



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

Thursday, March 6, 2025 • 9:00 a.m.

LA-RICS Headquarters
2525 Corporate Pl., Suite 200,
Large Conference Room
Monterey Park, CA 91754

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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

Ric Walczak, Police Chief, At-Large Seat #3 (City of Covina Police Department)

Chris Nigg, Fire Chief, At-Large Seat #4 (City of La Verne Fire Department)

ALTERNATES FOR BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Nicholas Berkuta, Assistant Fire Chief, County of Los Angeles Area Fire Department

David Sum, Acting Commander, County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department

Michael Browne, Acting Fire Chief, Los Angeles Area Fire Chief's Association

Cardell Hurt, Captain, At-Large Seat #2 (City of Inglewood Police Department)

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



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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Chief Anthony Marrone called the Regular and Special meetings of the Board to order at 9:04 a.m.

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – ROLL CALL

LA-RICS Project Team Member Marissa Bosque took roll call.

Alternate Board Member Cardell Hurt stated that he was traveling on business and participating as a Board Member telephonically pursuant to the “just cause” provision of Government Code Section 54953. Alternate Board Member Hurt reported he was alone in the room with no members of the public participating.

LA-RICS Project Team Member Marissa Bosque continued with roll call and acknowledged a quorum was present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (A)

A. February 6, 2025 – Regular Minutes

Agenda Item A

Board Chair Marrone asked the Board if there were any corrections or comments to the attached Regular meeting minutes. There were no corrections or comments, therefore, he asked for a motion to approve.

Board Member Scott Wiese motioned first, seconded by Board Member Chris Nigg.

Ayes (9): Luke, Marrone, Sum, Tadeo, Browne, Wiese, Walczak, Hurt, and Nigg

MOTION APPROVED.

(AT 9:06 A.M. BOARD CHAIR MARRONE TOOK AGENDA ITEM XI. CLOSED SESSION OUT-OF-ORDER AND THEN CONTINUED WITH PUBLIC COMMENTS, REPORTS, DISCUSSION ITEMS, AGENDA ITEMS I-K)



XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

There was no closed session listed for the Special Meeting Agenda. The Chair proceeded with the closed session items on the Regular Meeting Agenda.

The Board entered Closed Session at 9:06 a.m.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL –Anticipated Litigation (subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9) (1 case).
2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION [Government Code Section 54957(b)(a)] Title: Executive Director

The Board returned from Closed Session at 9:36 a.m. Counsel Truc Moore stated the Board was back in open session and the Brown Act did not require a report.

Alternate Board Chair Nicholas Berkuta introduced himself as the Assistant Fire Chief with the County of Los Angeles (County) Fire Department (LACoFD) and would Chair the remainder of the meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

There was no public comment.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – NONE

There were no consent items on the Regular and Special Meeting Agendas.

VI. REPORTS (B - D)

There were no reports on the Special Meeting Agenda. The Chair proceeded with the reports on the Regular Meeting Agenda.

B. Director's Report – Scott Edson

Executive Director Scott Edson greeted the Board and reported that during the month of February 2025, there were no significant events or outages that affected service delivery to LA-RICS subscribers and affiliates. Executive Director Edson further reported that while the responses to the fires and windstorms experienced in January have mostly settled down, some dire warnings about mudflows due to runoff from the recent storms in the burn areas of the County were issued.



Executive Director Edson stated LA-RICS continues to support first responders and mutual aid agencies operating on the LA-RICS network. Executive Director Edson further stated the LA-RICS team is actively managing the aftermath of the January firestorm events, and this includes refueling various sites, as many of LA-RICS' generators ran extensively throughout January with over four thousand one hundred (4,100) hours. Executive Director Edson went on to say some sites are still experiencing power issues due to damage from the storms and fires, however, it is worth noting there were no service-impacting issues on the network during January and February.

Executive Director Edson reported access to certain sites remains an ongoing challenge for maintenance teams; specifically, site Whitaker Middle Peak (WMP) will require extensive engineering and reconstruction of a section of the road affected by erosion from the atmospheric river storms in 2023 and 2024. Executive Director Edson further reported the LA-RICS staff is collaborating with the County Internal Services Department (County ISD) to explore interim solutions while working on securing funds for a permanent solution. Executive Director went on to say that if LA-RICS can find a temporary solution, it would allow for safer access using all-terrain vehicles; ultimately, the permanent solution will enable regular all-wheel-drive vehicles and fuel delivery trucks to reach the site without difficulty.

Regarding regional interoperability, Executive Director Edson expressed appreciation to Board Member Scott Wiese's efforts, as there are five (5) additional agencies who are actively working with LA-RICS toward regional interoperability. Additionally, Executive Director Edson thanked Board Member Ric Walczak for supporting this effort with Commnet agencies. Executive Director Edson stated that he also sent a letter to every Police Chief whose agency has not made progress over the last year in programming the regional channels for regional interoperability. Executive Director Edson mentioned the letter reminded the Police Chiefs of the importance of interoperability and asked them to be proactive in their efforts. Executive Director Edson further mentioned he offered the opportunity to exchange radio IDs and provide sheriff Talkgroups for enhanced interoperability. Executive Director Edson went on to say that he offered LA-RICS' assistance and specifically asked the Police Chiefs to let him know if the issue was funding, LA-RICS can make a request on their behalf before the Urban Area Securities Initiative (UASI) Approval Authority. Executive Director Edson said at the rate interoperability efforts are going, it is unfortunate the region will have to work very hard to be interoperable for any of the upcoming major events and the next major emergency. Executive Director Edson expressed that he hopes the Police Chiefs will recognize this



challenge and be proactive, as the citizens expect first responders to be, and the Grantor demands it.

Regarding grants, Executive Director Edson reported the Grants team is packaging the required forms and details required to submit the Request for Public Assistance relating to the California Wildfires and Straight-Line Winds disaster. Executive Director Edson further reported members of the Grants team attended applicant briefings in South Pasadena and Alhambra on February 25 - 27, 2025, and March 4, 2025, respectively.

Executive Director Edson stated the LA-RICS team mobilized to respond to various fire-related urgencies, such as mitigation of public safety power shutoffs, which included non-standard generator servicing, refueling, etc. Executive Director Edson further stated the teams worked overtime hours to monitor the system performance, alarms, etc. and assisted agencies with interoperable communications, radio programming, etc. Executive Director Edson went on to say that per the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) guidance, these expenses qualify for federal financial assistance, and the LA-RICS team will submit this application by the deadline of March 9, 2025.

Executive Director Edson shared that during these briefings, LA-RICS received information regarding the application requirements such as the resolution required by non-state agencies for the Designation of Applicant's Agent to apply for federal financial assistance in connection with the recent disaster and any other future grant program for three (3) years from the Board's date of approval. Executive Director Edson further shared the required forms were received after the Regular Board agenda filing, which is the reason for Agenda Item A in the Special Meeting Agenda. Executive Director Edson went on to say Agenda Item A requests the Board to delegate authority to the Executive Director to serve as the Authorized Agent and execute these forms.

Executive Director Edson reported the LA-RICS team is currently in the "Desk Review and Testing" phase of a Monitoring Visit by the firm, Witt O'Brien's, which is retained by the Mayor's Office of Public Safety; Witt O'Brien's is performing the audit work in connection with UASI 2019 – 2022 grants. Executive Director Edson further reported the auditors completed their review of documentation relating to those grants and are in the test phase, identifying and focusing on eighty-nine (89) transactions totaling approximately four point eight million dollars (\$4.8 million).



Regarding Budget and Fiscal matters, Executive Director Edson stated the agenda item for the Quarterly Report for Governmental Services Uses through December 31, 2024, would be presented before the Board. Executive Director Edson further stated that from the date of the last Board report, LA-RICS utilized an additional one hundred twenty-seven thousand, nine hundred forty-eight dollars (\$127,948) in funds for the specific use of the following services: twenty-seven thousand, eight hundred dollars (\$27,800) for fuel, ninety-five thousand, five hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$95,598) for generator rentals and maintenance services and four thousand, five hundred fifty dollars (\$4,550) for pest control services.

Executive Director Edson shared the Statements of Receipts and Disbursements for the AT&T Business Agreement Fund for Public Safety Broadband Network would be presented to the Board, and since the last report, LA-RICS has not used any funds and continue to earn interest. Executive Director Edson said LA-RICS will continue to report on this quarterly.

Executive Director Edson expressed that while LA-RICS waits for the County to provide feedback on the tiered rate subscription model for County users only, and in accordance with the Board's Adopted Budget, in an effort to mitigate projected funding shortfalls, he is working with the County Legislative Affairs section to explore the potential for federal funding carve-out to offset operations and maintenance costs while subscribers come on the network. Executive Director Edson further expressed the goal will continue to be maintaining a competitive and affordable subscription rate for small agencies while expanding interoperable communications in the region.

