



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

Thursday, March 5, 2026 • 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 (Monterey Park), Los Angeles County Police Chief's Association

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

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

Marshall Yelverton, Lieutenant, County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department

Antonio Zavala, Lieutenant, At-Large Seat #3 (City of Covina Police Department)

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT / VACANT

Michael Alegria, Fire Chief, Los Angeles Area Fire Chief's Association

Brandon Coatney, Deputy Fire Chief, At-Large Seat #4, (City of La Verne Fire Department)

OFFICERS PRESENT

Scott Edson, LA-RICS Executive Director

Laura Vasquez, 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 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. February 5, 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 February 5, 2026; hearing none, he called for a motion to approve.

Board Member Scott Wiese motioned first, seconded by Alternate Board Member Cardell Hurt.

Ayes (7): Berkuta, Yelverton, Tadeo, Wiese, Zavala, Hurt, Coatney

MOTION APPROVED.

Board Members Richard Tadeo and Josh Nelson joined the meeting after the Minutes were carried into motion.

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

Network Operations

Executive Director Edson greeted the Board and was pleased to report the LMR network operated without any service-interrupting incidents in February, and the network did not experience any outages affecting end users during the late February storm. Executive Director Edson reported the site generators performed as designed and provided backup power at locations impacted by utility outages.

Executive Director Edson further reported that access to some LMR mountain-top sites continued to be challenging due to ongoing storm impacts; rockslides, fallen trees, and road erosion remained to be significant obstacles and continued to affect LA-RICS' ability to reach certain locations. Executive Director Edson mentioned that, as a matter of fact, team members purchased chainsaws and cut down fallen trees that had blocked the roads.

Executive Director Edson shared that at site Whitaker Middle Peak (WMP), LA-RICS partnered with the County of Los Angeles (County) Internal Services Division (ISD) coordinated with the Department of Public Works (DPW) to rebuild a portion of the access road that eroded at its base; however, due to storm damage that was sustained in December 2025, the DPW had to prioritize repairs needed to restore access to the Antelope Valley area, which delayed the LA-RICS project.

Executive Director Edson further shared that LA-RICS continued to coordinate with Southern California Edison (SCE) on permanent power restoration at site Burnt Peak (BUR1). Executive Director Edson went on to say that SCE reported that major construction on the solar plant was completed, with operations expected to begin in the second quarter of this year.

Executive Director Edson stated that progress toward permanent power was moving forward at site Green Mountain (GRM); the permit application was submitted, and LA-RICS was working on expediting approval, aiming for a turnaround time quicker than the standard six-week process.



Regional Interoperability Implementation

Executive Director Edson stated that with several major international events approaching, LA-RICS was actively engaging agencies at the local, state, and federal levels to address a range of radio communications needs, and this included assisting agencies with programming mutual aid interoperable talkgroups and providing equipment space at selected sites during major events.

Executive Director Edson further stated that LA-RICS was also coordinating with the Federal Communications Commission and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) regarding interference mitigation strategies and clarifying response procedures should interference occur during an event. Executive Director Edson went on to say that, in partnership with the County, LA-RICS was working to deploy interference location equipment in critical areas to ensure that both intentional and unintentional interference could be quickly identified and mitigated.

Executive Director Edson reported that LA-RICS reviewed lessons learned from the most recent Super Bowl in Northern California and incorporated those insights into LA-RICS' planning, and, as a result, LA-RICS was better prepared to respond effectively should similar challenges arise.

Budget

Regarding Budget matters, Executive Director Edson reminded the Board that LA-RICS was tracking projected expenditures against their service agreements and Operations and Maintenance budget line items. Executive Director Edson said that LA-RICS identified certain expenditure savings due to delays filling vacancies via the County hiring process. Executive Director Edson stated this year's budget projections to date identified estimated savings in this Fiscal Year, and, thus, LA-RICS took a draft policy on how to address Revenue Shortfall or Surplus to the Finance Committee on February 26, 2026. Executive Director Edson further stated the Finance Committee unanimously voted to recommend adoption of the enclosed policy to address both Budget Shortfall and Surplus; this policy provided guidance and process on how to address the Budget Shortfall and Surplus via the Budget process.

