



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY**

Thursday, June 5, 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

Joshua Nelson, City Manager (City of Industry) California Contract Cities 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

Gustavo Jimenez, Police Captain, Los Angeles County Police Chief's Association

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT / VACANT

Michael Alegria, Fire Chief (Avalon), Los Angeles Area Fire Chief's Association

OFFICERS PRESENT

Scott Edson, LA-RICS Executive Director

Beatriz Cojulun, LA-RICS Board Secretary



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

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – ROLL CALL

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (A)

A. May 1, 2025 – Regular Minutes

Agenda Item A

Alternate Board Chair Berkuta asked the Board if there were any questions to the attached Regular meeting minutes for May 1, 2025; hearing none, he called for a motion to approve.

Alternate Board Member Leslie Luke motioned first, seconded by Alternate Board Member Cardell Hurt.

Ayes (9): Tadeo, Nelson, Walczak, Nigg, Luke, Berkuta, Sum, Jimenez, and Hurt.

MOTION APPROVED.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no consent items on the Regular Meeting Agenda.



VI. REPORTS (B - D)

B. Director's Report – Scott Edson

Executive Director Scott Edson greeted the Board and reported that in May, the LA-RICS network did not experience unplanned outages impacting service delivery, and service remained stable throughout the month. Executive Director Edson further reported Motorola Solutions, Inc. (MSI) continued to carryout preventive maintenance work on various components of the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) network infrastructure, and ninety-six percent (96%) of that work is complete, with the remaining tasks expected to be complete by the end of June.

Executive Director Edson stated the site security enhancement project is nearing completion, with one hundred eighty-two (182) cameras planned for installation and one hundred and sixty-eight (168) installed cameras. Executive Director Edson further stated the final installations at the three (3) Catalina Island sites are scheduled for completion by the end of the week, pending any further weather delays. Executive Director Edson went on to say that once all the cameras are installed, the camera portion of the project will be completed, and that door access control systems are installed at all sites, except for two (2) of the three (3) sites at Catalina Island.

Executive Director Edson said that most of the door lock cylinders are rekeyed, with just a few exceptions due to unique snow door configurations, and the final step would be configuring individual camera settings at each site to fully enable the camera system's analytic features.

Executive Director Edson expressed that looking ahead, the upcoming FIFA Club World Cup at the Rose Bowl has raised concerns about possible interference with LA-RICS' Ultra High Frequency (UHF) trunked system, which operates on TV Channel 15. Executive Director Edson further expressed that broadcasters and audio/visual contractors are applying for Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Special Temporary Authorization to use spectrum that could affect LA-RICS' operations, and, in response, the County of Los Angeles (County) Spectrum Management is working with LA-RICS' County Counsel and the FCC to address and mitigate the risk of interference.

Executive Director Edson reported that LA-RICS also requested that Spectrum Management pursue permanent protection of the Channel 15 spectrum for the Los Angeles region. Executive Director Edson said this is especially critical as the region prepares to host major global events, which includes the 2026 World Cup,



the Super Bowl, and the 2028 Summer Olympics, where international broadcasters will bring in their own wireless equipment. Executive Director Edson expressed that ensuring LA-RICS' frequencies remain protected under the FCC's LMR spectrum allocation is essential to maintaining uninterrupted service during these high-profile events.

Executive Director Edson shared there would not be a presentation on the Land Mobile Radio network operations status and issues since the Authority staff is attending a local Trunked User Group meeting. Executive Director Edson further shared the Authority staff would also discuss with the attendees the reason LA-RICS requires certain data for radio ID sharing and, hopefully, there will be an agreement on what is appropriate to share. Executive Director Edson went on to say that many agencies use this as an excuse to not be interoperable when, in fact, that is misinformation, because the agencies simply need to program in the regional Talkgroups in their radios and/or consoles. Executive Director Edson said that by doing this, they would be immediately interoperable via those with Inter-RF Subsystem Interface (ISSI) connections, like Interagency Communications Interoperability (ICI).

Regarding budget matters, Executive Director Edson expressed that as the end of the fiscal year approaches, LA-RICS is on track to close out the California State Budget Act appropriation, which as the Board may recall, was awarded to LA-RICS to complete the project. Executive Director Edson shared the appropriation was through June 30, 2025, and with certain camera installation work being performed by DPS Telecom, LA-RICS is on track to fully deplete the funds in accordance with the appropriation deadline.

