



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

Thursday, May 2, 2024, ■ 9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Vincent Capelle, Fire Chief, Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association

Joshua Nelson, City Manager, California Contract Cities Association

David Povero, Police Chief, City of Covina Police Department

Chris Nigg, Fire Chief, City of La Verne Fire Department

ALTERNATES FOR BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Nicholas Berkuta, Battalion Chief, County of Los Angeles Fire Department

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

Jacqueline Rifenburg, Assistant Director, County of Los Angeles Health Services Department

Cardell Hurt, Captain, City of Inglewood Police Department

OFFICERS PRESENT

Scott Edson, LA-RICS Executive Director

Beatriz Cojulun, LA-RICS, Board Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT / VACANT

Fesia Davenport, Chief Executive Officer, County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office

Scott Wiese, Chief of Police, Los Angeles County Police Chief's Association



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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Alternate Chair Brian Yanagi welcomed attendees and called the May 2, 2024, Regular Board meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – ROLL CALL

LA-RICS Team Member Marissa Bosque took the roll and acknowledged a quorum was present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (A)

A. April 4, 2024 – Regular Minutes

Agenda Item A

Alternate Chair Brian Yanagi asked the Board if there were any comments or corrections to the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 4, 2024. There were no questions or corrections, therefore, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Board Member Chris Nigg motioned first, seconded by Board Member David Povero.

AYES (6): Nelson, Povero, Nigg, Berkuta, Yanagi, Rifenberg

Board Member Vincent Capelle and Alternate Board Member Cardell Hurt arrived after the Minutes had been carried into motion.

MOTION APPROVED.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

There was no public comment.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – NONE

There were no reports on the Regular Meeting Agenda.

VI. REPORTS (B – E)



B. Director's Report – Scott Edson

Executive Director Scott Edson greeted the Board and went on to report that April posed significant challenges to LA-RICS' operations, particularly in terms of site security and the internal door alarm notification process. Site Baldwin Hills (BHS) fell prey to copper theft, with perpetrators breaching LA-RICS' security measures on the night of April 25, 2024. Executive Director Edson further reported the perpetrators accessed the locked switchgear cabinet outside the shelter, as well as the equipment shelter itself, cutting the main power cables that were crucial for the site's operation, as these cables connected utility power to the site and from the generator to the automatic transfer switch. Executive Director Edson went on to say, consequently, the generator switched to backup mode, but was unable to provide power to the equipment but, thankfully, the backup batteries sustained the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) equipment without any major disruption to the end users. Executive Director Edson expressed LA-RICS grasped the gravity of the situation, and the teams sprang into action, swiftly restored utility power, and reached out to the County of Los Angeles (County) Internal Services Department (ISD) for assistance. Executive Director Edson further expressed that ISD promptly dispatched their team members for evaluation and restoration work and that upon completion of the assessment, ISD transported the necessary materials to the site and commenced restoration efforts. Executive Director Edson mentioned, initially, ISD focused on recharging the batteries and powering auxiliary equipment such as the air conditioner to manage equipment and room temperature. Subsequently, ISD fully reinstated connections to utility power. Executive Director Edson further mentioned that during the restoration process, LA-RICS kept potentially impacted agencies informed about the potential operational impact on the site going offline and discussed fallback plans and potential service disruptions, ensuring agencies could swiftly assess the situation and make informed decisions. Executive Director Edson went on to say, fortunately, power restoration happened quicker than anticipated, minimizing operational impact for field users.

Executive Director Edson reported on April 30, 2024, another security incident occurred at the Palmdale Sheriff Station where LA-RICS' redundant core is located. Executive Director Edson shared that a momentary outage of the redundant core or connection between the two cores caused the resetting of the console subsystems interface connection to LASD and LACoFD console systems and that while communications among field units remained unaffected, the Zetron dispatch positions experienced temporary inoperability. Executive Director Edson further shared LA-RICS was investigating the cause of the security incident, noting the presence of an AT&T technician in the secured equipment room. Executive Director Edson mentioned these incidents prompted significant changes to LA-RICS' notification protocols, operation processes, and security measures, and that LA-RICS has been proactive in addressing copper theft and vandalism issues, with plans for surveillance and access controls already in motion before these incidents occur.



