BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

Thursday, July 10, 2025 • 9:00 a.m.
LA-RICS Headquarters
2525 Corporate Pl., Suite 200,
Large Conference Room
Monterey Park, CA 91754

APPROVED

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)

ALTERNATES FOR BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Leslie Luke, Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Management, County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office
Michael Inman, Assistant Fire Chief, County of Los Angeles Area Fire Department
David Sum, Acting Commander, County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
Cardell Hurt, Captain, At-Large Seat #2 (City of Inglewood Police Department)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT / VACANT
Michael Alegria, Fire Chief (Avalon), Los Angele Area Fire Chief's Association
Joshua Nelson, City Manager (City of Industry) California Contract Cities Association
Chris Nigg, Fire Chief, At-Large Seat #4 (City of La Verne Fire Department)

OFFICERS PRESENT
Scott Edson, LA-RICS Executive Director
Beatriz Cojulun, LA-RICS Board Secretary

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Alternate Board Chair Michael Inman introduced himself and stated he would be chairing the meeting on behalf of Board Chair Anthony Marrone. Alternate Board Chair Inman called the Regular meeting of the Board to order at 9:01 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. June 5, 2025 – Regular Minutes

Agenda Item A

Alternate Board Chair Inman asked the Board if there were any questions to the attached Regular meeting minutes for June 5, 2025; hearing none, he called for a motion to approve.

Alternate Board Member Scott Wiese motioned first, seconded by Board Member Ric Walczak.

Ayes (7): Tadeo, Wiese, Walczak, Luke, Inman, Sum, 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)

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B. Director's Report – Scott Edson

Executive Director Scott Edson greeted the Board and reported that with June's network operations running smoothly, the Authority's focus has shifted toward wrapping up physical security enhancements at remote radio sites, implementing power at sites Green Mountain (GRM) and Burnt Peak (BUR1), and boosting regional interoperability.

Executive Director Edson stated the Authority has made good progress on the site security enhancement project, finishing the installation phase for cameras and door access control, and now the heavy lifting involves configuring each camera, especially the pan-tilt-zoom (PTZ) cameras, which need to be set up in a "parking" position. Executive Director Edson further stated there is also the need to define the monitored area for the fixed cameras, as this helps prevent false triggers and ensures the right area is captured

Executive Director Edson reported that power implementation at sites GRM and BUR1 are moving forward, however, progress at GRM is slower than the Authority would like as the Authority is still navigating right-of-entry issues, pole status, and the trench path in collaboration with California State Parks, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), and the City. Executive Director Edson expressed that, unfortunately, it feels as if the Authority is stuck in a loop with a lot of confusion and non-committal responses from these entities, with little accountability, and the Authority reached out to the mayor's office again, and soon to the LADWP Chief Executive Officer, and State representatives again for assistance in resolving this.

Executive Director Edson stated the GRM site is and was critical during the Palisades fire, supporting first responders and law enforcement when it mattered the most, and it is unacceptable to have this kind of red tape or simply non-responsiveness hindering establishment of a proper utility power connection.

Executive Director Edson said that on a brighter note, the power re-establishment at BUR1 seems to be on track by Southern California Edison (SCE), as they work to restore the power grid that was destroyed a few years ago in a wildland fire incident. Executive Director Edson further said that instead of a wired grid, SCE opted to install a solar farm and a battery pack for power. Executive Director Edson shared that construction of this solar farm is progressing well, though the Authority does not yet have full visibility in the Project's timeline. Executive Director Edson further shared the Authority is coordinating with SCE to ensure they understand how the power connectivity to the new grid will work.

Executive Director Edson mentioned that another point to address at the GRM site is the restoration of Radio Frequency (RF) cables and antennas that were damaged during the Palisades fire. Executive Director Edson further mentioned the contractor is currently replacing the damaged RF cables which were affected by the fire and excessive heat nearby, and although the Authority did not find any significant performance issues with the damaged cables, replacing them while the Authority can receive reimbursement from insurance or the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) seems like a smart move. Executive Director Edson went on to say there will be a service-affecting outage needed to change out the cables, and the Authority is working with stakeholders to coordinate and minimize that outage.

Executive Director Edson reported the Authority is making progress on restoring equipment at site Frost Peak (FRP) that was damaged by fire and ice. Executive Director Edson further reported the scope and quote are now finalized, and the restoration for FRP is included in the Agenda today for the board's approval.