Executive Director Edson stated that Agenda Item H is the recommendation for adoption of the FY 2025-26 budget. Executive Director Edson further stated this budget includes revenue from the Revised Subscriber Agreement that is also in the Board's agenda packet as Agenda Item G. Executive Director Edson said that as LA-RICS enters the second year of the LA-RICS System's Operations and Maintenance Phase, costs are aligned with a full twelve (12) month expenditure as Operations and Maintenance contracts now cover a full twelve (12) month term within the fiscal year. Executive Director Edson shared the full Operations and Maintenance cost is offset by revenue obtained via the Revised Subscription Plan for County users only, and LA-RICS will continue to promote operability by maintaining the twenty dollar (\$20) per device subscription for smaller agencies, which leads to greater regional interoperability. Executive Director Edson expressed his appreciation for the County's support in this.



Regarding grants, Executive Director Edson expressed the team is approaching close out of the 2023 Urban Area Securities Initiative (UASI) grant and pending sub recipient agreements for both UASI 2024 and 2025. Executive Director Edson mentioned LA-RICS does not have any new information regarding the “federal pause” on grants but have received instruction to continue spending appropriated funds despite the “federal pause”. Executive Director Edson stated he would be sure to inform the Board of any updates as LA-RICS receives them.

Executive Director Edson shared that LA-RICS is awaiting a response from the City Mayor’s Office, Grants Unit, on the one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in funds they apparently repurposed from regional interoperability to help the City’s radio systems; this without approval from the UASI Authority. Executive Director Edson further shared LA-RICS also continues to wait for a response from the Mayor’s Office to request to meet with the new Deputy Mayor, and he will soon meet with this Board’s Chair and Vice Chair to discuss these issues further.

Regarding contract items, Executive Director Edson reported that Agenda Item J extends LA-RICS’ agreement with the Association of Public-Safety Communication Officials (APCO) for frequency licensing coordination. Executive Director Edson mentioned the funding for this work was included in the current year’s Adopted Budget and being carried over into next fiscal year for this important work; thus, the Board will see the amendment is simply for an extension of the term, with no added fiscal impact.

Executive Director Edson stated Agenda Item K, which is LMR Amendment 129 to the MSI agreement, includes some Change Order work that is not captured in LA-RICS’ Operations and Maintenance agreement with MSI, including work relating to fire damage remediation, generator maintenance that is outside normal Operations and Maintenance work due to the fires, certain reprogramming/retuning work for Digital Trunked Voice Radio Subsystem (DTVRS) equipment deployed on LA_RICS’ Site on Wheels (SOW), and a reduction in services/cost relating to cybersecurity services is also included in the Amendment.

Alternate Board Member Leslie Luke asked Executive Director Edson to repeat the issue regarding the UASI and transferring of the funding. Executive Director Edson said the issue is the City believes that one million dollars (\$1,000,000) was purposed for City use, and LA-RICS believes the one million dollars (\$1,000,000) was purposed for regional interoperability. Executive Director Edson expressed that LA-RICS continues to try to schedule a meeting with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor’s office to resolve this issue, and he will soon meet with the Board’s Chair and Vice Chair to discuss these issues further.



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 – Sergeant Alvaro Sierra

Sgt. Alvaro Sierra greeted the Board and presented Agenda Item C.

Sgt. Sierra shared the Joint Operations and Technical Committees meeting was held on May 20, 2025, at approximately 1:30 p.m., chaired by Operations Lead Lieutenant Weber; having quorum present; the Minutes were approved; there were no public comments or items in the consent calendar.

Sgt. Sierra reported that Operations Lead Lt. Weber and Technical Lead Ted Pao provided the Committee with an update on the LMR Interoperability Report which consisted of the system status and LA-RICS' continued effort to advance interoperability with its partner agencies; Operations Lead Lt. Weber reported that several agencies updated their regional channels and are in process of updating their code plugs. Sgt. Sierra shared the report was followed by LMR Technical Lead Pao's report which provided a detailed summary of the LA-RICS' system's preventative maintenance status and LMR operational status report; the LMR network status report was followed by interoperability exercises planning which was discussed by Operations Lead Lt. Weber, and the exercises planning consisted of South Bay police agencies who were in attendance.

Sgt. Sierra expressed the Authority would practice these exercises with the South Bay agencies in the future. Sgt. Sierra further expressed that Operations Lead Lt. Weber provided an update on the ESChat application, in which the update was that LA-RICS continues to move forward with plans to implement the application across the LA-RICS system.