Executive Director Edson stated Agenda Item “L” was for a sole source negotiation with the company providing the security and alarm surveillance system. Executive Director Edson further stated, as for regional interoperability, progress continued in establishing regional interoperability Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) within the Joint Operations-Technical Ad Hoc Interoperability Work Group, which meets every two (2) weeks. Executive Director Edson went on to say that many of the scenarios discussed in the meetings and prepared for have been validated by actual events, such as car pursuits, the active sniper incident in Marina del Rey, CA, and the civil unrest at the University of Southern California and the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Executive Director Edson reported the goal was for consensus on SOPs, outlining procedures for dispatch centers and field personnel to implement in similar scenarios, ensuring seamless coordination communication by all in the region. Executive Director Edson further reported, unfortunately, outside agencies were struggling with programming of radios to include the sixteen (16) regional Talkgroups and the sharing of radio IDs with LASD, and that LA-RICS was working closely with Interagency Communications Interoperability (ICI) for resolution, however, there were some technical constraints that need to be overcome. Executive Director mentioned LA-RICS was planning to work one on one with agencies ready to move forward. Executive Director Edson further mentioned they planned to meet with law enforcement board members in the near future to see how LA-RICS might overcome these obstacles with interoperability.

Executive Director Edson reported, regarding budget and fiscal matters, as the close of the fiscal year approaches, LA-RICS was preparing to present the Revised Funding Plan and Fiscal Year (FY) 24-25 budget for the Finance Committee and Board's approval in June 2024. Executive Director Edson further reported negotiations with Motorola Solutions, Inc. (MSI) on their System Upgrade Agreement (SUA) was the final piece pending for the presentation of these financial documents. Executive Director Edson stated MSI informed LA-RICS of a fifteen million dollar (\$15M) increase to the SUA, with MSI stating they were moving to a virtualized prime solution, and that all systems in the region should expect to have to pay extra for this change, in addition to what they had already contracted for under their current SUA. Executive Director Edson further stated LA-RICS found this unacceptable, and after much discussion with MSI, MSI removed the \$15M extra charge, indicating they would defer the upgrade for future SUAs in 2029. Executive Director Edson mentioned it was not clear to LA-RICS on what the new solution would cost the other regional systems, or even if they knew about it.

Executive Director Edson reported the budget in FY2024-25 would include final remaining funds from LA-RICS' Business Agreement with AT&T, which would be approximately three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) that would carry over into the new fiscal year for planned operating uses. Executive Director Edson



further reported Agenda Item “H” provided the Board with the quarterly report on that funds’ uses, and LA-RICS would continue to report on its uses to the Board.

Executive Director Edson stated Agenda Item “I”, was a quarterly report on services received from governmental agencies for services such as generator re-fueling and repair, weed abatement, etc. Executive Director Edson further stated he planned to bring a request to the Board to increase the delegated authority for this item for to comply with Air Quality Management District (AQMD) permitting requirements, emergent issues such as that at site BHS, weed abatement prior to fire season and other services that MSI declined to perform under the Warranty Plan. Executive Director Edson expressed, in order to ensure emergent as well as planned maintenance activities were realized through completion of the Warranty period, LA-RICS would request a supplemented amount to carry LA-RICS through commencement of the first year of Maintenance, and that would be an action item before the Board in June 2024.

Executive Director Edson further expressed the Auditor Controller’s single auditor was also present at the meeting to present the single audit for year ending June 30, 2023, under Agenda Item “J”. Executive Director Edson went on to inform the Board the auditors’ report was in line with years’ past with compliance demonstrated for each major program, in accordance with accounting principles, and no findings. Executive Director Edson congratulated the fiscal team for their diligence and attention to detail.