Grants

Regarding Grants, Executive Director Edson shared the Urban Area Securities Initiative (UASI) 2023 final claim was submitted, and in the process of closing out,



LA-RICS was underway on UASI 2025 projects which were planned for completion by December of this year. Executive Director Edson further shared that on February 18, LA-RICS had a call with the Mayor's office and Cal OES to review unique reporting requirements that only LA-RICS was subjected to the Governor's office. Executive Director Edson said that, as the Board was aware, LA-RICS received a non-equitable share of UASI funds annually for Operations and Maintenance despite the size and scope of services the LMR system provided.

Executive Director Edson stated that while there were other systems in the region that received the same amount of grant funds annually, despite being significantly smaller and serving one agency / jurisdiction, none of those agencies had a reporting requirement to Cal OES. Executive Director Edson further stated that with LA-RICS pressing the region to prioritize the use of grant dollars for the completion of the System-of-Systems model, including development, implementation, and training of best practices and policies, LA-RICS thought it would be beneficial for the Governor's office to receive status updates on other agencies' progress, or lack thereof, to understand what was delaying full interoperability as they originally intended and funded. Executive Director Edson went on to say the Governor's office understood this request and would investigate equitable reporting by all grant recipients that make up the System-of-Systems model.

Executive Director Edson expressed the State was also interested in the status of site GRM, which they were aware was delayed both by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) and California State Parks. Executive Director Edson further expressed that LA-RICS informed Cal OES the updated power plan was received and could move forward with the corresponding power infrastructure work which was under Agenda Item G. Executive Director Edson mentioned the State was happy to hear that, despite the many years of delays and pivots, LA-RICS was finally on their way to obtaining permanent power at site GRM.

Contracts

Regarding Contracts, Executive Director Edson stated there was an Amendment to the Motorola Solutions, Inc. (MSI) agreement for the power infrastructure work at site GRM based on the long awaited LADWP approved power plan. Executive Director Edson further stated this work would be paid for by UASI grant funds and help mitigate extensive expenses associated with generator power at this site.

Executive Director Edson said that as LA-RICS wound down the agreement with the Jacobs Project Management team that was scheduled to end this December, there was an Amendment under Agenda Item I that adjusted the hourly rate for the



current Grant Analyst; this adjustment would not impact the Maximum Not-to-Exceed Contract sum.

Board Member Scott Wiese said that he believes all the chiefs on the law enforcement side started planning for the Olympics, and that it appeared agencies in the national, federal, and state levels were establishing positive working relationships. Board Member Wiese shared his concern was interoperable communications; LA-RICS had the ability to manage this, and this was evident by how well the system performed during the 2025 wildfires. Board Member Wiese wondered if LA-RICS was involved in executive level planning meetings for the Olympics.

Executive Director Edson stated that LA-RICS was not part of executive level planning, and LA-RICS would be happy to be a part of this planning if invited. Executive Director Edson further stated that LA-RICS was actively working on planning at the lower level.

Board Member Wiese expressed concern regarding planning and coordination of interoperable communications among first responders, including additional first responders from other states who would be in the region for the Olympics. Board Member Wiese further expressed having interoperable communications on the LA-RICS network would be a great opportunity to show the System-of-Systems plan could work.

Executive Director Edson said that he understood three (3) points that Board Member Wiese addressed; the first one being that he looked to the Chief Executive Office of Emergency Management and the various associations of the Board to assist LA-RICS in participating in executive meetings regarding planning for the Olympics. Executive Director Edson said he feels confident the LA-RICS Outreach Team were involved in various small working groups that included local, state, and federal agencies; LA-RICS was in the planning stages at these levels.

Executive Director Edson stated LA-RICS was using the World Cup as practice towards the Olympics. Executive Director Edson expressed disappointment in the fact the UASI Approval Authority working group had not met for some time, and LA-RICS was urging the Mayor's office to review Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), and have the SOPs adopted, implemented, and trained for the region.