Regarding Contracts, Executive Director Edson reported members of the Contracts team attended several Procurement Under Grants trainings offered by FEMA, covering topics such as emergency and exigency, common mistakes, beyond the basics, and navigating compliance; the last of the training series will be on March 12, 2025.

Executive Director Edson stated that Agenda Item J would be presented to the Board, requesting the Board's approval of a Hold Harmless Agreement template to be used for agencies that are interested in testing the LA-RICS network by utilizing their own devices. Executive Director Edson further stated that as the LA-RICS team works to onboard agencies onto the LA-RICS system, there are certain agencies interested in testing the network by utilizing their own user devices, and this agreement template will allow them to do so.



Executive Director Edson reported Agenda item K requests the Boards' approval for a Tower Demolition agreement with Jitney Company, Incorporated for approximately thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000) for demolition of the last of three (3) towers that needs to be removed upon successful completion of the replacement tower.

Fire Chief Michael Alegria from the Los Angeles Area Fire Chief's Association (LAAFCFA) stated the channel outage at the City of Avalon was not mentioned. Technical Lead Ted Pao reported that a link outage from site Dakin Peak (DPK) in Catalina Island was immediately remediated by moving users to a different channel to communicate. Executive Director Edson expressed LA-RICS was aware of this outage, and MSI attempted to fix the link and ended up replacing equipment. Fire Chief Alegria further stated the link outage was due to faulty repeater hardware and power supply which resulted in the communications channel failure during the weekend following the fires. Executive Director Edson further expressed LA-RICS provided users an alternate channel immediately after the outage, and Fire Chief Alegria confirmed this.

Board Member Wiese asked if the County Sheriff's Department (LASD) lost connectivity as well. Technical Lead Pao stated they did not lose connectivity, and the link failure happened at one base station at site DPK. Technical Lead Pao said it was on the conventional analog and that on the trunked system users would never know it happened.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item B by Executive Director Edson. There was no further discussion.

C. Joint Operations and Technical Committee Chair's Report – Lt. Robert Weber

Operations Lead Lt. Robert Weber greeted the Board and presented the Joint Operations and Technical Committee's Chair Report. Operations Lead Lt. Weber reported that on February 18, 2025, at approximately 1:30 p.m., he chaired the Joint Operations and Technical Committee's meeting; the meeting was called to order; meeting minutes were approved; there was no public comment and no items in the consent calendar. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further reported that he and Technical Lead Pao provided a regional interoperability report which included the status of the LA-RICS' system. In the report, Operations Lead Weber mentioned LA-RICS is pressing forward with all agencies and specifically highlighted some of the topics Executive Director Edson mentioned, which is programming the regional channels for the Inter-RF Subsystem Interface (ISSI), shared ID efforts, and preparing for upcoming ISSI connections.



Operations Lead Weber stated during the Committee meeting Technical Lead Pao reported on the LA-RICS system's operational status and mentioned the Board would receive a similar report in this meeting.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item C by Lt. Robert Weber. There was no further discussion.

D. Finance Committee Chair's Report – None

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (E – H)

There were no discussion items on the Special Meeting Agenda. The Chair proceeded with the discussion items on the Regular Meeting Agenda.

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

Technical Lead Pao greeted the Board and reported that in February 2025, with the region experiencing milder weather, LA-RICS primarily focused on preventative maintenance across the network's infrastructure; this maintenance work will continue until every component has been thoroughly checked.

Technical Lead Pao shared Enclosure 1, which is a table of the statistical breakdown of preventative maintenance activities, specifically, radio frequency, generator, fire protection services, heating, venting, air conditioner, and direct current power systems, that are complete and have yet to be completed at the LMR sites. Technical Lead Pao further shared, regarding generator preventative maintenance work, that almost all sites are complete except for site Frost Peak (FRP) as access is closed due to Mountain High Resort's snow season.

Technical Lead Pao reported that on February 26, 2024, the utility power at the Saddle Peak radio site (MCI) was finally restored after running on generator power for twelve hundred (1,200) hours, starting from January 7, 2025, which is when the windstorm arrived. Technical Lead Pao mentioned this site is crucial for LA-RICS first responder subscribers, as it serves the Santa Monica Mountain region, which was severely affected by the Palisades Fire.

Technical Lead Pao stated that unfortunately, LA-RICS faced another long-term power outage in February at the Sunset Ridge site (ESR) which is located north of the City of La Verne and the City of Claremont. Technical Lead Pao shared Enclosure 2, which is an image of a damaged neighboring tower on the site, and he expressed this issue resulted from the windstorm on January 7, 2025. Technical



Lead Pao further expressed subsequent windy conditions likely caused the top section of that tower to collapse. Technical Lead Pao went on to say because of this damage, LA-RICS' maintenance technician could not access the site due to safety concerns regarding the tower's fall zone. Technical Lead Pao stated a power outage began on February 5, 2025, activating LA-RICS' generator.

Technical Lead Pao shared that LA-RICS reached out to their contact at Estrella Media, Incorporated since they manage the Southern California Edison (SCE) meter, and after some troubleshooting, SCE suspects the problem lies in the underground vault below the damaged tower. Technical Lead Pao further shared SCE is delaying any intervention until it is safe to work under the tower. Technical Lead Pao went on to say the neighboring site owner hired a crane crew to remove the damaged tower section, but there are concerns about whether the access road to Sunset Ridge can accommodate the crane without repairs. Technical Lead Pao said for these repairs, the site owner needs to obtain a permit from the United States Forest Service, and until utility power is restored, the site will continue to operate on generator power.

Board Member Wiese asked if any of the systems were affected by the tower breakage at site ESR. Technical Lead Pao said the power outage did NOT impact the LA-RICS system as the site was operating on generator power

Technical Lead Pao reported generator fuel deliveries to four (4) sites are complete; he shared Enclosure 3 which is a graph of fuel level percentages for various sites. Technical Lead Pao further reported, as of the previous day, site ESR had an estimated fifty-three percent (53%) of its fuel remaining and based on LA-RICS' average fuel consumption rate, there are roughly fifty (50) days of runtime left for the generator.

Technical Lead Pao shared that refueling is scheduled, however, obtaining access takes time, and thankfully LA-RICS' fuel consumption rates are much lower than what the generator is designed to hold. Technical Lead Pao highlighted the fuel at site ESR would last another fifty (50) days, and thirty (30) days have passed. Technical Lead Pao mentioned a similar event occurred at site FRP during the previous year's wildfire. Technical Lead Pao further mentioned based on calculations, there were an estimated eighty (80) days of fuel in the tanks and LA-RICS was at a good place fuel-wise.

In conclusion, Technical Lead Pao shared Enclosure 4, which is February's operational statistics and expressed that as expected, that February's system usage was lower than January.



Board Member Luke asked if LA-RICS or ISD is purchasing fuel for the LA-RICS generators. Technical Lead Pao responded County ISD purchases fuel for LA-RICS, and LA-RICS reimburses County ISD. Board Member Luke stated that regarding reimbursements, LA-RICS should look at receipts for the fuel used during the wildfire, since those may be reimbursable costs. Technical Lead Pao and Executive Director Edson confirmed LA-RICS was working on this with FEMA.

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

F. Outreach Update – Lieutenant Robert Weber

Operations Lead Weber greeted Board members and referenced the detailed Outreach Summary document for the month of February 2025 included in the Agenda Packet for review and information.

Operations Lead Weber reported during the month of February, the Authority staff continued with subscriber and affiliate efforts, and the LASD contract subscriber efforts are ongoing. Operations Lead Weber further reported LA-RICS continues contact with members of the Interagency Communications Interoperability (ICI) Authority regarding LA-RICS affiliate radio ID efforts and the programming of the regional Inter-RF Subsystem Interface (ISSI) talk groups. Operations Lead Weber further reported that on February 13, 2025, the Authority staff attended the ICI Technical and Operations Committee meeting where emergency communications efforts during the recent wildfires were discussed. Operations Lead Weber went on to say that although the LA-RICS system provided a solid communications platform, there is still a lot of work to be done regarding interoperability. Operations Lead Weber highlighted the fact that there are still many ICI agencies that have not programmed the regional interoperability talk groups into their radios, and the fires are a good example of why these efforts are extremely important.

Operations Lead Weber shared the Authority staff is working on additional efforts, which includes the letters sent to the Police Chiefs that Executive Director Edson mentioned in his report, to reach out to all agencies that are still pending programming the regional talk groups and mutual aid channels. Operations Lead Weber stated that he will provide a report on this in the next meeting.