Under the topic of grants, Executive Director Edson reported LA-RICS continued to spend what was left of grants on the Warranty Period work, as well as items requiring completion during the Warranty Period. Executive Director Edson further reported that LA-RICS continued to move forward with projects, such as security camera system installation, which would be addressed in an action item in the Agenda. Executive Director Edson shared Agenda Item “K” would be presented to the Board, which was the UASI 2023 Subrecipient Agreement, for approval to accept UASI 2023 funds. Executive Director Edson went on to say some would recall that UASI 2023 was the final UASI award earmarked for the deployment of the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) System, and the UASI 2024 award, which was committed but not yet awarded (expected next year) would fund operations and maintenance activities as well as regional interconnections required for the system of systems model the UASI region voted to deploy.

Executive Director Edson shared the grant administrator at the City of Los Angeles (City) Mayor’s Office requested project updates from each of the interoperable communications systems, including LA-RICS, ICI, City Police Department (LAPD), Port of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Airport (LAX), and Long Beach. Executive Director Edson stated those updates were shared with Cal OES and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and he hoped to share those updates with the Board as LA-RICS embarked on the UASI 2025 grant season, however,



the Mayor's staff declined to share these updates, citing they would prefer to share with all once the UASI Approval Authority meeting was calendared, expected later this month. Executive Director Edson further stated he hoped members of the Board join in LA-RICS' request for transparency and collaboration with the understanding that interoperable communications continue to be the goal of all agencies involved and should be the focus when deciding on fair and equitable funding distribution, especially for projects that serve many.

Executive Director Edson commented as mentioned by LA-RICS Lead Engineer and Operations Lieutenant, site security continued to be a top priority for LA-RICS, and that Agenda Item "L" would provide LA-RICS with the elevated level of security needed to ensure the LMR sites operate safely during weather, fires, adjacent tower collapse and other loss such as theft & burglary. Executive Director Edson further mentioned the Board's approval would allow the Executive Director to enter into negotiations with the vendor who provided LA-RICS with the existing Site Monitoring and Management System (SMMS). Executive Director Edson went on to inform the Board they would notice LA-RICS has sole source requests with the Board, as the LMR network was built with specific parts, components, and systems, which upon successful receipt of grant awards allows LA-RICS to move forward with applying the final bells and whistles that would maintain LA-RICS' cutting edge and state of the art system in top order. Executive Director Edson stated it would have been ideal to purchase this upgrade/expansion at the time of original contract execution, however, the funding was not available at the time, and the funding was now before the Board along with LA-RICS' request for this sole source negotiation.

Executive Director Edson expressed, regarding system maintenance, in order to address emergent issues that required immediate action via a Change Order, LA-RICS requests the Board to delegate authority to the Executive Director to issue Proceed Orders that can be carried out on the field, as long as they were determined to be appropriate in cost and scope by the Project Management Team and memorialized after the work was completed via a formal Amendment. Executive Director Edson further expressed additional details would be shared under Agenda Item "M".

Executive Director Edson reported an Amendment under ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to the MSI Agreement was before the Board as Agenda Item "N" for certain Fire Suppressions System (FSS) inspection and Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioner (HVAC) Preventative Maintenance (PM) work, not included in the MSI Warranty scope but required for site functionality.

Director Edson concluded the month of April was exciting and challenging with much to do to ensure first responders have the tools they need, and the public is well served. There was no further discussion.

C. Project Manager's Report – Brian Smyth



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

Updates

Program Director Smyth reported that a meeting with the City Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for site Green Mountain (GRM) was scheduled to coordinate replacement of the existing power pole, and that issues regarding the Right of Entry (ROE) for LADWP were being resolved. Program Director Smyth further reported that California State Parks would accept either an ROE from LA-RICS and LADWP together or separately.