Executive Director Edson stated LA-RICS was now connected with every system in the region, including Cal OES, California Highway Patrol (CHP), and the CHP aero unit. Executive Director Edson expressed the challenge now was for the UASI



Approval Authority working group to meet again, and LA-RICS urged for a meeting this month. Executive Director Edson further expressed that he looked to the California Executive Office of Emergency Management to assist LA-RICS in meeting with the UASI Approval Authority.

Board Member Wiese stated he would continue to advocate for a representative from LA-RICS be included in high end planning meetings and present LA-RICS' plan for regional communication for the Olympics. Board Member Wiese further stated he would begin advocating for this with the United States Secret Service and with individuals at the executive meetings.

Executive Director Edson shared LA-RICS met with the United States Secret Service as they were interested in connecting to the LA-RICS network. Executive Director Edson further shared LA-RICS was working closely with the LASD Emergency Operations Bureau, which would be doing much of the planning.

Board Member Wiese emphasized the Olympics would be a great opportunity for LA-RICS to grow and become a System-of-Systems and could solve regional communication problems if given the opportunity.

Alternate Chair Berkuta expressed his agreement with Board Member Wiese and asked Executive Director Edson if there was an opportunity for reimbursement by involving LA-RICS in these events. Board Member Wiese mentioned that Cal OES was working on this.

Alternate Board Member Luke stated that some of the funding was being delayed due to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) since these were FEMA grant funds; funding would be a pass-through cost to Cal OES, then to the host committee, and LASD would be the local agent in distributing the funds.

Alternate Board Member Cardell Hurt mentioned the grant funds for the Olympics should come out in a few weeks, and LA-RICS subscriber fees should be added to the grant if allowed. Alternate Board Member Hurt further mentioned that credentialing was discussed at the executive steering committee; there was a post requirement that all law enforcement go through mental health training, and if law enforcement were required to visit other states, then they would be required to take mental health training which would be a challenge. Alternate Board Member Hurt offered LA-RICS a contact at the United States Secret Service, and Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez said LA-RICS was in contact with them.



Alternate Chair Berkuta expressed these were good topics to discuss and emphasized the need for reimbursement if the LA-RICS system was going to be used. Executive Chief Edson stated that he would like an invitation to attend the next executive meeting for the Olympic planning committee.

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 – NONE

D. Finance Committee Chair's Report – Brian Hoffman

Finance Committee Chair Brian Hoffman greeted the Board and reported the Finance Committee Meeting was held on February 26, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.; quorum was reached; the Meeting Minutes for the May 22, 2025, meeting was received and filed; there were no public comments or items on the Consent calendar.

Finance Committee Chair Hoffman further reported that Executive Director Edson provided his Executive Summary, in which he noted a new upcoming policy that would bring recommendations for operating surpluses or shortfalls to the Board for approval. Finance Committee Chair Hoffman shared that LA-RICS Information Technology (IT) Manager Justin Compito presented a Discussion Item, "System Updates", which noted that cables and antennas at certain sites that were damaged by moisture during the rainy weather were replaced. Finance Committee Chair Hoffman further shared that Executive Director Edson presented the After-Action report for the 2025 wildfires as a Discussion Item, noting the LA-RICS system remained online during the wildfires and remained stable; however, a commercial carrier broadband connection went down.

Finance Committee Chair Hoffman reported the LA-RICS Operating Revenue Surplus and Shortfall Fund Distribution Policy was presented to the Committee as an Administrative Item; this Policy would create an interest-bearing account to hold the funds until the Board approved its use. Finance Committee Chair Hoffman further reported that all Committee members in attendance voted to recommend approval to the Board; additionally, the 2026 Finance Committee meeting schedule was unanimously approved.

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



VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (E – F)

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

Technical Lead Pao greeted the Committee and shared the last storm that moved through the region did not cause any service-related outages for end users; however, at site Frost Peak (FRP), falling ice damaged a County ISD microwave antenna that was carrying voice traffic for the County Sheriff's Department's (LASD) legacy equipment at that site.

Technical Lead Pao further shared that due to the snow, ice, and difficult access conditions, it was not possible to perform tower work to replace the damaged antenna; therefore, as an interim solution at site FRP, County ISD ran a patch cord to the LA-RICS router, which allowed the LA-RICS microwave system to reroute LASD's voice traffic back to its central site which resulted in service restoration despite the antenna damage.