Executive Director Edson went on to say, to enhance interoperability, the Authority is collaborating with Motorola Solutions, Inc. (MSI) to begin the implementation of Inter-RF Subsystem Interface (ISSI) connectivity among the regional and local Land Mobile Radio (LMR) systems. Executive Director Edson stated that meetings have been conducted to discuss various licensing and connectivity strategies. Executive Director Edson further stated the Board is aware the Los Angeles region has invested over five hundred million dollars ($500,000,000) in grants and general funds over the past ten (10) years for various LMR systems, including LA-RICS. Executive Director Edson went on to say that despite this significant investment, the region has yet to achieve its original goal of interoperability among all first responders.

Executive Director Edson expressed that on a positive note, regarding interoperability, communications during the Fourth of July celebration in the South Bay region exceeded expectations. Executive Director Edson stated that during this event, LA-RICS and Interagency Communications Interoperability (ICI) agencies operated on the Regional 9 Talkgroup, using patches that facilitated seamless radio communication between users on both systems. Executive Director Edson further stated that Torrance Police Department (PD), Hermosa Beach PD, the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD), and other nearby agencies provided positive feedback on the interoperable capabilities offered for the event.

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Regarding the budget, Executive Director Edson said the Authority has successfully closed out the fiscal year and is now processing invoices and payments on those activities that were completed in June. Executive Director Edson reported the California State Budget Act projects which were identified as funded by the California State Funds, which had a sunset date of June 30, 2025, were successfully depleted in accordance with projects identified in the Authority's grantor-approved spending plan. Executive Director Edson mentioned those projects were completed by the deadline of June 30th and are now pending invoice and payment processing to deplete that fund.

Regarding grants, Executive Director Edson reported the Authority received the Urban Areas Securities Initiative (UASI) 2024 Subrecipient Agreement, which is Agenda Item I in the Board agenda packet. Executive Director further reported this is the UASI award intended to comply with the written commitment the UASI Approval Authority made back in 2016 to not only build out what was needed for interoperable communications in the region but also to commit equitable funding to maintain it. Executive Director Edson went on to say LA-RICS received one million dollars ($1,000,000) from the UASI 2024 grant for operation and maintenance and two point four million dollars ($2,400,000) to complete interconnection work with the other systems, forming the regional system-of-systems, which includes funding of critical connect for connection with the State of California, as well as auto-roaming licenses needed to connect with City agencies and Long Beach PD. Executive Director Edson said UASI 2025, which is pending, will be for one million dollars ($1,000,000) only as voted on by the region's Approval Authority.

Executive Director Edson shared the Authority continues to reach out to and press the City Mayor's Office to discuss interoperable communications and proper use of the one million dollars ($1,000,000) awarded to the City to complete its connections with LA-RICS. Executive Director Edson further shared that, additionally, despite the Authority's efforts to provide free use of the LA-RICS system via the affiliate user agreement approved by the Board, the City has still not executed that agreement.

Executive Director Edson was happy to report the Authority received reimbursements at the end of June, which now total over ten million dollars ($10,000,000) of UASI 2022 claims. Executive Director Edson further reported the Authority has also been fully reimbursed for the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) 2022 and 2023 grants. Executive Director Edson went on to say the balance pending reimbursement is now down to just over one million dollars ($1,000,000) which the Authority will continue to monitor, however, at least it is not the eleven million dollars ($11,000,000) that was previously on "pause." Executive

Director Edson mentioned once the Board approves execution of the UASI 2024 Subrecipient Agreement, the team will move swiftly on spending that down as well.

Regarding contracts, Executive Director Edson stated Agenda Item H was a revision to the Board's previously approved Radio Programming Hold Harmless Agreement and Policy, which adds the ability to recover costs associated with providing User agencies with radio programming services. Executive Director Edson further stated that during the Authority's outreach and push for subscribers and regional interoperability, agencies mentioned that an impediment to interoperability is their lack of resources to program radio IDs, develop code plugs, update firmware, etc. Executive Director Edson went on to say that while the Authority has been assisting certain agencies with radio programming services, the Authority needs to update their Agreement and Policy to allow for cost recovery that will offset the time and material spent on assisting these agencies. Executive Director Edson mentioned he would have more to report under Agenda Item H.