Operations Lead Weber further stated the Authority staff is working closely with the LASD Communications and Fleet Management Bureau (CFMB) regarding emergency communications and regional interoperability; the computer aided dispatch project is also being worked on with CFMB. Operations Lead Weber went



on to say that on February 25, 2025, the Authority staff attended an online meeting with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) World Cup Emergency Planning Communications Group; the meeting was productive, and the Authority staff will continue to work with the group to plan for the World Cup and other major planned events.

Operations Lead Weber reported the Authority staff continues coordination efforts with the City of Palos Verdes Police Department, City of Claremont, University of California, Los Angeles, and several other agencies to ensure that their needs are met; LA-RICS continues to keep in close contact with state and federal partners to ensure interoperability during major events and to collaborate on regional safety communications.

Board Member Nigg asked if there was an increased interest from other agencies in joining LA-RICS after experiencing the communications issues that resulted from the wildfires. Operations Lead Weber responded there was. Operations Lead Weber expressed that as the letters to the Police Chiefs are being sent, LA-RICS will reach out to them and provide programming assistance where needed. Operations Lead Weber further expressed the information and request for programming assistance has been extended for some time, and LA-RICS will continue to try to push forward with interoperability. Operations Lead Weber went on to say the LA-RICS system performed successfully during the fires, and there was just enough equipment programmed that ICI system was able to patch in first responders to the regional channels. Operations Lead Weber mentioned this assisted in communication efforts, and the region would fare better if all agencies had the regional channels. Operations Lead Weber said he remains cautiously optimistic.

Board Member Wiese stated that, in his opinion, many departments contract out their programming work; they do not have an in-house programmer. Board Member Wiese mentioned that using a contractor involves a process, which takes longer than having an in-house programmer, therefore, some of the departments may not be making programming a priority. Board Member Wiese further stated that many departments do not have over the air radio management, and if a department uses a contractor, departments not only have to pay for the cost of upgrading a code plug, but also paying the contractor to be in the station and physically program the radios as they come in from patrol.

Board Member Nigg asked Board Member Wiese if there was an opportunity to help with these costs. Board Member Wiese said he thinks a mobile programming team that schedules visits to departments to program their radios will help. Board



Member Wiese stated another idea that may help is to have a mobile programming team show up at major emergency events and program their radios during the check-in process.

Operations Lead Weber expressed his appreciation of support on this effort and shared that LA-RICS asked the UASI Approval Authority for funding to assist agencies in programming radios as this is an interoperability impediment; there are some other complicated issues to address such as encryption. Board Member Wiese shared that he has one mobile radio programmer, and he offered programming assistance for free to other agencies, and these agencies accepted his offer. Board Member Nigg mentioned to Operations Lead Weber this is a good conversation to have as he is doing his outreach.

Operations Lead Weber shared the request for funding from the UASI Approval Authority was for LA-RICS to retain a programming resource to assist these agencies that may not have the resource and show interoperability results and then ask for funding to reimburse these costs. Operations Lead Weber further shared this would be something LA-RICS must continue to push for emergencies, especially with the upcoming large events in the region. Operations Lead Weber mentioned the need for interoperability is highlighted because of the wildfires, and many things could have been done better regarding communications; the LA-RICS system fared well.

Board Member Nigg stated if agencies participate in these events, their radios will be programmed. Board Member Wiese mentioned large regional events are coming up, and LA-RICS may be able to use programming resources as the Olympics near and there are "boots on the ground". Board Member Wiese further mentioned LA-RICS may be able to convince the Olympics committee to create a communications group to program radios as part of event preparations; this would be funded through the Olympics Committee. Board Member Wiese expressed his shock and frustration that the City of Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) decided to use FirstNet Push-to-Talk (PTT) during the wildfires and not ask LA-RICS for assistance. Board Member Wiese went on to say that he and Board Member Ric Walczak must keep pushing the police departments, as he is confident these departments need radio upgrades regarding encryption and code plugs.

Board Member Walczak expressed that programming is not only done once; it is a process that must be done on a regular basis. Board Member Walczak mentioned that departments will purchase five (5) or six (6) new radios a year from the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) which need to be programmed. Board Member Wiese mentioned the challenge is to not have a radio programmer in the



department and that it would be beneficial to have an in-house programmer who can do basic programming and write a code plug from scratch.

Board Member Nigg expressed a mobile programming team is a great concept, for onboarding or continual maintenance as it relates to the upcoming large events. Board Member Nigg asked if LA-RICS would be involved in the logistical planning of these events and if a mobile programming team will be needed. Operations Lead Weber said he thinks there is a need for a mobile programming team; the issue is where those resources should come from. Operations Lead Weber shared LA-RICS is in discussions with CISA who is coordinating communications for these events, and it is still in the early stages.

Executive Director Edson stated that LA-RICS plans to be actively involved in the communication plans for the upcoming events and have staff readily available. Executive Director Edson further stated LA-RICS requested funding for a mobile programming team from the UASI Authority, and the request was denied. Executive Director Edson mentioned that in the letters that were sent to the Police Chiefs, there is a request for them to inform LA-RICS if funding is preventing them from being interoperable and, if so, LA-RICS will bring this issue back to the UASI Authority.

Board Member Wiese expressed this is an issue that affects both police and fire first responders. Board Member Wiese further expressed both agencies need their radios programmed, and this is not expensive, as all programming costs fall within the signing guidelines of a Police or Fire Chief. Board Member Wiese went on to say the issue is that programming is not being made a priority. Board Member Wiese said the City of Sierra Madre and the City of Monrovia programmed their radios due to the wildfires. Board Member Wiese mentioned that Board Member Walczak will provide a report at the monthly Los Angeles County Police Chief's Associations (LACPCA) meeting, and he is confident that programming will also be a topic for discussion at the next LAAFCA meeting.

Board Member Nigg mentioned the wildfires are a catalyst to many of these conversations, but in the previous LAAFCA meeting, the fires were surprisingly not discussed. Board Member Nigg further mentioned that there is an upcoming LAAFCA meeting in Lake Arrowhead, and he expects there will be much discussion about the wildfires. Board Member Nigg hopes that everyone will work together and have productive conversations so the region can move forward with interoperability.



Board Member Wiese and Operations Lead Weber emphasized the need for programming radios as they are used daily by first responders. Operations Lead Weber expressed his appreciation of support and said if enough people use the regional channels, then testing and training can be set up, and it would be helpful if LASD trained with other agencies that will be part of emergencies and major events.

Board Member Wiese mentioned, some of the Los Angeles impact teams, such as the regional task force team for crime suppression, switch to Motorola's WAVE PTT radios when they are using channels outside of the system they normally use. Board Member Wiese further mentioned the regional task force team for crime suppression was operating in the City of San Bernardino and the City of Riverside and was unable to communicate on the system they were using; as a result, they purchased WAVE handheld radios and subscriptions. Board Member Wiese went on to say this was the only way they can communicate.

Operations Lead Weber stated that Motorola's WAVE PTT may be a great system, but it does not meet the needs of LA-RICS.

Board Member Wiese expressed his appreciation for Operations Lead Weber's outreach efforts and to not get discouraged as there is a shared goal. Board Member Wiese further expressed the letters that Executive Director Edson sent has stimulated conversation, which is a positive sign, as there is more attention to the need for radio programming. Operations Lead Weber mentioned that LA-RICS is ready to assist and will follow-up with these agencies.

There was no further discussion.

G. QUARTERLY REPORT GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES USES

Executive Director Edson presented the Quarterly Report on Governmental Service Uses under Agenda Item G. Executive Director Edson reported LA-RICS utilized an additional one hundred twenty-seven thousand, nine hundred forty-eight dollars (\$127,948) in funds for the purchasing of fuel for generators, generator rentals, generator maintenance and testing. Executive Director Edson further reported Agenda Item G indicates the original Not-to-Exceed amount for governmental services is eight hundred eighty-two thousand dollars (\$882,000); the year-to-date expenditures is five hundred seventy-four thousand, four hundred and thirty-six dollars (\$574, 436); the remaining balance is three hundred seven thousand, five hundred and sixty-four dollars (\$307, 564).



This concluded the update on Agenda Item G. Executive Director Edson asked if there were any questions to which there were none.

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

Executive Director Edson presented the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the AT&T Business Agreement Fund for Public Safety Broadband Network under Agenda Item H. Executive Director Edson shared this statement came from the original Business Agreement with AT&T when they took over as the federal contractor for FirstNet. Executive Director Edson further shared there are no expenditures from the account; and the last three (3) months ending with a balance of three hundred fifty-four thousand, four hundred eighty dollars and fifteen cents (\$354,480.15).