Program Director Smyth shared the original plan to bring commercial power to the site was for LA-RICS to install their own transformer and connect to Southern California Edison (SCE) power directly. Program Director Smyth further shared that SCE offered a solution, where LA-RICS would trench further than originally anticipated, however, LA-RICS would connect to SCE's transformer instead of purchasing a separate transformer. Program Director Smyth went on to say the path to connect to SCE's transformer fell within the boundary set forth in the Environmental Impact Report, and that design documentation would be available in time for LA-RICS to receive the necessary approvals for LA-RICS' portion of the work. Program Director Smyth stated commercial power would be installed by December 2024.

Program Director Smyth reported that issues with site access road conditions continued and provided updates on road repair work for several sites; Magic Mountain Link (MML) and Whitaker Middle Peak (WMP), which remain on hold pending resolution of design and budget issues; Portal Ridge (PRG) and Grass Mountain (GMT) had recently been reported as having issues; Burnt Peak (BUR1) was bladed by the United States Forestry Service (USFS); and the access road to site Frost Peak (FRP) was blocked by snow. Program Director Smyth further reported there was no critical preventative maintenance work that needed to be performed at this time at FRP, and the next steps would be to plow a portion of the road for access if the snow does not melt soon.

Program Director Smyth stated that migration work at site Castro Peak (CPK) was accelerated to finish in May 2024, and an Invitation for Bid (IFB) was being prepared with an anticipated award by July/August 2024.

Maintenance Activities

Program Director Smyth shared the repairs for damages at site Tejon Peak resulting from the tower collapse were completed after receiving financial coverage from the insurance company. Program Director Smyth further shared the Jacobs Project Management (PM) Team encountered some sites with significant fuel



quality issues. Program Director Smyth went on to say this may be a result of cold weather or by the ratio of biodiesel to petroleum diesel, and the PM Team was looking for evidence of patterns so fuel polishing frequency can be adjusted to individual site needs.

Program Director Smyth mentioned there have been instances of increased rodent infestation and that a two-pronged mitigation plan is in place that involves preventative measures and extermination services where necessary.

Program Director Smyth shared that in response to the felony burglary at BHS the shelter door lock was changed, and that locks would be changed on several remote sites in the near-term while a plan is being worked on to rekey all shelter doors. Program Director Smyth further shared that process improvements were in place to prevent felony burglary / theft situations such as that which occurred at site BHS, and some of these improvements were for door alarms, elevated notification and response protocols and procedures, a more automated notification process, training for staff, and distribution of site address/coordinates. Program Director Smyth went on to say additional process improvements will follow.

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 April 16, 2024, was chaired by Operations Lead Lt. Weber; having quorum present; the Minutes were approved; the Joint Committee received an update on the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) System by Project Director Smyth; a Regional Interoperability Update with a brief discussion on different areas of interoperability that were being worked on, including the Ad-Hoc Committee work; LMR Network Operations Status and Issues Update were both presented by Technical Lead Ted Pao; efforts were ongoing for Ad-Hoc meetings and UASI coordination meetings for Interoperability, as well as significant coordination between ICI for the regional and shared IDs; SmartConnect presentation by Motorola, a feature which allows for connectivity via Wi-Fi in fixed locations, which in summary Smart Connect does have relative costs, however it does allow in fixed locations to have connectivity similar to bi-directional amplifier but through Wi-Fi systems which is of interest to certain public safety partners that need in-building coverage in locations that have existing Wi-Fi infrastructure. Operations Lead Lt. Weber reported with no further items and no comments, the meeting concluded.



Operations Lead Lt. Weber was asked about the civil disturbance incident at UCLA and said that LA-RICS responded, Sgt. Alvaro Sierra and Mr. Dana Gower responded and assisted the LASD's Emergency Operations Bureau with coordination. Operations Lead Lt. Weber shared that UCLA has operational channels that were set-up for them during the testing and demonstration period of LA-RICS, however the incident did run into a bit of challenges as far what California Highway Patrol (CHP) can use and what other local agencies that responded to the incident had. UCLA and LASD worked well however there were some operational issues with CHP as well as LAPD. Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated LA-RICS is continuing to work closely with LAPD which will be addressed in the outreach report with much work to be done to ensure all entities could talk to each other during these multi-agency efforts. Executive Director Scott Edson offered LRTCS includes the statewide channels, and no reason state agencies did not go to statewide channels despite the opportunities presented by LA-RICS. There is some training that still needs to occur.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item D by 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 reported, other than Executive Director Edson's report regarding security incidents, the network performed without any other major incidents in April 2024 and that service-related issues were still an ongoing focal point with MSI service team. Technical Lead Pao further reported transitional issues on the new MSI Customer Hub portal were ongoing, and MSI acknowledged the issues and were working on resolution.