Regarding system maintenance, Technical Lead Pao reported that LA-RICS was on schedule to conduct their quarterly system patching in the middle of March, and notifications would be sent to all subscribing agencies to inform them of the potential downtime while patches were applied and servers were rebooted. Technical Lead Pao further reported that, in addition, other maintenance efforts were focused on the fire suppression systems at all MSI-contracted sites.

Regarding interoperability, Technical Lead Pao stated LA-RICS had a productive meeting with Cal OES regarding LA-RICS' Inter RF Subsystem Interface (ISSI) connection with the California Regional Interoperability System, which was Cal OES' P25 system. Technical Lead Pao further stated that discussions were held regarding next steps with testing and administrative procedures, and LA-RICS would forward their draft ISSI Memorandum of Understanding to Cal OES for their review and comments.

Technical Lead Pao went on to say that LA-RICS had an in-person meeting with Orange County in which Orange County decided the Critical Connect platform was how they would proceed with interoperability with other system operators in the region as it did not limit to a one to one connection, and the cost of a physical ISSI connection was not favorable compared to Critical Connect. Technical Lead Pao said the next step with Orange County would be to provide use case scenarios to better understand the interoperable talk group needs between LA-RICS and Orange County.



Technical Lead Pao shared slides reflecting network usage statistics for February (Agenda Item A – Enclosures 1 to 8). Regarding Conventional Push-to-Talk calls by cell statistics (Agenda Item A – Enclosure 2), Technical Lead Pao noted the TRO6 channels recorded the highest activity and was significantly higher than other TRO channels for the month. Regarding the Top 15 DTVRS Cell Use (Time) (Agenda Item A – Enclosure 3), Technical Lead Pao noted the Downtown 700 MHz cell carried almost fifteen thousand (15,000) more minutes of traffic than the next busiest cell, which was East 700. Regarding the Top 15 DTVRS Cell Use (Call Count) (Agenda Item A – Enclosure 4), Technical Lead Pao noted the Downtown 700 MHz cell, again, had the most calls with nearly one hundred ten thousand (110,000) more calls than the next busiest cell.

Regarding the Top 15 DTVRS Talkgroups (Agenda Item A – Enclosure 5), Technical Lead Pao reported the City of Inglewood Police Department (Inglewood PD) recorded the highest usage with twenty-eight thousand seven hundred and four (28,704) minutes; most of their traffic was handled on the Downtown 700 MHz cell. Technical Lead Pao stated it would be interesting to see how these statistics compare once LASD dispatch operations transitioned onto the LA-RICS network as their volume may approach or exceed this level. Technical Lead Pao shared Agenda Item A – Enclosure 6, Call Counts by Cell, with the Downtown 700MHz cell having the most call counts.

Technical Lead Pao stated that, as previously mentioned, the Downtown 700 cell appeared significantly busier than the second busiest cell, East 700. Technical Lead Pao further stated the data was reviewed to determine whether any cells or sites may have experienced outages that affected end users. Technical Lead Pao went on to say the system busies were extremely minimal during February. Technical Lead Pao noted the highlighted cells on Agenda Item A – Enclosure 7 which were Downtown 700, East 700, and San Gabriel, experienced only a fraction of a second of busy time during the entire month.

Technical Lead Pao mentioned most of the busies occurred at LASD custody sites, which was expected, as custody operations tend to involve rapid back and forth radio traffic, which could momentarily saturate available channels. Technical Lead Pao said these sites also have less capacity since they were designed primarily for in-building coverage rather than wide-area patrol communications. Regarding DTVRS Top Agency Use (Agenda Item A – Enclosure 8), Technical Lead Pao noted that LASD recorded the highest usage, with two hundred sixty-one thousand and eight (261,008) minutes of airtime.



Alternate Chair Berkuta expressed appreciation on behalf of the County Fire Department (LACoFD) for reaching out to Orange County as LACoFD had daily interactions with Orange County as far as automatic assistance across borders. Alternate Chair Berkuta asked Technical Lead Pao what the next steps were with Orange County.