This concluded the update on Agenda Item H. Executive Director Edson asked if there were any questions to which there were none.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (A) FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

A. APPROVE EXECUTION OF DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT RESOLUTION FOR NON-STATE AGENCIES ALLOWING FOR GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF LA-RICS AUTHORITY

Executive Director Edson presented Special Agenda Item A, requesting the Board's approval to delegate authority to the Executive Director and / or his designee to serve as the Authorized Agent and execute on behalf of LA-RICS, an application to obtain federal assistance for any existing or future grant program, including those listed in the Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution Form, which is attached to the Board Letter.

Executive Director Edson stated, as a matter of background, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), requires the Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies be executed to apply for federal financial assistance in connection with the federally declared disaster California Wildfires and Straight-line Winds. Executive Director Edson further stated, additionally, by selecting the "universal resolution" option on the second page of the Designation Resolution form, this authorization can be utilized for existing and future grant programs for three (3) years following the date of Board approval.



Executive Director Edson reported that in connection with this Cal OES requirement, LA-RICS requests the Board to:

- Authorize the Executive Director and / or his designee to provide to Cal OES with the required assurances and agreements on all matters pertaining to such state disaster assistance.
- Delegate authority to the Chair of the LA-RICS Board of Directors to execute the Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution.
- Delegate Authority to the Board Secretary to execute the Certification of the Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution.

Executive Director Edson stated there is no fiscal impact at this time. Executive Director Edson further stated the Request for Public Assistance (RPA) for costs incurred while responding to or because of the California Wildfires and Straight-line Winds will be submitted by the deadline with subsequent report(s) to the Board once grant funds are awarded.

Board Member Nigg asked if Executive Director Edson has the authority to physically accept a grant or is Board approval for grant acceptance required. Board Member Nigg stated the reason for this question is due to a cost sharing component which the Board would need to approve before the grant is executed. Counsel Moore said this designation is to allow the Executive Director to seek out grant funding and apply for them. Counsel Moore stated the Executive Director would return to the Board, which allows him to start seeking and to find the funds, therefore, yes, for the Executive Director to accept grant funds, he would return to the Board to accept grant funds.

Board Member Luke asked if this funding is for reimbursement costs and not the actual initial purchase costs. Executive Director Edson confirmed this.

This concluded the update on Special Agenda Item A. Alternate Chair Berkuta asked if there were any questions.

Alternate Board Chair Berkuta asked for a motion to approve. Board Member Nigg motioned first, seconded by Board Member Walczak.

Ayes (9): Luke, Berkuta, Sum, Tadeo, Browne, Wiese, Walczak, Hurt, Nigg

MOTION APPROVED.



[CONTINUED FROM REGULAR AGENDA VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS ITEMS (I – K)]

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (I – K) FROM THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

I. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO AGREEMENT NO. LA-RICS 012 WITH SD EDSON, INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Counsel Moore presented Agenda Item I and requested the Board's approval of Amendment No. 4 to Agreement no. LA-RICS 12 with SD Edson, Inc. for professional services. Counsel Moore reported the agreement did not have an extension and would expire on March 25, 2025. Counsel Moore further reported that upon the Board's approval of this amendment, it will exercise the current one-year option that exists in the contract and takes the extension to March 25, 2026. Counsel Moore went on to say this amendment also adds an additional one-year option, where if the Board does exercise it in the future; it would take the extension to March 25, 2027. Counsel Moore stated the Executive Director is continuing with his existing rate at one hundred seventeen dollars and forty-two cents (\$117.42) per hour with a total annual Not-to-Exceed amount of two hundred forty-four thousand, two hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$244,237).

Counsel Moore asked for a motion to approve. Board Member Wiese motioned first, seconded by Board Member Walczak.

Ayes (9): Luke, Berkuta, Sum, Tadeo, Browne, Wiese, Walczak, Hurt, and Nigg

MOTION APPROVED.

Counsel Moore stated the following: "For the record, the LA-RICS Board has just approved a contract extension and amendment to the Executive Director's contract under SD Edson, Inc. at the hourly rate of one hundred seventeen dollars and forty-two cents (\$117.42) per hour with a total annual Not-to-Exceed amount of two hundred forty-four thousand, two hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$244,237)".

J. APPROVE A HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT FOR TEMPORARY USE OF THE LMR SYSTEM

Executive Director Edson presented Agenda Item J, requesting the Board to delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute Hold Harmless Agreements to allow agencies access to the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) System to test the LMR System (not mission-critical or daily operational usage), on a temporary and gratis



basis, to determine if an agency would like to make full and permanent use of the LMR System as a Subscriber.

Executive Director Edson stated that upon Board approval, the agencies will be able to use:

- Their own and / or loaned approved radios and accessories
- Or other broadband devices capable of Push-to-Talk (PTT) application onto the LMR network

Executive Director Edson further stated temporary access to the LMR System would be granted by way of talk groups for testing purposes only, and upon termination of the Agreement, access to the LMR System would be withdrawn and test radios / devices will be removed from the system. Executive Director Edson went on to say, that at present, there is no fiscal impact with this action.

This concluded the update on Agenda Item J. Executive Director Edson asked if there were any questions to which there were none.

Alternate Board Chair Berkuta asked for a motion to approve. Board Member Nigg motioned first, seconded by Board Member Walczak.

Ayes (9): Luke, Berkuta, Sum, Tadeo, Browne, Wiese, Walczak, Hurt, and Nigg

MOTION APPROVED.

K. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR TOWER DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL SERVICES AT SAN PEDRO HILL (SPH)

Executive Director Edson presented Agenda Item K, requesting the Board's approval for an agreement for tower demolition and removal services for site San Pedro Hill (SPH) and make those certain California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings described in the Board Letter.

Executive Director Edson stated that, in addition, this Agenda Item requests the Board's approval to delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute the agreement for a total contract amount of thirty-two thousand, one hundred sixty-five dollars (\$32,165), which would be funded by the UASI 2023 grant or the California State Budget Act fund of 2022 depending on the date of completion.

Executive Director Edson further stated that, as has been reported to the Board in past actions in accordance with planning / zoning jurisdictional reviews, it is



necessary for equipment such as antennas, microwave dishes, etc. to be migrated from existing towers onto newly built towers at certain sites and demolish the existing towers, which is the case with the SPH site. Executive Director Edson reported that, additionally, removal of the existing tower at the SPH site is a requirement of the Site Access Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for consenting and agreeing to construction of the new tower.

Executive Director Edson shared the timeline of activities that have taken place for the SPH tower demolition.

- 12/18/24 – Invitation for Bid (IFB) released to the public
- 01/07/25 – Mandatory bidders' conference was held.
- 01/08/25 – Mandatory bidders' site walks took place.
- 02/18/25 – Five (5) bids were received.
- 02/20/25 – Jitney Company, Inc. was identified to be the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, and all bidders were notified

Executive Director Edson reported the Authority and its subject matter experts reviewed Jitney Company's proposed cost and determined the cost for performing the requested services to be reasonable and in accordance with industry standards. Executive Director Edson further reported that no other bidders submitted any protest of the recommended award to Jitney Company, Inc., and Authority staff recommend entering into an Agreement.

This concluded the update on Agenda Item K. Executive Director Edson asked if there were any questions.

Board Member Nigg asked Executive Director Edson if this was an LA-RICS owned tower. Executive Director Edson stated the LA-RICS LMR facility (consisting of the antenna tower, equipment shelter, generator and fuel tank, etc.) is built next to the FAA's facility with FAA-owned equipment; LA-RICS owns the equipment at the LA-RICS LMR facility; the landowner at the SPH site is the federal government

Alternate Board Chair Berkuta asked for a motion to approve. Alternate Board Member Sum motioned first, seconded by Board Member Nigg.

Ayes (9): Luke, Berkuta, Sum, Tadeo, Browne, Wiese, Walczak, Hurt, Nigg

MOTION APPROVED.



IX. MISCELLANEOUS – NONE

There were no Miscellaneous Items for the Regular Meeting or Special Meeting.

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

There were no Future Discussion and/or Action Items for the Regular Meeting or Special Meeting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS AND NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Alternate Board Chair Berkuta adjourned the Regular and Special Board Meetings at 10:29 a.m. and stated the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the LA-RICS Headquarters.

Alternate Board Chair Berkuta called for a motion to adjourn the Regular and Special Meetings. Alternate Board Member Luke made a motion.

