed that as previously reported by Director Edson, the maintenance and restoration services provided by MSI has been lacking in some area where the Authority has been actively tracking and validating the service level agreement performance and meeting with MSI to determine the corrective action plan.

Technical Lead Pao reported the new LMR system was able to provide a large number of alarm points throughout the system. Technical Lead Pao further reported that with the new alarm capability, the system would produce a large number of alarm events continuously. Technical Lead Pao mentioned that staff was in the process of filtering out nonactionable alarms and focusing on actionable alarms that were service impacted. Technical Lead Pao said the Authority is also taking a deep dive into the trunking system's ability to detect illegal carriers (signals). Technical Lead Pao concluded by saying the ability of the system to log these events allows the Authority to be more proactive with tracking down radio interference and providing another tool in the tool bag to find interference issue for a large radio system. Technical Lead Pao expressed that he would provide the Board with any notable findings and issues when appropriate.

Technical Lead Pao shared slide presentation of the LMR Operations Status, as well as details regarding the top ranking by use Talkgroups and their total talk times/minutes for September and October 2023, by site and agency.

Technical Lead Pao thanked Justin Compito for the training he provided and data manipulation for its various uses for the Authority.

This concluded the update on Agenda Item F. There was no further discussion.

G. Outreach Update – Lieutenant Robert Weber

Operations Lead Lieutenant (Lt.) Robert Weber greeted Board Members and referenced the detailed Outreach Summary document for the month of October included in the Agenda Packet for review and information.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber reported that on October 12, 2023, personnel from the Authority staff held a Working Group meeting with the stake holders in the region regarding interoperability and the completion of the system of systems model also known as the hub and spoke model. Operations Lead Lt. Weber said the information obtained from the meeting would be used to seek funding to connect the systems in the region to allow public safety personnel to communicate while handling both large scale incidents as well as for routine events. Operations Lead Lt. Weber mentioned that Authority staff continues to evaluate and work on implementation plans for the LARTCS and ACVRS.



Operations Lead Lt. Weber said that during the month of October that Authority staff attended the Southern California Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) training showcase in La Mirada California and the International Association of Chiefs of Police Communications (IACP) conference in San Diego California. Operations Lead Lt. Weber shared that staff also attended meetings on communications and Technology and a variety of technology presentations. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say these events were very informative and the collaborative relationships that were established would be helpful going forward.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber mentioned that Authority staff worked the County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Communications and Fleet Management and Bureau staff to develop a radio coverage reporting application that was deployed last month, in an effort to receive reporting on how the system is working. Operations Lead Lt. Weber shared that after a week of it being deployed, the trunked system is doing very well.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber further mentioned that Authority staff worked with the City of Inglewood with the new Intuit Dome (stadium) that is being built, in an effort to ensure that public safety communications is ready and available.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber shared that Authority staff conducted additional outreach to the City of Alhambra, and Cal State Los Angeles. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say these Agencies were both evaluating their communications needs and the possibility of using LA-RICS, therefore, Authority staff will work closely with these agencies to ensure their needs are met.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber expressed that since the Authority is at a turning point of having an actual fee for the outside agencies, the Authority expects to be very busy since agencies are inquiring as to those fees.

This concluded the update on Agenda Item G. Operations Lead Lt. Weber asked if there were any questions. There was no further discussion.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (H – I)

H. DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE FREQUENCY LICENSING COORDINATION SERVICES AGREEMENT

Deputy Executive Director Ron Watson informed the Board that Agenda item H was requesting the Board's approval to authorize, the Executive Director, to execute Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement for Frequency Licensing Coordination Services Agreement with the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials International, Inc. (APCO), to extend the term of the Agreement from November 23,



2023 to December 31, 2024, for continued frequency licensing services for the LMR System, with no additional increase in cost.

Deputy Executive Director Watson shared that APCO is the only organization that provides full frequency management services for public safety agencies that would meet the Authority's frequency licensing needs. Deputy Executive Director Watson further shared the Authority requires APCO's continued frequency licensing services, as such the Authority seeks approval from the Board to extend the term.

Deputy Executive Director Watson reported there is no additional fiscal impact with the recommended action as the contract balance is sufficient to cover the term extension through December 31, 2024.

Deputy Executive Director Watson concluded by saying that if there is additional frequency licensing work to be performed by APCO on or after January 1, 2025, and/or additional funds are needed, we will return to the Board to request for an extension to the contract and/or additional funds.

Board Member Anthony Marrone motioned first, seconded by Board Member Leslie Luke.

Ayes (8): Luke, Marrone, Yanagi, Tadeo, Capelle, Robledo, Povero, and Fronterotta.

MOTION APPROVED.

I. DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 33 TO THE PROJECT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT

Executive Director Edson presented Agenda Item I, which requested the Board's approval to execute Amendment No. 33 with Jacobs to exercise the first one (1) year option term of the Agreement, plus an additional forty-four (44) days which will extend the term through December 31, 2024. Executive Director Edson further requested the term of the Jacobs Agreement be contingent upon the MSI's successfully achieving Final LMR System Acceptance, which is currently slated for November 17, 2023. Executive Director Edson said the extension would allow Jacobs to continue performing project management services through the Warranty Period and project closeout.

Executive Director Edson said that in addition, Amendment No, 33 was also requesting the Board to revise the Rate Schedule to reflect an increase to the hourly rates by 3.7 percent to account for a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), which is consistent with the COLA provision and formula in the Jacobs Agreement.



Executive Director Edson recommended the Board approve, both the exercising of the first option year COLA increases to hourly rates, the Maximum Contract Sum would not increase as Jacobs has confirmed all project management activities will be performed for the previously increased agreement amount by identifying and implementing resource efficiencies.

Executive Director Edson concluded by requesting the Board to delegate authority to him, the Executive Director, to Execute Amendment No. 33, in substantially similar form to the Amendment enclosed with the Board Letter, and allow him to issue one (1) or more Notices to Proceed (NTP) for this work. Lastly, Executive Director Edson requested the Board to allow him to approve and execute amendments to reallocate phase budget amounts from one phase budget to another phase budget provided such reallocations do not increase the Maximum Contract Sum and are approved as to form by Counsel to the Authority.

Board Member Marrone motioned first, seconded by Board Member Vincent Capelle.

Ayes (8): Luke, Marrone, Yanagi, Tadeo, Capelle, Robledo, Povero, and Fronterotta.

MOTION APPROVED.

- IX. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS – NONE**
- X. MISCELLANEOUS – NONE**
- XI. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION BY THE BOARD – NONE.**
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING AND NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Alternate Board Chair Yanagi stated the next Regular Board Meeting would be held on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., at the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD), ELAC Community College Bureau, 1055 Corporate Center Drive, Monterey Park, CA 91754.

Alternate Board Chair Yanagi called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:38 a.m. Board Member Povero motioned.