Executive Director Edson said that regarding Agenda Item J, the Authority has the negotiated agreement with San Luis Aviation for ESChat Push-to-Talk (PTT) functionality for LA-RICS users, which the users have asked for.

Executive Director Edson shared Agenda Item K requested the Board's approval for an increase in the Proceed Orders delegation. Executive Director Edson further shared that without a contingency fund or reserve from which LA-RICS can use funds for unforeseen change orders that are time-sensitive and not captured in the base agreements with MSI, the Contract allows for use of Proceed Orders, which allow these time-sensitive projects to begin immediately without having to receive Board approval. Executive Director Edson mentioned he would go into further detail on the past use of the Proceed Order delegation and what is anticipated under Agenda Item K.

Executive Director Edson reported Agenda Item L, which is LMR Amendment No. 130 to the LMR agreement with MSI, which incorporates certain Change Orders, some of which are reimbursable under the Authority's insurance provider, however, require up front issuance of notice to proceed and payment before the Authority can claim reimbursement through the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA).

Executive Director Edson expressed the system is in good shape, and LA-RICS remains busy with new services and repairs and continues to prepare for the activities coming to the region.

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 Agenda Item C.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber shared the Joint Operations and Technical Committees meeting was held on June 17, 2025, at approximately 1:30 p.m., having quorum present; the Minutes were approved; there were no public comments or items in the consent calendar.

Operations Lead Weber further shared that Technical Lead Pao provided a report on the LMR System status, and he would provide a similar report to the Board. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say the system is performing well.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber said he provided the Committee with an Interoperability Exercises update and reviewed the scenarios discussed at the Interoperable Tabletop Meeting with the South Bay agencies. Operations Lead Lt. Weber shared the Committee discussed operations and suggestions on how certain situations should be handled based on the scenarios provided. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further shared the importance of having an open dialog regarding which Talkgroups should be used during incidents and the importance of having those channels available to push forward with interoperability.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated no other items were discussed, and the meeting was adjourned.

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

D. Finance Committee Chair's Report – NONE

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (E – F)

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

Technical Lead Pao said that as reported by Executive Director Edson, the Security Enhancement Project completed the installation phase. Technical Lead Pao provided details on the breakdown of the installed cameras and electrified locksets with keypad entry (Agenda Item E - Enclosure 1).

Technical Lead Pao reported that out of the one hundred eighty-two (182) cameras installed, twenty-one (21) of them are multi-sensor cameras that provide an almost 360-degree coverage. Technical Lead Pao shared LA-RICS chose these multi-sensor cameras because they are better suited for monitoring the broader areas compared to having multiple single-sensor cameras. Technical Lead Pao further shared the thirty-five (35) PTZ cameras are mostly mounted on the tower, either at the upper section or the very top of the tower. Technical Lead Pao went on to say that for outdoor surveillance, there are seventy-four (74) single-sensor fixed cameras to monitor the generator and heating, ventilation, and air condition (HVAC) areas. Technical Lead Pao mentioned that inside the facility, there are fifty-two (52) cameras that monitor personnel access to the shelter.

Technical Lead Pao stated these cameras not only enhance security monitoring but also provide the Authority with valuable situational awareness regarding site conditions, e.g. snow, rain, ice, wind, and even the levels of vegetation, which can be important for regulatory inspections. Technical Lead Pao further stated the Authority already faced some incidents where people entered the site without prior coordination; for instance, at BUR1, the cameras aided the Authority in confirming whether a rental vendor's technician left the roll-up generator running correctly, avoiding a time-consuming four-hour drive to check the status in person.

Technical Lead Pao said that while the cameras are in place, there is still a fair amount of configuration work ahead to optimize the built-in analytics and minimize false alarms such as when a gust of wind triggers the motion detector because the porta-potty door is rattling; it is going to be a process of trial and error as those settings are being fine-tuned.

Technical Lead Pao expressed that, on another note, the electrified locksets and keypad entry system give LA-RICS the ability to assign unique codes to each staff member, contractor, and anyone else who needs access to the shelter, and with the combination of cameras and key loggers, LA-RICS can closely monitor who accesses the site and when. Technical Lead Pao mentioned this will also cut down on the need for physical keys, which can be a security risk if they are lost or taken.