Sgt. Sierra stated there were no administrative matters, and the meeting was adjourned.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item C by Sgt. Sierra. There was no further discussion.



D. Finance Committee Chair's Report – Brian Hoffman

Finance Committee Chair Brian Hoffman greeted the Board and presented Agenda Item D.

Finance Committee Chair Hoffman reported the Finance Committee met on May 22, 2025, and representatives from all seats were present except for Seat 6. Finance Committee Chair Hoffman further reported there was discussion of a Revised Subscriber User Agreement before the Board as Agenda Item G; the Finance Committee was informed that County of Los Angeles Fire Department (LACoFD) and County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD) were formally notified in June 2024 of anticipated rate increases. Finance Committee Chair Hoffman went on to say the Finance Committee discussed how LA-RICS has transitioned from buildout to maintenance and now that LA-RICS is generating revenue through subscriber fees, LA-RICS must sustain its operations based on operational costs and achieve cost recovery.

Finance Committee Chair Hoffman shared the Finance Committee discussed the County's difficult financial situation due to the AB218 settlement of four billion dollars (\$4,000,000,000), lower property tax estimates due to the wildfires, and labor. Finance Committee Chair Hoffman further shared the Finance Committee also discussed how LACoFD and LASD were to budget any fiscal impacts for FY 2025-26 in an upcoming budget phase; ultimately the Finance Committee voted 7-2 for the Board to adopt the Revised Subscriber User Agreement which is before the Board under Agenda Item G. Finance Committee Chair Hoffman went on to say the Finance Committee voted 8-1 for the Board to adopt the Recommended Operating Budget for FY 2025-26 which is before the Board under Agenda Item H.

Finance Committee Chair Hoffman stated the budget included the impact of the revised rates in order for LA-RICS to balance its budget.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item D by Brian Hoffman. There was no further discussion.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (E – G)

E. Land Mobile Radio Network Operations Status and Issues – NONE

F. Outreach Update – Sgt. Alvaro Sierra



Sgt. Alvaro Sierra greeted Board members and referenced the detailed Outreach Summary document for the month of May 2025 included in the Agenda Packet for review and information.

Sgt. Alvaro Sierra reported that during the month of May, Authority staff continued with all Subscriber and Affiliate outreach efforts while also assisting with several other projects. Sgt. Alvaro Sierra further reported Authority staff assisted with the site security upgrade project which included trips to site Whitaker Middle Peak (WMP) and several other sites.

Sgt. Alvaro Sierra went on to say the LA-RICS continues to work with members of the Interagency Communications Interoperability system (ICI) regarding LA-RICS' affiliate radio ID efforts and the programming of the Regional ISSI interoperability Talkgroups. Sgt. Alvaro Sierra stated the progress of this effort continues to be slow but steady, and LA-RICS is happy to report the Arcadia Police Department has completed the programming of the regional channels and several other agencies are in the process.

Sgt. Sierra reported that on May 22, 2025, Authority staff participated in the Joint Civil-Military Drill organized by the City Office of Emergency Management; the drill was well attended and provided many opportunities for collaboration between stakeholders. Sgt. Sierra further reported that at the meeting, Operations Lead Lt. Weber highlighted the need for all public safety agencies to program the regional channels.

Sgt. Sierra went on to say Authority staff met with City of Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) executives and managers on May 22, 2025, and that LA-RICS' interoperability efforts are moving forward; there will be more to report next month. Sgt. Sierra stated the Authority staff are monitoring the progress of the World Cup Emergency Communications planning group, and on May 27, 2025, Authority staff attended the working group call where things continue to progress well. Sgt. Sierra further stated that during the month of May, Authority staff continued their coordination with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) regarding interoperability, and on May 28, 2025, Authority staff met with Cal OES and executives from Ventura County regarding interoperability; there will be more to report in July regarding these efforts.

Sgt. Sierra expressed that LA-RICS is happy to report that during the month of May, the Claremont Police Department transitioned to the LA-RICS LMR System, and Authority staff provided training and technical support during the transition, and the system performed very well.



Sgt. Sierra shared that Authority staff continued coordination with Palos Verdes Estates Police Department, the UCLA Police Department, and several other agencies, and the Authority staff will work closely with these agencies to ensure their needs are met.

Sgt. Sierra further shared that Authority staff members continued close contact with State and Federal partners to ensure interoperability during major events and continue collaboration on regional public safety communication.