APPROVED

LMR Maintenance Status

System	Completed	Remaining
RF	14	39
Generator	41	1
FPS	10	49
HVAC	20	32
DC Power	0	58

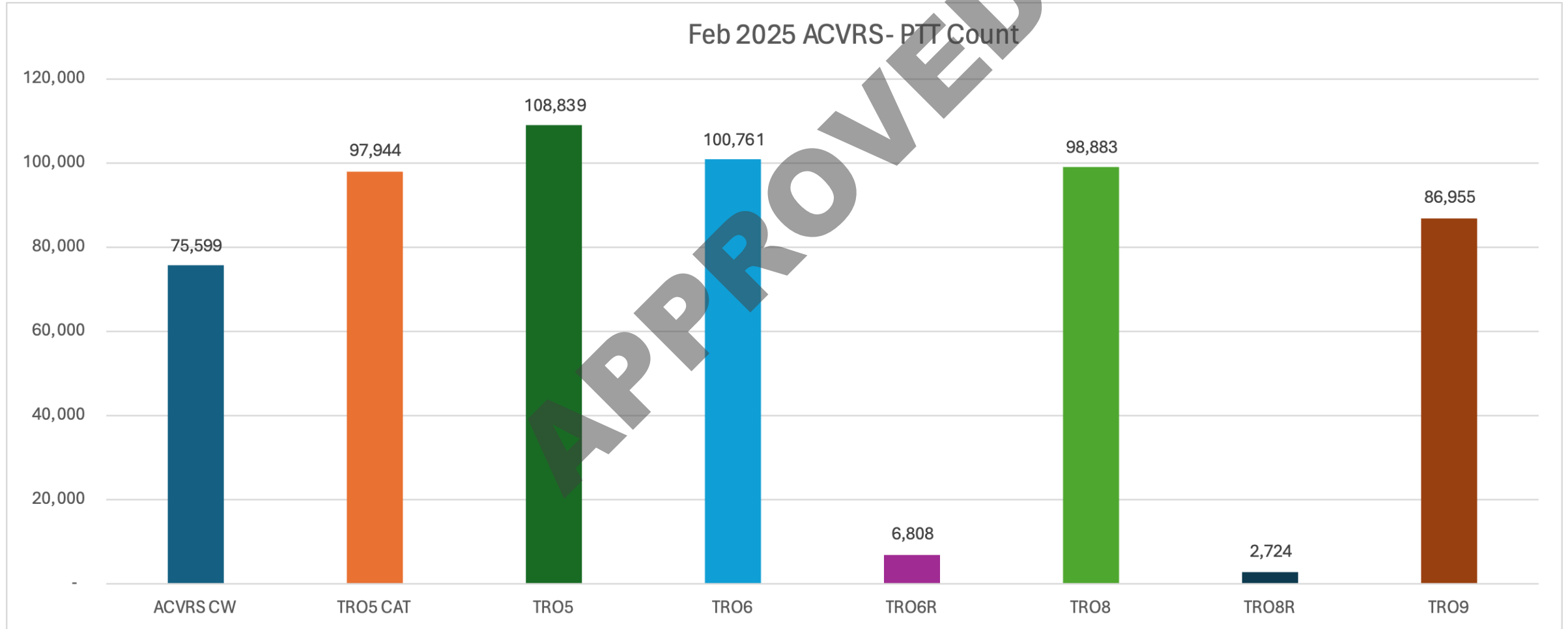
Broken Tower at Sunset Ridge



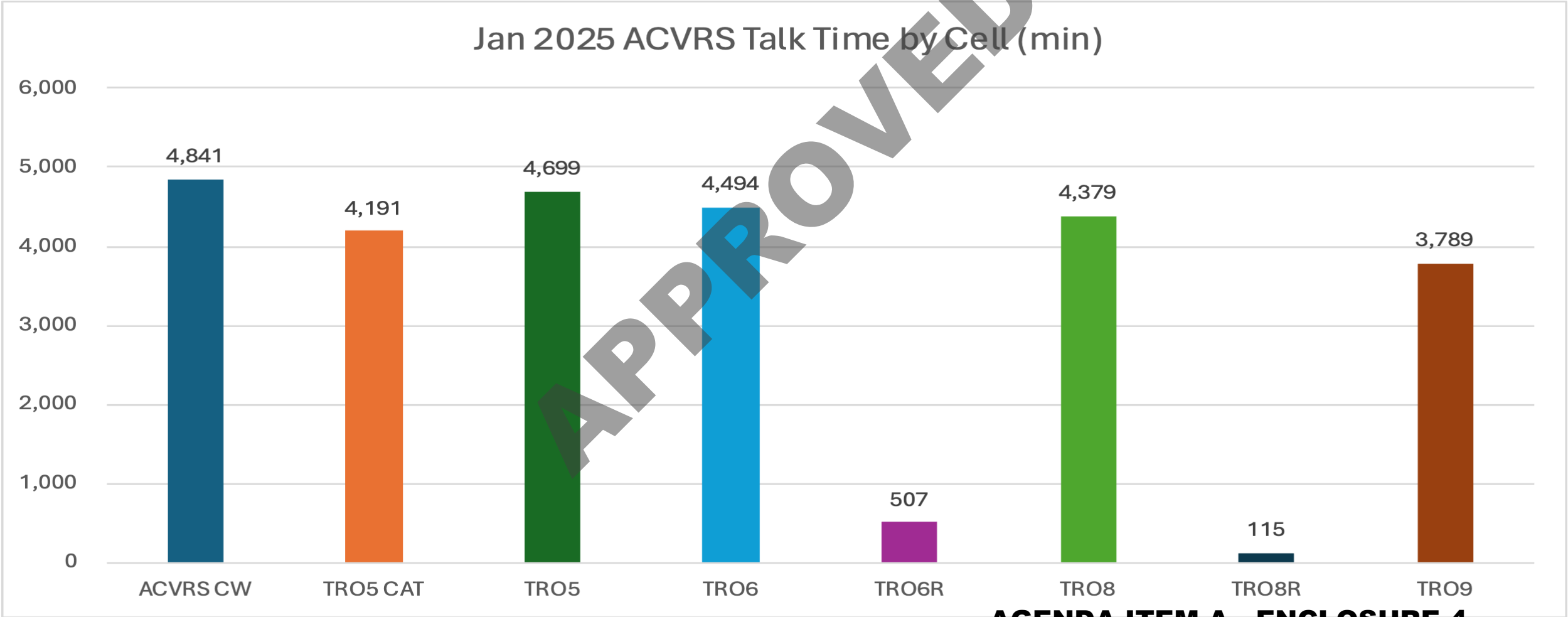