Technical Lead Pao expressed MSI's service teams were addressing the MML tower foundation issue and were working through MSI's internal contract and procurement process to hire the necessary subject matter experts to address the repair.

Technical Lead Pao provided a brief overview of the Analog Conventional Voice Radio system (ACVRS) channels per Board Member Vincent Capelle's request in the April 2024 Board of Directors Meeting. LACoFD and the City Fire Department were two (2) notable agencies in the region that were still operating on analog systems. Technical Lead Pao shared the high-level channel layout for each ACVRS cell and the sites and coverage maps for each cell.



Technical Lead Pao shared the Narrowband Mobile Data Network (NMDN) statistics for April 2024, in which the outbound message counts were trending around six thousand seven hundred (6,700) messages and up to thirteen thousand (13,000) messages. Technical Lead Pao further shared the inbound messages were lower in counts, but largely followed the trend, from the high two thousand and up to five thousand and six hundred (5,600) messages, with a one-day peak at seven thousand three hundred and eighteen (7,318). Technical Lead Pao went on to say monthly message counts from January 2024 to April 2024 were close in range. Technical Lead Pao showed statistics for call time in each cell in minutes for ACVRS as well as the top ten (10) channels. Technical Lead Pao did note, however, IPD7 was not part of ACVRS, as it was the legacy Inglewood Police Department (IGPD) channel the system tracked from IGPD's console. Technical Lead Pao shared statistics of Digital Trunked Radio Subsystem (DTVRS) usage, call counts for the top fifteen (15) cells (i.e., how many calls each cell processed in April 2024); expansion of call count for all cells and sites (the system processed just over two (2) million calls in April 2024); Talkgroup time in minutes for the top fifteen (15) cells. Technical Lead Pao stated Men's Central Jail was the top Talkgroup at twenty-six thousand five hundred and twenty-four (26,524), LASD North-1 was at twenty-three thousand and seventy-nine (23,079) and IGPD was under twenty-three thousand (23,000) minutes. Technical Lead Pao expressed LASD, IGPD, and LACoFD were the top three (3) agencies in Talkgroup time in minutes.

Board Member Vincent Capelle thanked Technical Lead Pao for sharing the ACVRS data he requested.

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 April included in the Agenda Packet for review and information.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber reported during the month of April 2024, Authority staff continued with subscriber and affiliate outreach efforts and were coordinating and moving forward with the affiliate radio ID effort with ICI. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further reported Authority staff was working closely with the LASD Communications and Fleet Management Bureau regarding the Los Angeles Regional Tactical Communication system (LARTCS) and regional Interoperability. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say Authority staff facilitated and attended several Interoperability meetings in April 2024, and on April 18, 2024, the Authority staff attended the UASI Interoperability working group, during which they discussed the active shooter incident in Marina del Rey, CA that occurred in the prior weekend. Operations Lead Lt. Weber reported the incident highlighted the current



communications gaps between systems in the region and the need for implementation of proposed solutions sooner rather than later. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further reported, on April 23, 2024, the Authority staff facilitated a meeting between LAPD communications managers and LASD communications managers, and the meeting was productive and should lead to communications between the departments.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber reported two (2) Ad-Hoc meetings were held in April 2024, and Authority staff continued to collect Interoperability requests forms.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber shared the Authority staff conducted outreach and coordination with the Rancho Palos Verdes Estates Police Department, City of Rancho Palos Verdes, California State, Long Beach Police Department and the University of California, Los Angeles Police Department and additional outreach and coordination was conducted with USFS, California State University, Dominguez Hills Police Department, and the Cerritos College Police Department, as they evaluate their needs and the possibility of moving to the LA-RICS system.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber further shared the Authority staff worked closely with these Agencies to ensure their needs were met and maintained close contact with state and federal partners to ensure Interoperability in major events.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated, regarding security, there were ongoing conversations with LASD to continually evaluate security of the LA-RICS sites and discuss security process improvements.