Sgt. Sierra asked if there were any questions. There was no further discussion.

(AT 9:16 AM COUNSEL TRUC L. MOORE TOOK AGENDA ITEM XIII. CLOSED SESSION OUT-OF-ORDER, WHICH CONCLUDED AT 9:33 AM)

XIII CLOSED SESSION REPORT –

The Board entered Closed Session at 9:16 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 9:33 a.m. Counsel Truc Moore stated the Board returned to open session, and announced the LA-RICS' Board approved a settlement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. to resolve disputed delay claims related to the LMR Project in the amount of twenty-three million dollars (\$23,000,000).

VIII ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (G – K)

G. DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO FINALIZE AND EXECUTE A REVISED VERSION OF THE LA-RICS USER AGREEMENTS FOR SUBSCRIBER ENTITIES WITH 20,000+ RADIOS ON THE LAND MOBILE RADIO (LMR) SYSTEM

Executive Director Edson presented Agenda Item G, which requested the Board's approval of a revised version of the Subscriber User Agreements with Subscriber entities with twenty thousand (20,000) or more radios on the LMR system for a monthly fee, as described in the agenda, per devices that have access to or utilizes the LMR system which can include radios, consoles, consolettes, modems and other equipment collectively termed "radios" transmitting Countywide.



Executive Director Edson said that, additionally, this includes devices that utilize the LMR System on a Countywide basis either directly or indirectly, such as smartphones with Push-to-Talk (PTT) functionality.

Executive Director Edson stated this agenda item would delegate authority to the Executive Director to continue to finalize, revise, and issue amendment(s) to the User Agreements for Subscribers and Affiliates, as may be needed to accommodate changes, including for operations and maintenance costs for Subscribers, provided that any such revisions and/or amendment(s) to the User Agreements are approved as to form by Counsel to the Authority.

Executive Director Edson mentioned this is for any one agency that has more than twenty thousand (20,000) radios.

Alternate Board Member Sum asked Executive Director Edson if this revised agreement meant that each device would cost sixty-five dollars (\$65) for LASD to which Executive Director Edson said that was the current rate on the Revised User Agreement.

Alternate Board Chair Berkuta stated this rate increase affects LACoFD, LASD, and a few other County departments, which LACoFD supports the system. Alternate Board Chair Berkuta brought forth the idea of a friendly amendment to include parity between the County departments, therefore, the cost would be the same for every device regardless of whether the County department use Narrowband Mobile Data Network (NMDN) or not. Alternate Board Chair Berkuta expressed this would be open to all departments. Alternate Board Chair Berkuta asked Director Edson if he had an idea of what the cost would be.

Executive Director Edson said that LACoFD's price per device would decrease from eighty-five dollars (\$85) to seventy dollars (\$70), and the price per device for other County departments would increase from sixty-five dollars (\$65) per device to seventy dollars (\$70) per device.

Alternate Board Member Sum stated on behalf of LASD, that LASD is certainly ready to vote for the sixty-five dollars (\$65) per device rate, however, they are not ready to vote for the seventy dollar (\$70) per device rate. Alternate Board Chair Sum expressed the LA-RICS system has worked phenomenally for LASD, as it has performed very well, especially during the unprecedented 2025 wildfires. Alternate Board Member Sum further expressed LASD is utilizing the LA-RICS' system for interoperability, and LASD is very pleased with the system. Board Member Sum said, however, that LASD has been operating on a structural deficit since 2021, and



the subscriber fee increase exacerbates their financial strain. Board Member Sum shared that LASD expressed their concerns to the County Chief Executive Office (CEO), and it is their understanding the CEO will work with LASD to help them afford the sixty-five dollar (\$65) per device increase.

Alternate Board Member Sum further shared that LASD is in unity with the County in support of a fee increase, however, he wanted to emphasize that LASD needs assistance from their partners at the County CEO office, and this assistance is for the sixty-five-dollar (\$65) fee before the increase to seventy dollars (\$70). Alternate Board Member Sum went on to say that LASD is unprepared to vote on this agenda item and kindly asked to continue this agenda item to the following Board meeting.

Executive Director Edson stated that he has made the presentation, therefore, the Board would need to make a motion for this agenda item as it stands or a motion for it as a friendly amendment. Executive Director Edson further stated if the Board chooses to table this agenda item, this would pose a problem, as it would impact LA-RICS' fiscal budget beginning on July 1, 2025.