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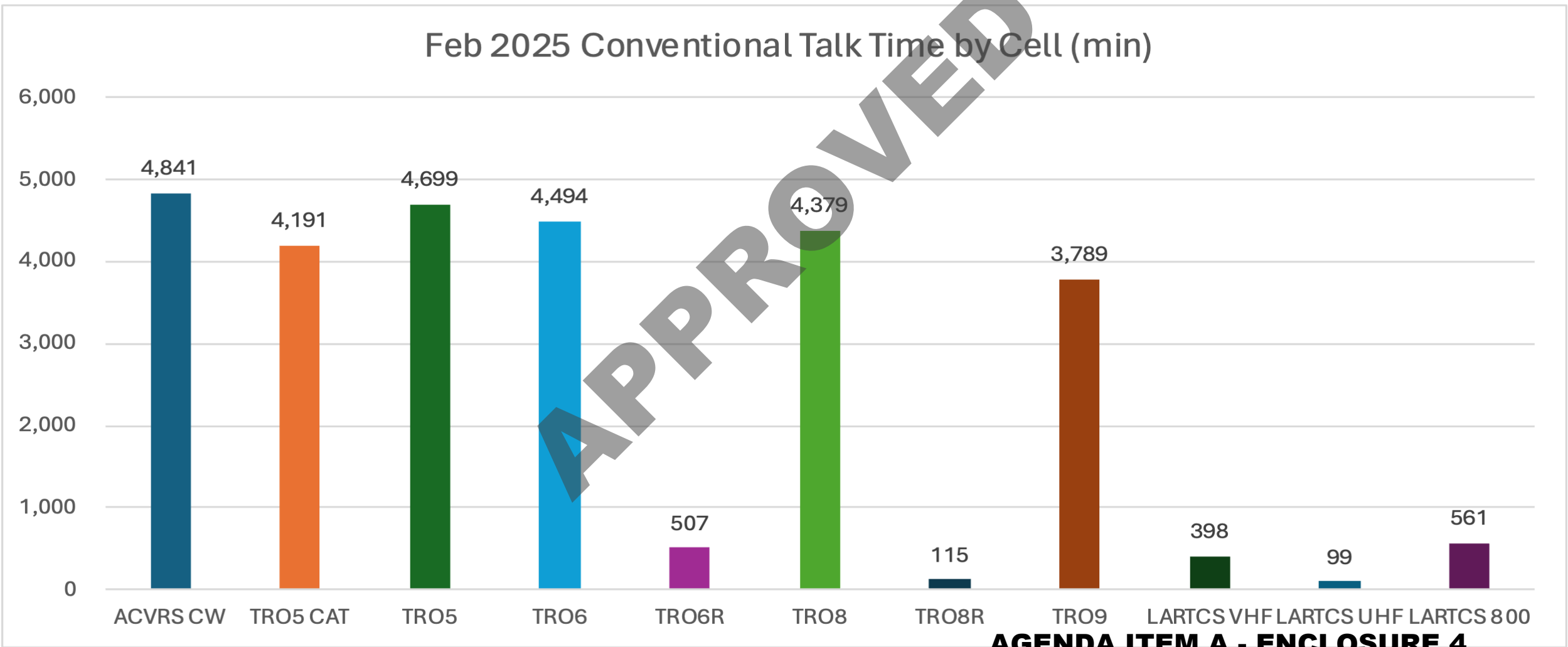
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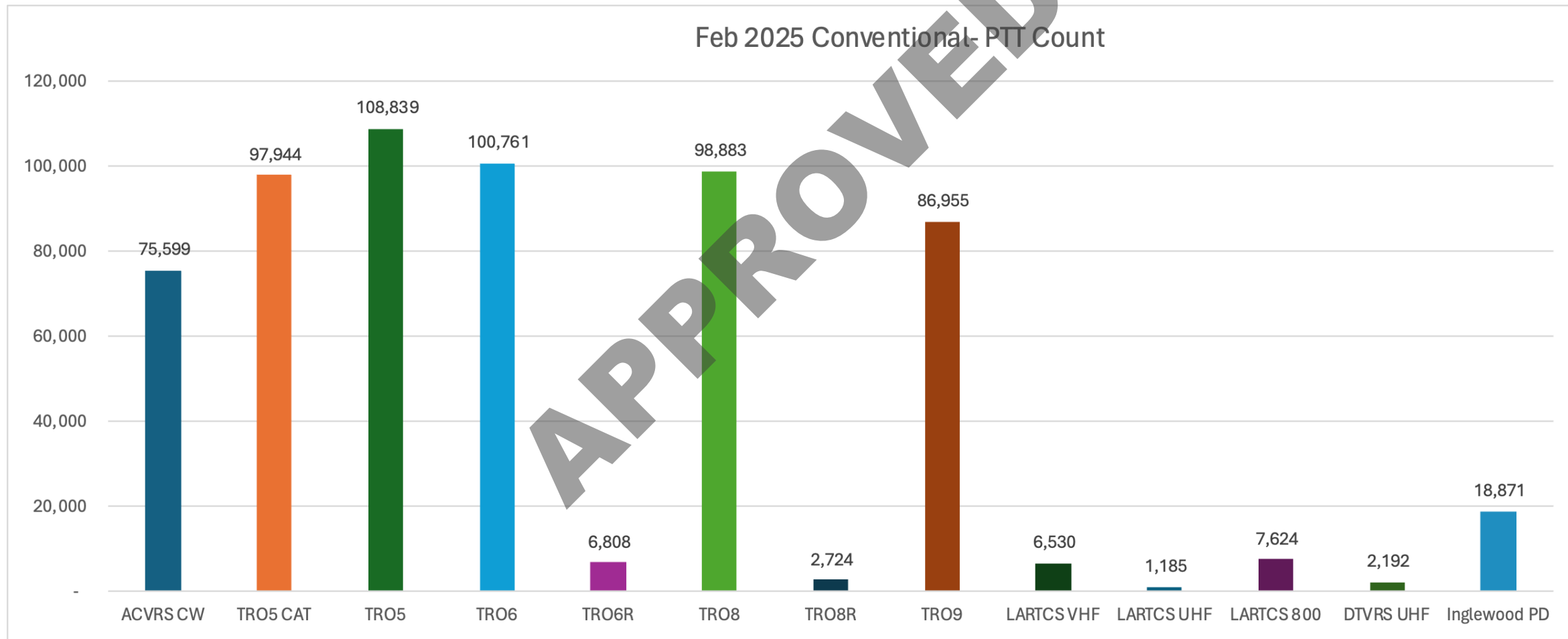
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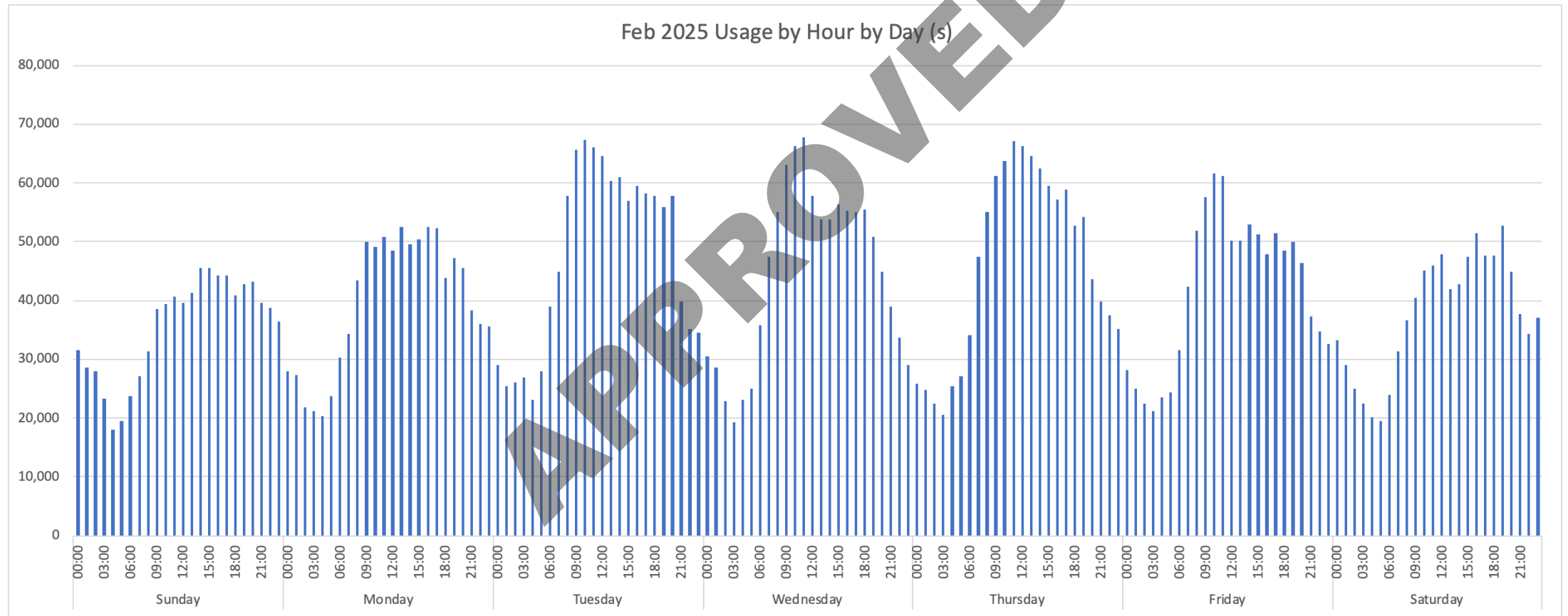