Executive Director Edson further stated LA-RICS received a great response from Deputy Chief McMahon from LAPD, who dedicated a captain to LA-RICS' Ad-Hoc working group, and LA-RICS was in a good place to have intimate discussions with LAPD on getting interconnectivity with LAPD now while in parallel work with them to ensure long-term connectivity once they complete deployment of their system in about 2 years. Executive Director was asked about LAFD, LA-RICS was pending an update at the next UASI meeting. Executive Director Edson shared LA-RICS believed they were in the process of changing or upgrading their system, and it would be connected to the new LAPD system, therefore, once LA-RICS has connection with the LAPD once they have completed their system 2 years from now, City of Los Angeles Fire Department would be included in that connection. Executive Director Edson mentioned LA-RICS hopes to receive clarification or an update in the May 2024 UASI meeting.

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

H. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS FOR AT&T BUSINESS AGREEMENT FUND FOR PUBLIC SAFETY BROADBAND NETWORK (PBSN)



Executive Director Edson presented Agenda Item H, providing the Board with a quarterly update on the expenditures recorded to the AT&T Business Agreement funds for period ending March 31, 2024. Executive Director Edson stated the report was received from the County of Los Angeles Auditor Controller on April 11, 2024, and shared with the Board, as promised, when LA-RICS entered into the AT&T Business Agreement.

Executive Director Edson reminded new Board Members the broadband system which was built years ago on Band 14 and AT&T ultimately received the contract to manage Band 14 via the National PSBN. Executive Director Edson expressed AT&T provided funding to keep LA-RICS sites, and therefore, this was the remaining funding from that business agreement.

I. QUARTERLY REPORT GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES USES

Executive Director Edson presented Agenda Item "I", which provided the Board with a quarterly report on uses of the Board's prior delegation to enlist assistance from the County of Los Angeles and other governmental agencies to perform various services needed at LMR sites that the vendor, MSI, declined to perform.

Executive Director Edson stated this quarterly report captured expenses incurred through March 31, 2024, totaling two hundred ninety-three thousand eight hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$293,855), for services provided by ISD for work which included rental of roll up generator, refueling of generator, etc.

Chief Edson further stated staff would be back before the Board in June 2024 to supplement the delegated authority for other services LA-RICS anticipated during the remainder of the warranty period.

J. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023 – BCA Watson Rice LLP

Helen Chu introduced herself as an assurance partner with auditing firm, BCA Watson Rice, LLP, as well as an engagement partner who conducted the financial single audit of LA-RICS for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and would be presenting the results of the audit.

Ms. Helen Chu stated the responsibilities of the management of the Authority and the auditors in which the Authority was responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Ms. Helen Chu further stated it is the management of the Authority's responsibility to stay within compliance of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the Authority's federal programs.



Ms. Helen Chu reported BCA Watson Rice LLP's responsibilities as auditors were to obtain reasonable assurance, not absolute, on whether LA-RICS' financial statements as a whole were fairly stated. Ms. Helen Chu further reported on the results of the financial statements of their audit and issued an unmodified (clean opinion) on LA-RICS' financial statements. Ms. Helen Chu stated no deficiencies or material weaknesses were identified in their audits and that LA-RICS was within compliance with each federal program as the Authority complied with the OMB compliance supplement. Ms. Helen Chu also shared financial highlights and that no audit adjustments or correction of statements occurred. Ms. Helen Chu went on to share there was no disagreement with management nor were auditors aware of any complications management had with other accountants regarding accounting or auditing matters. Ms. Helen Chu reported no significant issues were discussed with management nor were there any difficulties encountered in performing the audit. Ms. Helen Chu further reported they obtained certain representation from management that is included in the Management Representation Letter, stating that management had disclosed and provided all information requested during the audit. Ms. Helen Chu stated during the course of the audit sometimes the auditors issue a separate management letter for any processes that require improvements, or internal controls that are recommended however in this case, there was no management letter comments.