Technical Lead Pao said LA-RICS is fortunate to have Jacobs Project Management Team Member, Jesse Brenton, join the team to assist in closing this project successfully. Technical Lead Pao mentioned that Mr. Brenton already had experience working on the LA-RICS project for MSI in various capacities, therefore, when Mr. Brenton joined LA-RICS, his familiarity with the sites and subsystems, such as alarm systems, generators, and fire suppression systems, enabled him to step right in and lead the project effectively.

Technical Lead Pao shared Agenda Item E Enclosures 2-8, which provides a statistical breakdown of the June 2025 LMR System network performance report.

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

F. **Outreach Update –** Lt. Robert Weber

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

Operations Lead Lt. Weber reported that during the month of June, the Authority staff continued with affiliate and subscriber outreach efforts while assisting on several other projects including security projects. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further reported that June was a busy month with many events occurring in Los Angeles County (County). Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say the Authority staff assisted with communications coordination as many outside agencies responded to the City to assist in dealing with protests and civil unrest. Operations Lead Lt. Weber expressed that, once again, the LA-RICS system performed very well during these events, which also included the Club World Cup events in Pasadena.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated the Authority staff continues to work with ICI regarding affiliate radio IDs, and programming of the ISSI interoperability Talkgroups; the progress of this effort has been slow and steady.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber further stated that on June 4, 2025, the Authority staff participated in a Tabletop Exercise with the South Bay agencies, which was hosted by Torrance PD. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say the Tabletop Exercise was well attended and provided a great opportunity for collaboration between agencies.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated that on June 5, 2025, he and Technical Lead Pao attended the MSI Trunked Users Group meeting hosted by Glendale PD. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further stated the meeting featured Scott Wright, a communication systems manager and subject matter expert from the state of Connecticut. Operations Lead Lt. Weber mentioned the meeting was informative and highlighted the reasons that specific radio information is needed for system ID sharing connections.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber further mentioned the Authority staff continued their coordination with the City of Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and MSI to establish communications between LAPD and LA-RICS agencies. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say that interoperability efforts are moving forward. Operations Lead Lt. Weber shared the Authority staff met with managers from the California Highway Patrol, and the meetings were productive. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further shared he would have more to report in the coming months.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say LA-RICS continues to monitor the progress of the World Cup Emergency Communications Planning Group. Operations Lead Lt. Weber said, as mentioned by Executive Director Edson, the interoperability communications during the Fourth of July celebrations in Hermosa Beach were very successful; the LA-RICS regional 9 channel was used.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber reported the Authority staff is actively working with Rancho Palos Verdes Estates PD, and they are expected to transition to the LA-RICS system soon. Operations Lead Lt. Weber shared that many favorable comments for LA-RICS' technical support have been received leading up to this transition.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber said the Authority staff continues to work with State and Federal partners to ensure interoperability during major events and collaboration on regional public safety communications.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item F by Operations Lead Lt. Weber, with no further discussion.

G. ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Executive Director Edson presented Agenda Item G, which notified the Board that at the August 7, 2025, Board Meeting, an item would be calendared to allow the Board to elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from among the Directors. Executive Director Edson said the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Agreement provides that, at each fiscal year, the Board shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, from the other Board Members.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item G by Executive Director Edson, with no further discussion.

VIII ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (H – L)

H. APPROVE COST RECOVERY RADIO PROGRAMMING HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT FOR USE BETWEEN THE AUTHORITY AND ITS MEMBER AGENCIES, SUBSCRIBERS, AND AFFILIATES

Executive Director Edson presented Agenda Item H requesting Board approval to authorize the Executive Director to execute Cost Recovery Radio Programming and Hold Harmless Agreements (Agenda Item H - Enclosure 1) between the Authority and its member agencies, subscribers, and affiliates (collectively, "User(s)"), to allow the Authority to recover costs associated with the programing, diagnosing, troubleshooting, and/or repairing of Authority provided loaned radios (on behalf of the User) as well as on User's public safety radio(s) and/or radio accessories (Service). Executive Director Edson stated the Hold Harmless Agreement ensures that Users understand that since the Services are provided on a cost-recovery basis, the Authority's extent of liability is limited. Executive Director Edson further stated that Board approval was also requested to update Policy No. 016-2016, LA-RICS Radio Service Guidelines/Hold Harmless Agreements (Agenda Item H - Enclosure 2) to reflect inclusion of the cost-recovery component.