Alternate Board Member Sum asked Executive Director Edson if there was a possible scenario in which the fee was simply lowered to sixty-five dollars (\$65) per device for all subscribers; LA-RICS will still have the increased rate.

Executive Director Edson said in that scenario, LA-RICS would still have a deficit and would not be able to provide enough funding from the fiscal budget. Executive Director Edson mentioned that with eighty-five dollars (\$85) and sixty-five dollars (\$65) per device, or seventy dollars (\$70) per device, LA-RICS would not have a deficit.

Board Member Nelson asked Executive Director Edson how many radios LACoFD and LASD uses. Executive Director Edson stated that LASD uses twenty-two thousand five hundred radios (22,500). Alternate Board Chair Berkuta stated that LACoFD uses about seven thousand seven hundred (7,700) radios.

Alternate Board Member Sum expressed the five-dollar (\$5) increase does not seem expensive to LASD, however, due to the amount of radios that LASD uses, it is a substantial increase to their annual cost.

Executive Director Edson said his recommendation to the Board would be to pass the motion, and LASD will have their discussion with County CEO, as it would be difficult for LA-RICS to move forward without a budget. Executive Director Edson expressed that if this motion does not pass, he is not sure how this will affect



LA-RICS organizationally, and he recommends the Board move forward with the motion or with a friendly amendment, however, so far there has been no motion at all.

Board Member Nelson asked Executive Director Edson by when the motion would need to be agreed upon. Executive Director Edson said it would need to be agreed to by the end of this month. Board Member Nelson suggested holding a Special Board Meeting before the end of this month. Alternate Board Member Sum mentioned this would be helpful for LASD, as it would give them time to meet with the County CEO; they would like to be able to afford this rate increase, as the system continues to perform well for them. Alternate Board Member Sum further mentioned that LASD understands the operational impact and deficit that LA-RICS is incurring and asked for a Special Board Meeting for this agenda item.

Board Member Nigg stated he was supportive of holding a Special Board Meeting and asked Alternate Board Member Sum if he expected to have a positive outcome from LASD's discussions with the County CEO; he also asked Alternate Board Member Sum what would happen if the outcome of their discussions were not positive.

Alternate Board Member Sum said he anticipated the discussion to be favorable as he believes the County CEO would assist LASD; the discussion has not taken place yet.

Executive Director Edson asked Counsel Moore if the Board could approve the Subscriber Agreement in form and allow him the opportunity to modify the agreement to the parity figure of seventy dollars (\$70) per device, assuming the discussion between LASD and the County CEO are positive; this way, the same dollar amount would be entered into LA-RICS' budget.

Counsel Moore stated the Board can approve the agenda item as is, and that agenda item would delegate authority to the Executive Director to adjust the subscriber agreements with approval as to form by County Counsel; however, if there is no agreement, then LASD would remain with the subscriber radios.

Executive Director Edson suggested the Board to approve as to form this agenda item, and LACoFD and LASD would discuss the parity topic outside of this Board meeting. Executive Director Edson expressed he would make adjustments that are agreed to before the end of this month.



Alternate Board Member Sum said Executive Director Edson's recommendation seems fair. Alternate Board Chair Berkuta expressed his support for the recommendation.

Board Member Nelson confirmed with Executive Director Edson that both parties would have an internal discussion and come to an agreement on how they would achieve the rate outlined in the agenda item.

Alternate Board Member Richard Tadeo confirmed with Counsel Moore the second recommendation covers the delegated authority.

Alternate Board Member Luke expressed that, from a budgeting perspective, this would be difficult to discuss within a short period of time. Executive Director Edson stated that if the motion that Board Member Nelson mentioned was made and approved, he did not anticipate there would be other meetings, as the County departments would have internal discussions, report their decision to him, and he would modify the Agreement with the agreed upon changes. Executive Director Edson further stated the agenda item could be kept as-is until June 30, and then he could make modifications to the agreement per County department's decisions after that. Executive Director Edson went on to say he did not recommend extending this agenda item for another few months.

Executive Director Edson mentioned that he anticipates having more Subscribers and more County departments on the system in the future, therefore, there will likely be adjustments made in future budgets.

Alternate Board Member Sum requested his comments regarding LASD's budget deficit be reflected in the meeting minutes. Alternate Board Chair Berkuta asked to also ensure his request for parity be reflected in the meeting minutes. Executive Director Edson confirmed this.