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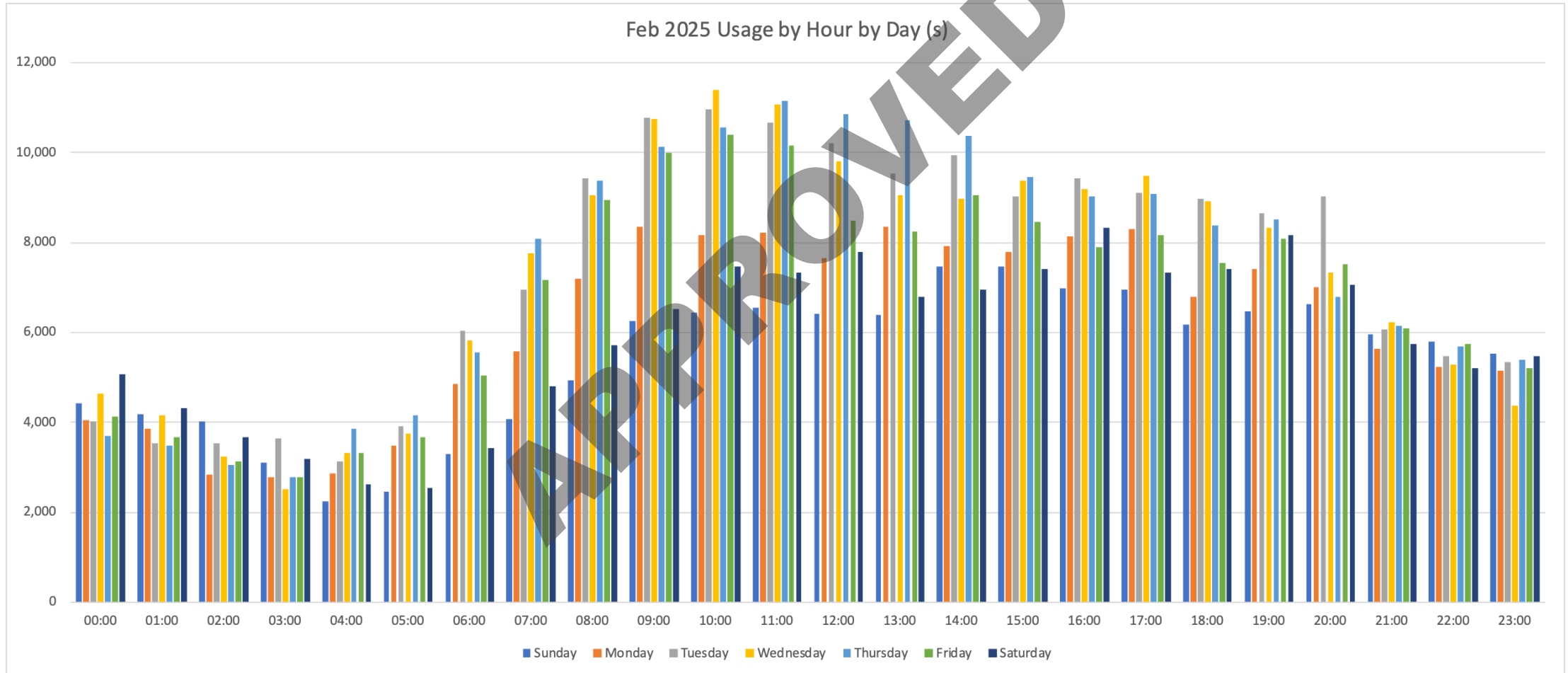
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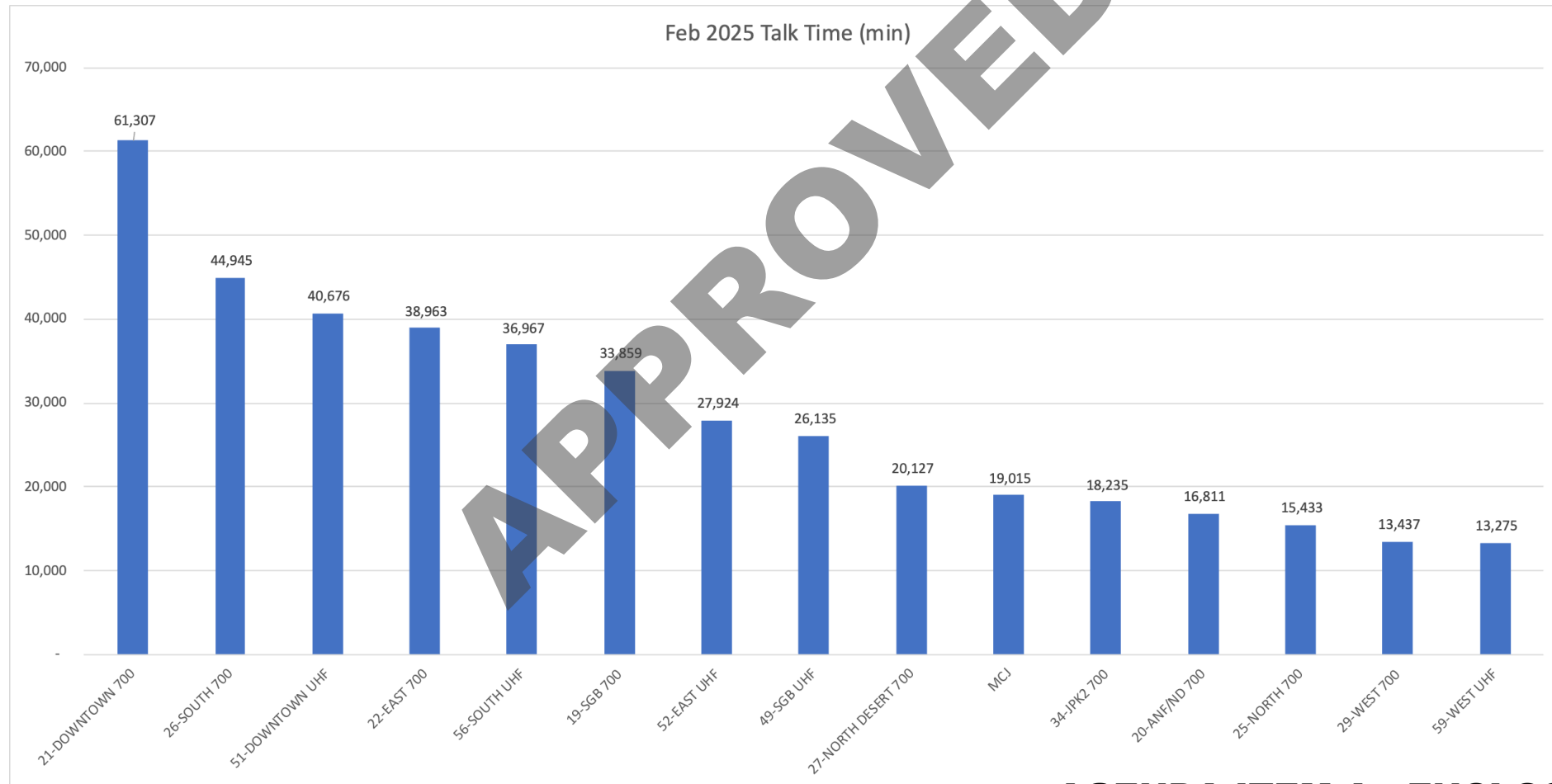
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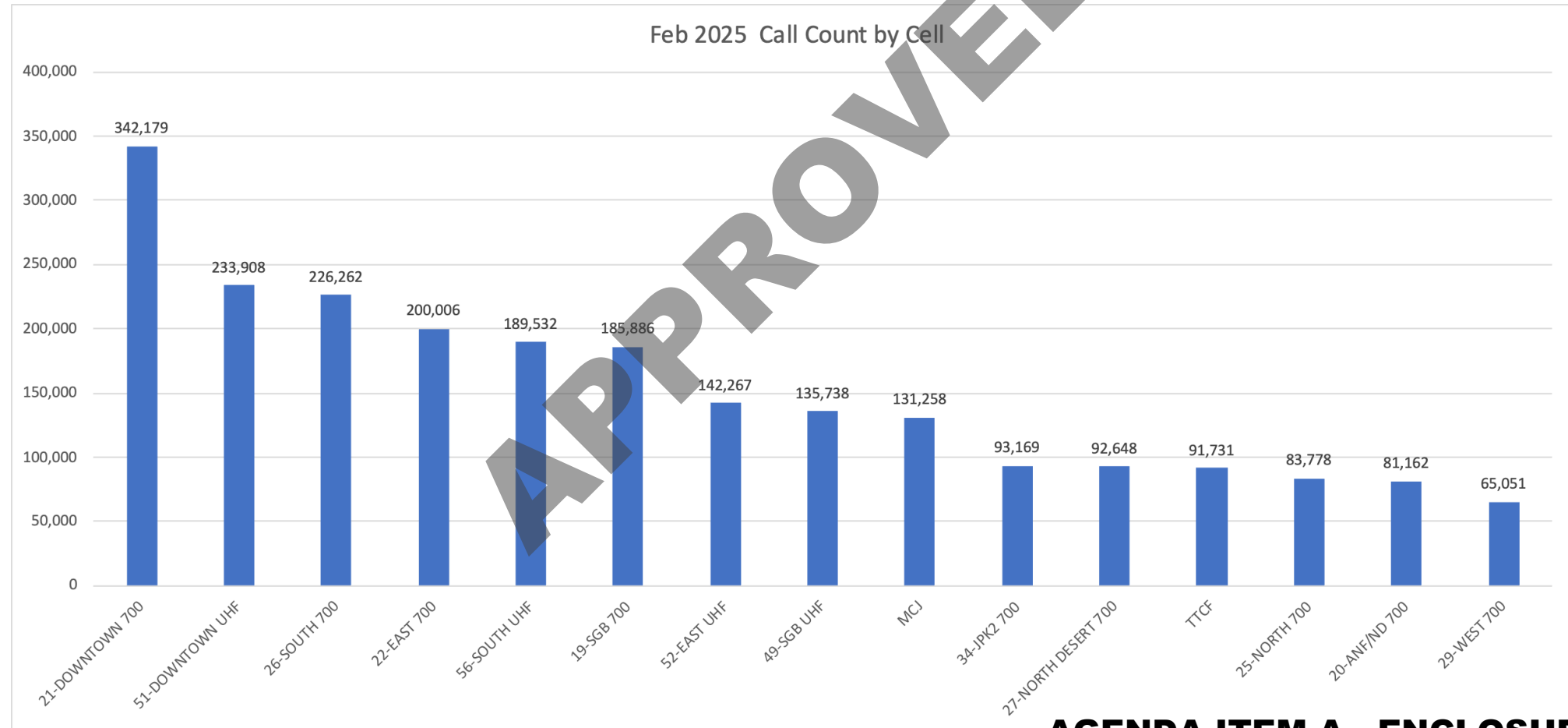