Executive Director Edson recommended the Board:

1. Approve the Cost Recovery Radio Programming and Hold Harmless Agreement (Agenda Item H - Enclosure 1) for use by the Authority, in a substantially similar form to the enclosed.

2. Approve the Revised LA-RICS Radio Service Guidelines/Hold Harmless Agreements Policy No. 016-2016 (Agenda Item H - Enclosure 2) to reflect inclusion of the cost-recovery component, as reflected in the enclosed.

3. Delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute Cost Recovery Radio Programming and Hold Harmless Agreements with Users who may be interested in such Services with the Authority.

4. Delegate authority to the Executive Director to approve and execute amendments to the Cost Recovery Radio Programming and Hold Harmless Agreements, provided they are approved as to form by counsel to the Authority.

Executive Director Edson expressed that many subscribers have asked for a "one stop shop", and in response to this, LA-RICS is creating a brochure that lists various tiers to include radio programming tiers for law enforcement, public safety tiers, other tiers, and various costs associated with code plug development, code plug updates, etc. Executive Director Edson mentioned the brochure would be shared with the Board once it is finalized. Executive Director Edson further mentioned that all of the fees are included in the agenda packet.

Sargent Alvaro Sierra, who is taking the lead on drafting the brochure, described the different tiers (portable and mobile) and the pricing per tier. Executive Director Edson mentioned the brochure would provide a menu of services offered.

Alternate Board Chair Inman asked for a motion to approve. Board Member Wiese motioned first, seconded by Alternate Board Member Cardell Hurt.

Ayes (7): Tadeo, Wiese, Walczak, Luke, Inman, Sum, and Hurt.

MOTION APPROVED.

I. ACCEPT 2024 URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) FUNDS

Executive Director Edson presented Agenda Item I, which requests the Board's approval to accept the LA-RICS Project's allocation of the 2024 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) funds.

Executive Director Edson recommended the Board:

1. Accept three million four hundred thousand dollars ($3,400,000) in grant funds from the fiscal year 2024 UASI funds as distributed through the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES); and

2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute the enclosed 2024 UASI Sub-recipient Agreement between the City of Los Angeles and the Authority; and

3. Delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute any subsequent amendments to the Agreement that do not impact the award amount.

Executive Director Edson said the Board's acceptance of grant funds and authorization of the Executive Director to execute the Sub-recipient Agreement will allow the Authority to request reimbursement for approved project expenditures. Executive Director Edson mentioned the project expenditures for the UASI 2024

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grants include LMR Systems Connection and Roaming costs to improve regional operability and a portion of the LMR system's operations & maintenance costs.

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

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

Ayes (7): Tadeo, Wiese, Walczak, Luke, Inman, Sum, and Hurt.

MOTION APPROVED.

J. APPROVE A SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH SAN LUIS AVIATION INC., DBA SLA CORP FOR ESCHAT PUSH-TO-TALK (PTT) FUNCTIONALITY FOR USE OVER THE LAND MOBILE RADIO SYSTEM

Executive Director Edson expressed many users have asked for the Push-to-Talk (PTT) capability to monitor agencies' radio systems while outside of a cellular coverage zone and for many other benefits. Executive Director Edson said that Agenda Item J requests the Board's approval to an Agreement between San Luis Aviation, Inc., dba SLA Corp (SLA Corp) and the Authority to allow (SLA Corp) to provide ESChat PTT functionality for use on the LMR System by LA-RICS Subscribers.

Executive Director Edson expressed that if approved, the Agreement would allow for ESChat PTT services for three (3) years with five (5) additional one (1) year extension options for a maximum total Contract term of up to eight (8) years.

Executive Director Edson further expressed the annual not-to-exceed Contract Sum for up to seven hundred fifty (750) LA-RICS Subscribers is fifty-three thousand five hundred and thirteen dollars ($53,513) with a one-time setup cost of four thousand eight hundred and thirty dollars ($4,830), which if approved, would be funded by the UASI 2023 grant.