Finance Committee Chair Hoffman stated the County CEO office would work with LASD and LACoFD to identify solutions, however, these discussions would not be finalized until the supplemental budget phase which does not begin until July. Finance Committee Chair Hoffman further stated that although this budget would not be effective until the County's budget is finalized, the process for finalizing the County budget for FY 2025-26 does not end on June 30th. Finance Committee Chair Hoffman emphasized the funding source would not be finalized before LACoFD and LASD agree on a parity agreement or another solution that is a change from the original proposal.



Alternate Board Member Luke asked if the recommendation for a friendly amendment was rescinded. Alternate Board Chair Berkuta clarified he suggested the idea of a friendly amendment for discussion and did not make a motion for it.

Alternate Board Chair Berkuta clarified that to make a motion to approve “as-is” is to approve a motion in its current written form. Alternate Board Chair Berkuta asked for a motion to approve. Board Member Nigg motioned first, seconded by Alternate Board Member Hurt.

Ayes (9): Tadeo, Nelson, Walczak, Nigg, Luke, Berkuta, Sum, Jimenez, and Hurt.

MOTION APPROVED.

H. APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 RECOMMENDED LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY OPERATING BUDGET

Executive Director Edson presented Agenda Item I in which the Board was requested approval of the Proposed Operating Budget FY 2025-26, which incorporates revenue from grants awarded to LA-RICS including UASI grants, the LA-RICS Board Adopted Subscriber Agreement Revenue, revenue from Cost Recovery fees associated with collocation proposals at the Authority’s LMR sites, and the remaining balance from the AT&T Business Agreement funds.

Executive Director Edson reported the LA-RICS Operating Budget is in accordance with the cost factors identified in the Adopted Revised Funding Plan. Executive Director Edson further reported those cost factors include a UASI grant funded line item, the California State Budget Act of 2022 Interest Earned to be used for remaining Capital Outlay Projects totaling eight million one hundred sixty-eight thousand dollars (\$8,168,000), the LMR Operations and Maintenance projected expenditures and revenues, which would be collected from various Subscribers who are interested in using the LMR System for a total of twenty-five million seven hundred sixty-three thousand dollars (\$25,763,000), and Cost Recovery revenue from third parties who desire to collocate equipment and utilize the Authority’s LMR sites.

Executive Director Edson went on to say the budget includes a four hundred twenty-four thousand dollars (\$424,000) balance in funds identified as AT&T Business Agreement Services and the balance of funds allocated via the LA-RICS AT&T



Business Agreement Amendment No. 4 (\$605,000) for various operational costs associated with the LTE/LMR collocated sites.

Executive Director Edson shared that, in addition, the operating budget includes cost associated to the Funding Agreement which is between the County and LA-RICS for a settlement loan to LA-RICS from the County in the amount of twenty-three million dollars (\$23,000,000) which the Authority will pay over fifteen (15) years and will pay interest for the first five (5) years.

Executive Director Edson mentioned, as Mr. Hoffman stated in his Committee report, the Finance Committee met on May 22, 2025, and recommended the adoption of the Recommended Operating Budget.

Board Member Nelson said that, going forward, it seems that LA-RICS' budget would be about thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) annually, with a one-time pass-through cost of twenty-three million dollars (\$23,000,000). Board Member Nelson went on to say of that thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) annually, in the future, LA-RICS would have the payment on the loan of about two million dollars (\$2,000,000), and once that is in effect, the budget would be about thirty-seven million dollars (\$37,000,000) or thirty-eight million dollars (\$38,000,000).

Board Member Nelson asked Executive Director Edson if the budget includes forecasted users.

Executive Director Edson confirmed the budget includes existing users, not forecasted users. Board Member Nelson said that additional subscribers would help the budget. Executive Director Edson confirmed the increase in users would reduce the overall cost.

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

Ayes (9): Tadeo, Nelson, Walczak, Nigg, Luke, Berkuta, Sum, Jimenez, and Hurt.

MOTION APPROVED.

I. DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO FINALIZE AND EXECUTE A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



Executive Director Edson presented Agenda Item I in which the Board requested approval to authorize the Executive Director to finalize and execute a proposed loan agreement (Funding Agreement) with the County similar in form to the agreement included as Attachment I.

Executive Director Edson requested the Board to delegate Authority to the Executive Director to negotiate and execute amendments to the Funding Agreement to effectuate any changes or modifications needed; add or revise provisions; and to terminate the Funding Agreement, either in whole or in part; all with approval as to form by County Counsel.