Alternate Board Member Yanagi confirmed Receipt and Filing of the auditor's report, thanked auditors and staff for a job well done.

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

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (K – N)

K. ACCEPT 2023 URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) FUNDS

Executive Director Edson presented Agenda Item "K", requesting the Board's approval to accept three point three million dollars (\$3.3M) in grant funds from the UASI 2023 grant award, which was distributed through CalOES, and would authorize the Executive Director to execute the enclosed UASI 2023 Sub-recipient Agreement between the City of Los Angeles and LA-RICS and delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute any subsequent amendments that do not change the grant award.

Executive Director Edson reported the UASI voted to award fifteen million dollars (\$15M) to LA-RICS over the course of three (3) grant years (UASI 22,23, and 24) and given LA-RICS Final System Acceptance was accepted in late 2023, the funds were needed sooner rather than later. Executive Director Edson further reported because of assistance from LACoFD and LASD, LA-RICS was able to swap workbooks, allowing LA-RICS to receive approximately eleven point seven million



dollars (\$11.7M) in UASI 22 and the remaining three point three million dollars (\$3.3M) in the UASI 23 award.

Alternate Board Chair Yanagi asked for a motion to approve. Alternate Board Member Cardell Hurt motioned first, seconded by Board Member Joshua Nelson.

Ayes (8): Nelson, Povero, Nigg, Berkuta, Yanagi, Rifenberg, Hurt, Capelle

MOTION APPROVED.

L. DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH DPS TELECOM FOR A SECURITY ALARMING AND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM FOR ALL LAND MOBILE RADIO (LMR) SYSTEM SITES

Executive Director Edson presented Agenda Item “L”, requesting the Board to provide the Executive Director with authorization to enter into sole source negotiations with DPS Telecom for a security system for LMR system sites to ensure these sites were properly secured.

Executive Director Edson reported the LMR System was comprised of several sites located throughout the County with certain sites located in remote areas and at present, the sites were monitored strictly from an alarming perspective contained within the Site Monitoring and Management System (SMMS) made up from the DPS Telecom company, which formed part of the LMR System network infrastructure.

Executive Director Edson further reported the DPS Telecom equipment currently installed at the LMR sites allowed for the expansion of the SMMS to include a security system by leveraging the existing DPS software and hardware infrastructure. Executive Director Edson went on to say expanding the SMMS to include the dedicated video surveillance and remote access by way of proxy card readers, electronically operated door handles, door sensors, and motion sensors was far more cost effective, as opposed to purchasing an entirely new security alarming and surveillance system which would require the purchase of new equipment and extensive integration into the existing framework of the LMR Systems’ current SMMS.

Executive Director Edson stated it was for these reasons mentioned that he was seeking the Board’s approval to commence negotiations with DPS Telecom for a proposed Security System agreement.

Executive Director Edson further stated the SMMS was already in place by DPS for door alarming and now LA-RICS seeks to add cameras and door locks – all of which



are DPS' equipment - as it would be more cost effective to achieve this through sole source.

Alternate Board Member Luke inquired as to who was monitoring the system. Executive Director Edson responded by stating the system was being monitored by the Network Operations Center (NOC) and the LASD communication center. Executive Director Edson further stated MSI notifies LASD communication center. Alternate Board Member Luke asked if this project was a result of recent site security issues to which Director Edson responded this project had been planned for quite some time however the funding was not yet available.