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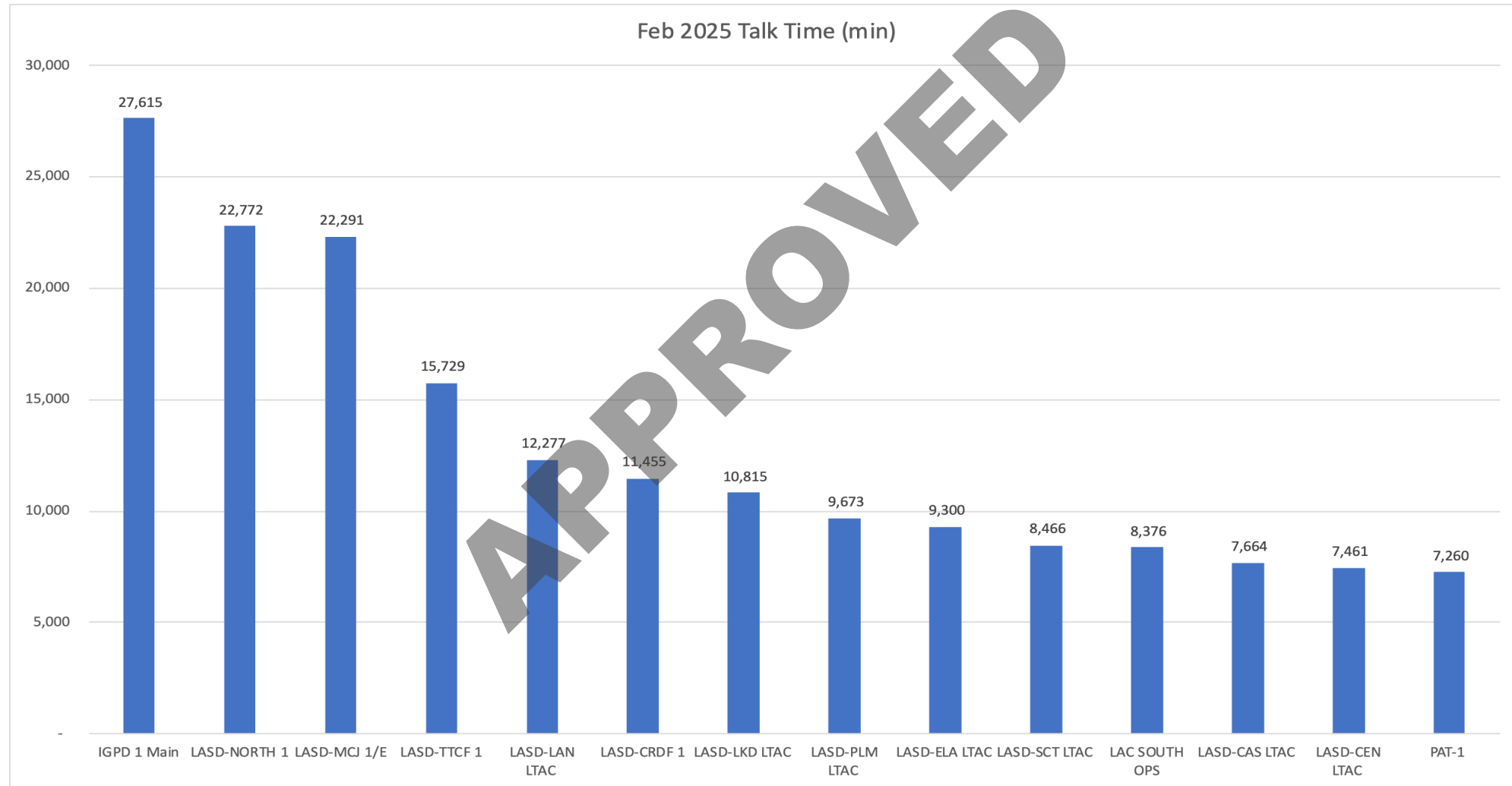
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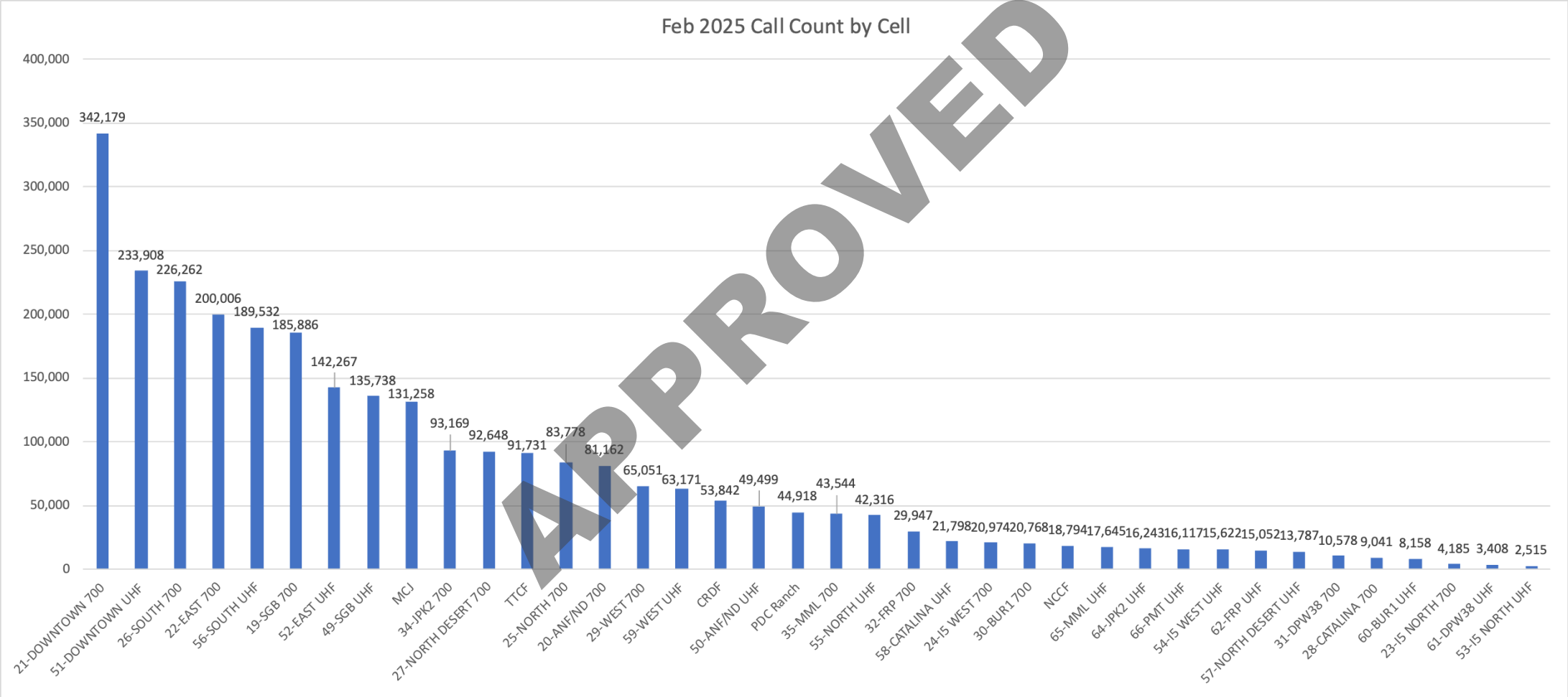
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