Executive Director Edson shared the use of ESChat over the LMR System increases interoperability by providing voice privacy and seamless communication between users of differing wireless carriers over the LMR System. Executive Director Edson further shared that ESChat's carrier-agnostic commercial grade internet protocol-based PTT System would provide the ability for LA-RICS Subscribers to communicate from broadband devices such as smartphones and tablets to LMR Radios.

Additional ESChat benefits include:

- Providing a cost-efficient mechanism for Users so they can utilize their existing broadband devices as opposed to purchasing new devices for use on the LMR System

- Offering a platform already utilized by the Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Military, and other federal, state, and local public safety agencies and will allow ESChat Subscribers to communicate regardless of differing mobile phone carriers or LMR Radio Systems, thus, extending the LA-RICS coverage footprint beyond the County and increasing interoperability.

- Providing a platform that is already Criminal Justice Information Services compliant and FirstNet certified

Executive Director Edson stated this Agenda Item requests the Board's approval for a Sole Source Agreement, negotiated by Authority staff and ESChat, which includes a comprehensive scope of work, terms and conditions, and cost, which would further enhance the LMR System's capabilities by incorporating ESChat PTT functionality for use by up to seven hundred fifty (750) LA-RICS Subscribers.

Executive Director Edson further stated that, additionally, Board approval is requested to delegate authority to the Executive Director to negotiate, finalize, and execute the Agreement and to approve and execute amendments to the Agreement, including but not limited to, exercising option years, provided any such amendments are approved as to form by Counsel to the Authority.

Board Member Scott Wiese asked Executive Director Edson what the difference between MSI's WAVE PTT was and ESChat PTT. Executive Director Edson said ESChat is carrier agnostic. Technical Lead Pao mentioned the functionality of ESChat's application is developed in conjunction with some LASD deputies, providing functionality that MSI's WAVE PTT does not provide.

Board Member Wiese expressed concern that MSI would not be pleased with LA-RICS choosing not to use their PTT application and would attempt to sue LA-RICS. Executive Director Edson stated he did not believe this would be an issue. Board Member Wiese asked Executive Director Edson how LA-RICS would determine which seven hundred fifty (750) subscribers out of the roughly thirty thousand (30,000) total subscribers would be provided with this service.

Executive Director Edson stated this was still to be determined, and that LA-RICS anticipates that one hundred percent (100%) of those subscribers who requested this service would receive it, and some would be left over for other subscribers to try. Executive Director Edson further stated LA-RICS might be able to provide this service at no cost to users now, but there will be costs in the future. Executive Director Edson went on to say he did not believe that MSI's WAVE PTT application had the interoperability features that ESChat has, especially with federal agencies; ESChat would make it easier for federal agencies to be interoperable in the region for major events.

Board Member Wiese asked Executive Director Edson if ESChat has the ability to communicate across multiple systems to which Executive Director Edson confirmed as so. Technical Lead Pao stated MSI configures their WAVE PTT application for the regional Talkgroups, and LA-RICS configures ESChat for the regional Talkgroups.

Alternate Board Member Cardell Hurt asked if Inglewood PD could have MSI's WAVE PTT application as an option to which Board Member Wiese said that Inglewood PD is on the LA-RICS system, therefore, Inglewood PD would use ESChat. Board Member Wiese also said that ESChat allows users to work in multiple cellular systems. Executive Director Edson mentioned ESChat also has more functionality.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber mentioned that from an LASD perspective, the long-standing collaboration, which in part justified the need forSole Source, is extremely valuable as it provides ability for coordination across agencies with federal agencies.

Board Member Wiese stated he wanted to ensure LA-RICS is legally covered in using a Sole Source Agreement for this to which Executive Director Edson confirmed the Counsel to the Authority did not have objection to this.

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

Ayes (7): Tadeo, Wiese, Walczak, Luke, Inman, Sum, and Hurt.

MOTION APPROVED.

K. REQUEST TO INCREASE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR PROCEED ORDERS

Executive Director Edson presented Agenda Item K, which requested the Board's approval to increase to the Executive Director's existing delegated authority of seventy-eight thousand eight hundred dollars ($78,800) to issue Proceed Orders by one hundred forty-four thousand dollars ($144,000) for a new total aggregate not-to-exceed amount of two hundred twenty-two thousand eight hundred dollars ($222,800). Executive Director Edson shared that Proceed Orders are needed for time-sensitive Change Orders that require immediate approval for work to be performed by MSI under the Agreement, and upon Board approval, this work would be funded by the UASI 2022 grant and/or Subscriber Agreement Revenue.