Alternate-Chair Yanagi asked for a motion to approve. Board Member Povero motioned first, seconded by Alternate Board Member Hurt.

Ayes (9): Nelson, Povero, Berkuta, Yanagi, Rifenberg, Hurt, Nigg, Capelle

MOTION APPROVED.

M. REQUEST TO ADD TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S EXISTING DELEGATED AUTHORITY ON AGREEMENT NO. LA-RICS 007 FOR LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM LAND MOBILE RADIO SYSTEM

Executive Director Edson presented Agenda Item M, requesting the Board's approval to add to his existing delegated authority under the LMR Agreement to issue Proceed Orders for an aggregate not-to-exceed amount of seventy-eight thousand and eight hundred dollars (\$78, 800) for changes in work when time precluded following the standard change order process to have MSI perform work on the LMR System.

The current process to review and approve Change Orders, followed by execution of an Amendment, does not allow for immediate work to be performed under critical and time sensitive conditions. Executive Director Edson shared, in contrast, Section 2.3.5 (Proceed Order) of the LMR Agreement allows the Board or its representatives to issue Proceed Orders when it was the Authority's best interest to do so, and when there was insufficient time to process a Change Order and Amendment. Executive Director Edson further shared such Proceed Orders may be comprised of HVAC repairs, FSS repairs, Automatic Transfer Switch repairs, miscellaneous electric or shelter repairs, etc.

Executive Director Edson expressed if the Agenda Item was Board approved, that he would report back to the Board on a quarterly basis regarding any Proceed Orders issued and associated costs and balance to the approved aggregate not-to-exceed amount. Executive Director Edson further expressed any Proceed Order



work anticipated beyond seventy-eight thousand and eight hundred dollars \$78,800 would be reported to the Board as well.

Executive Director Edson reported there was no fiscal impact at the time and if approved, any Proceed Order work will not exceed \$78,800, which would be funded by the UASI 2022 grant or the California State Budget Act fund of 2022.

Alternate Chair Yanagi asked for a motion to approve. Nigg motioned first, seconded by Alternate Chair Yanagi.

Ayes (8): Nigg, Povero, Nelson, Berkuta, Yanagi, Rifenburg, Hurt, Capelle

MOTION APPROVED.

N. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 121 TO LA-RICS 007 NO. LA-RICS 007 FOR LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM LAND MOBILE RADIO SYSTEM

Executive Director Edson presented Agenda Item N, requesting the Board's approval to Execute Amendment No. 121 with Motorola Solutions to include six (6) Change Orders for work related to Transient Voltage Suppression Systems (TVSS) replacement work; Fire Suppression System (FSS) inspection work; and Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system preventative maintenance work at various sites for a cost increase in the amount of nine thousand six hundred and thirty seven dollars (\$9,637).

Executive Director Edson reported these Change Orders are needed to ensure LMR sites remained functional, annual, and semi-annual fire related inspections were performed to ensure compliance with fire codes, and to ensure HVAC bi-annual services were performed to remain in compliance.

Executive Director Edson requested the Board make California Environmental Quality Act findings set forth in the Board Letter in connection with the recommended actions.

In addition, Executive Director Edson requested the Board to provide delegated authority to Executive Director Edson to execute Amendment No. 121, in substantially similar form to the enclosed Amendment, and issue one or more Notices to Proceed (NTP) for this work. Funding will be from UASI or California State Budget Act of 2022 funds.

Alternate-Chair Yanagi asked for a motion to approve. Alternate Board Member Hurt motioned first, seconded by Alternate Board Member Berkuta.



Ayes (8): Hurt, Berkuta, Nelson, Povero, Yanagi, Rifenburg, Capelle, Nigg

MOTION APPROVED.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS – NONE

X. MISCELLANEOUS – NONE

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

XII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – NONE

XIII. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING AND NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Alternate Chair Yanagi stated the next Regular Board Meeting would be held on Thursday, June 6, 2024, 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 Chair Yanagi called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:02 am. Alternate Board Member Berkuta made a motion.

APPROVED