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

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

Ayes (9): Tadeo, Nelson, Walczak, Nigg, Luke, Berkuta, Sum, Jimenez, and Hurt.

MOTION APPROVED.

J. DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO THE FREQUENCY LICENSING COORDINATION SERVICES AGREEMENT

Executive Director Edson presented Agenda Item J which requested the Board's approval to authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 6 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 July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, for continued frequency licensing services for the LMR System, with no additional increase in cost.

Executive Director Edson stated 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.

Executive Director Edson shared there is no additional fiscal impact with the recommended action as the contract balance is sufficient to cover the term extension through June 30, 2026, however, if there is additional frequency licensing



work to be performed and additional funds are needed, LA-RICS would return to the Board to request an extension to the contract and/or additional funds.

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

Ayes (9): Tadeo, Nelson, Walczak, Nigg, Luke, Berkuta, Sum, Jimenez, and Hurt.

MOTION APPROVED.

K. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 129 TO AGREEMENT NO. LA-RICS 007

Executive Director Edson presented Agenda Item K which requested the Board's approval to execute Amendment No. 129 with MSI to incorporate two (2) Change Orders, memorialize one (1) Proceed Order, and reflect a reduction in cost, resulting in a net increase to the Maximum Contract Sum in the amount of one hundred thirty thousand nine hundred eighty-five dollars (\$130,985), which, upon Board approval, would be funded by UASI grants or by the State Budget Act funds of 2022. Executive Director Edson noted the costs associated with the fire damage work are being pursued for reimbursement under both LA-RICS' California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA) and funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Executive Director Edson mentioned that, however, payment of immediate work would be payable as described in the fiscal impact of this item with reimbursement expected under insurance/FEMA.

Executive Director Edson reported the Change Orders are needed for certain work/and or services not covered by the maintenance plan to ensure the sites remain operable. Executive Director Edson further reported that one Change Order is necessary to allow for full remediation of the Green Mountain (GRM) site due to significant damage sustained by the Palisades Fire. Executive Director Edson went on to say that, additionally, delegated authority is requested specifically to the GRM site to exercise one (1) or more Amendments for an aggregate not-to-exceed amount of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to account for unknown, unforeseen and/or unexpected damage that may be encountered at the GRM site.

Executive Director Edson stated, further a Change Order is needed for full diesel generator preventative maintenance work at the East Sunset Ridge (ESR), Magic Mountain Link (MML), and Loop Canyon (LPC) sites.

Executive Director Edson said that, in addition, Amendment 129 is memorializing a Proceed Order that was issued to MSI to reprogram and retune certain DTVRS



equipment located on the Site-on-Wheels (SOW). Executive Director Edson expressed this action is in connection with the delegation made by the Board on May 2, 2024, to execute Proceed Orders for an aggregate not-to-exceed amount of seventy-eight thousand eight hundred dollars (\$78,800) for time sensitive work needed.

Executive Director Edson further expressed that, due to an implementation delay (133-day delay), a reduction in certain Cybersecurity services under the LMR System Subscriber User Agreement, in particular ActiveEye MDR service is reflected in this Amendment (\$33,509 Reduction).

Executive Director Edson requested the Board to make those certain California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings and delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 129 and issue one or more Notices to Proceed for this work.

Board Member Nigg asked if this would be funded by grant money, and if there would be a savings. Executive Director Edson said that LA-RICS should receive reimbursement from FEMA and CJPIA insurance; the savings are from the cybersecurity claim.

Board Member Nigg asked Executive Director Edson what LA-RICS' intention would be for the leftover grant funds. Executive Director Edson said any leftover grant funds would be available until the funds expire, and it depends what year the grant funds are from; the grant funding from 2022 expires at the end of this month. Executive Director Edson mentioned that LA-RICS' ensures the funds set to expire are used first.

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

Ayes (9): Tadeo, Nelson, Walczak, Nigg, Luke, Berkuta, Sum, Jimenez, and Hurt.

MOTION APPROVED.

XI. MISCELLANEOUS – NONE

There were no Miscellaneous Items for the Regular Meeting.



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

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

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

Alternate Board Chair Berkuta adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m. and stated the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 10, 2025, due to the July 4th Holiday, at 9:00 a.m. at the LA-RICS Headquarters.

Alternate Board Chair Berkuta called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Alternate Board Member Nigg made a motion.

APPROVED