Executive Director Edson further shared the current process to review and approve Change Orders followed by execution of an amendment does not allow for immediate work be performed under critical and time sensitive conditions; in contrast, the Proceed Order provision of the Agreement allows the Board or its representatives to issue Proceed Orders when it is the Authority's best interest to do so, and there is insufficient time to process a Change Order and amendment. Executive Director Edson went on to say that on May 2, 2024, the Board approved delegating authority to the Executive Director to execute Proceed Orders to quickly move on time sensitive work for an aggregate not-to-exceed amount of seventy-eight thousand eight hundred dollars ($78,800).

Executive Director Edson said that since this date, seven (7) Proceed Orders totaling fifty-nine thousand two hundred eighteen dollars ($59,218) have been issued, with a remaining balance of nineteen thousand five hundred eighty-two dollars ($19,582). Executive Director Edson expressed the Proceed Order process has proven to be a beneficial process that allows the Executive Director to authorize MSI to perform critical time sensitive work with a predefined not-to-exceed amount, and, as such, the Authority seeks approval from the Board to continue to use this process for the immediate resolution of critical work. Executive Director Edson further expressed this Proceed Order work may include, but not be limited to fence, gate, lock, and chain repairs, HVAC repairs, emergency fuel services, and automatic transfer switch repairs, to name a few.

Executive Director Edson stated that upon Board approval, the aggregate not-to-exceed amount for Proceed Orders would be increased by one hundred forty-four thousand dollars ($144,000) to ensure urgent work is completed with subsequent amendments to memorialize such work. Executive Director Edson noted this amount can carry over fiscal years and is not intended for one year.

Executive Director Edson further stated that if the Authority anticipates additional Proceed Order work beyond the increased aggregate not to exceed Proceed Order amount set forth in this Board Letter, the Authority will return to the Board.

Executive Director Edson said to briefly summarize this, due to the LA-RICS system being continuously operational, this is extremely beneficial in maintaining the system.

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

Ayes (7): Tadeo, Wiese, Walczak, Luke, Inman, Sum, and Hurt.

L. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 130 TO AGREEMENT NO. LA-RICS 007

Executive Director Edson presented Agenda Item L, which requested the Board's approval to execute Amendment No. 130 with MSI to incorporate two (2) Change Orders and to memorialize the issuance of one (1) Proceed Order, all of which reflect an increase to the Maximum Contract Sum in the amount of one hundred sixty-seven thousand one hundred ninety-two dollars ($167,192). Executive Director Edson stated that upon Board approval, this work would be funded by UASI grants in accordance with the LA-RICS Adopted Operating Budget.

Executive Director Edson further stated 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 went on to say that one Change Order is necessary to install a replacement microwave antenna at the Castro Peak (CPK) site that was damaged due to a flock of birds, and this Change Order work for CPK includes installation and path realignment to ensure antenna is operable.

Executive Director Edson said that, in addition, a Change Order is necessary for the Frost Peak (FRP) site to replace and install four (4) microwave antenna dishes which includes, but is not limited to, ice shields, ice bridges, damaged climbing ladder, path realignment, and configuration. Executive Director Edson reported that due to FRP’s surrounding remote, high-elevation area, the site sustained significant damage due to inclement weather conditions, and upon work completion, the

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Authority will seek reimbursement from insurance for the work stemming from this Change Order.

Executive Director Edson further reported that in connection with the FRP Change Order to replace and install four (4) microwave dishes and in anticipation of the long lead-time to order antenna equipment, the Authority issued Proceed Order No. 7 to MSI to order the microwave dishes to ensure the time-sensitive work is carried out in a timely manner.

Executive Director Edson expressed that considering these changes to the LMR Agreement, the Board is requested to delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 130 and issue one (1) or more Notices to Proceed for this work.

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

Ayes (7): Tadeo, Wiese, Walczak, Luke, Inman, Sum, 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. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – NONE

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

Alternate Board Chair Inman adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 9:47 a.m. and stated the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the LA-RICS Headquarters.

Alternate Board Chair Inman called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Alternate Board Member Hurt made a motion.

AGENDA ITEM A