Technical Lead Pao shared LA-RICS would share use case scenarios for law enforcement and LACoFD to determine interoperable talk group configurations. Board Member Wiese asked Technical Lead Pao how the liaisons were with San Bernardino and Riverside counties. Technical Lead Pao stated there was a change in leadership in San Bernardino County; he met with the new leaders, and San Bernardino County was moving forward with an ISSI connection with LA-RICS. Technical Lead Pao mentioned LA-RICS was working on establishing a connection with Riverside County.

Board Member Wiese expressed that communication among San Bernardino and Riverside counties and their neighboring agencies, such as the Claremont Police Department (PD), was important and asked Technical Lead Pao how Claremont PD was communicating with their neighboring agencies. Technical Lead Pao said he would reach out to the LA-RICS' contact at Claremont PD regarding this. Executive Director Edson mentioned that Claremont PD had a good relationship with San Bernardino County, and they were collocating some equipment in one of LA-RICS' sites. Executive Director Edson further mentioned that, as a reminder, LA-RICS focused first on connections with agencies within the County, and since connections were already established with the City of Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Port of Los Angeles, Los Angeles World Airports, and the City of Long Beach, LA-RICS would focus next on connections with agencies outside of the County.

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

F. Outreach Update – Lieutenant Joseph F. Dominguez

Operations Lead Lieutenant Joseph F. Dominguez greeted Board members and referenced the detailed Outreach Summary document for the month of February included in the Agenda Packet for review and information.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez reported that during February, Authority staff conducted sustained and comprehensive outreach efforts with both Subscriber and Affiliate agencies, while concurrently advancing several key operational initiatives. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez further reported that personnel remained actively



engaged in coordinating and providing on-site escorts for facilities requiring emergency and routine maintenance and scheduled inspections, thereby ensuring continued system integrity, regulatory compliance, and uninterrupted operations. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez went on to say that, in addition to these responsibilities, staff monitored ongoing service performance and addressed agency inquiries in a timely manner to support effective interagency coordination, and these efforts reflected the Authority's continued commitment to reliability, responsiveness, and operational excellence.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez stated that outreach activities continued to demonstrate strong effectiveness in strengthening partnerships and expanding engagement among public safety stakeholders. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez further stated that during February, support was provided to the Riverside Police Department (Affiliate), the Santa Monica College PD (Subscriber), and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) (Affiliate), programming of several hundred additional handheld radios. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez went on to say these efforts further reinforced collaborative relationships and promoted operational alignment across participating agencies.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez shared that in February, the following Subscriber agencies had been programmed, granted access, and began utilizing the ESChat application: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Baldwin Park Unified School District, California State University Dominguez Hills PD, El Rancho Unified School District PD, Hacienda La Puente Unified School District, LA County District Attorney's Office, LASD, La Verne Fire Department and the City of La Mirada.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez stated Authority staff responded to the DPW 38 Water Tank (DPW38) site after being notified by DPW, which LA-RICS shared a site access agreement with, that a hole was discovered in the perimeter fence, and the locks to their entrance gates was cut; additionally, a trailer containing DPW contractor equipment was reported stolen. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez said that a report was filed with the Lancaster Sheriff's Station, and the theft remained under investigation. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez reported that Authority staff ensured the breach in the perimeter fence was promptly repaired and confirmed that DPW installed new locks on the gate. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez further reported there was no damage to or theft of LA-RICS property, and Authority staff would continue to monitor the site in coordination with DPW and local law enforcement to support site security and mitigate the risk of future incidents.



Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez shared that road access to site Pine Mountain (PMT) continued to present challenges as personnel worked to reach the site for maintenance and security operations. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez further shared that recent heavy rains significantly impacted access, with washouts and debris flows creating hazardous conditions. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez went on to say that a previously blocked route was reopened after another agency requiring access to the site removed a fallen boulder; however, further along the roadway, a fallen tree once again rendered the road impassable. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez said Authority staff would continue to assess options for clearing debris and explore alternative methods of reaching the site to ensure uninterrupted operational support. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez stated the site remained fully operational.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez reported that Authority staff recently met with the LAPD to discuss establishing reliable radio communications and interoperability between LAPD and LASD. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez further reported LAPD continued to experience delays and operational challenges associated with the implementation of its new radio system. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez went on to say that with the World Cup games approaching in the coming months and anticipated large-scale events, such as demonstrations and mutual aid activations, it was imperative that agencies in the region establish a dependable and effective communications framework.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez stated that with LAPD's concurrence, LASD agreed to program LAPD's Aero / K9 channel, Central / South / West, and Valley Bureau tactical channels, citywide tactical channels; and the LAPD Access channel into a consolette at the Sheriff's Communications Center. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez said the consolette was accessible via the Motorola console at the "Bridge," allowing for the patching of any LASD talkgroup on the LA-RICS system. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez mentioned that a functional test was conducted on several channels, and all operated as expected.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez shared Authority staff remained directly engaged in World Cup emergency communications planning and the 2028 Olympics coordination, working closely with local and federal agencies. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez further shared that planning meetings continued to focus on ensuring interoperability and strengthening regional public safety communications, supporting seamless operations and overall event security. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez went on to say these ongoing efforts reflected a commitment to proactive preparedness and fostering collaboration across all levels of government to safeguard the public during major events.



Board Member Wiese stated the San Gabriel Valley police chiefs would have a meeting the following week and would discuss the status of the frequencies for the twenty-four (24) agencies. Board Member Wiese further stated that Paul Villalobos would attend the meeting to discuss alignment of the agencies. Board Member Wiese said he would establish a list of agencies and each agency's radio programming needs. Board Member Wiese shared there would be a Tri-County Police Chief's Conference in April, and all police chiefs from the counties of San Diego, Orange, and Los Angeles would be in the same place and at the same time. Board Member Wiese mentioned this meeting may be a good opportunity for LA-RICS to address the chiefs directly, especially the chiefs of Orange County, as LA-RICS was working to establish a connection with the agencies in that county.

Board Member Wiese expressed concern that most of the agencies within the County did not have an internal dedicated radio programmer that understood how the system worked. Board Member Wiese said there were discussions regarding having a regional programmer or group that would visit agencies and assist with their programming needs. Board Member Wiese mentioned that Mr. Villalobos would have a list of those twenty-four agencies and would send the list to LA-RICS.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez mentioned the LA-RICS' meeting with Orange County went well, as it opened door for communications which focused on the Critical Connect platform.

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

(AT 9:43 A.M. ALTERNATE BOARD CHAIR BERKUTA TOOK AGENDA ITEM XI. CLOSED SESSION OUT-OF-ORDER AND THEN CONTINUED WITH ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (G – J)

G. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 135 TO AGREEMENT NO. LA-RICS 007

Executive Director Edson shared that Agenda Item G requested the Board to delegate approval to the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 135 to the Agreement between the Authority and MSI to incorporate a Change Order and increase the Maximum Contract Sum in the amount of one hundred forty-nine thousand one hundred eighty-six dollars (\$149,186); this work would be funded by the UASI grant in accordance with LA-RICS' Adopted Budget. Executive Director



Edson further shared the Change Order was to allow MSI to perform the power infrastructure work in accordance with the power design approved by Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) at site GRM which was powered by temporary generators. Executive Director Edson went on to say the work included environmental and site management, power pole installation, disconnects, electrical wiring, trenching, and installation of conduits and grounding.

Executive Director Edson reported the Authority, California State Parks (the landowner), and LADWP worked together to bring permanent power to the site. Executive Director Edson further reported the Authority sought delegated authority to allocate contingency funds to execute one (1) or more Amendments in connection with the power infrastructure work for an aggregate Not-to-Exceed amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to, among other things, account for additional unforeseen or unanticipated work on the site. Executive Director Edson went on to say that any such Amendments, if needed and exercised, would be approved as to form by Counsel to the Authority.

Lastly, Executive Director Edson requested the Board to delegate approval to the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 135 and issue one (1) or more Notices to Proceed for this work.

Executive Director Edson asked if there were any questions to which there were none. There was no further discussion.

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

Ayes (9): Luke, Berkuta, Yelverton, Tadeo, Wiese, Nelson, Zavala, Hurt, and Coatney

MOTION APPROVED.

H. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO AGREEMENT NO. LA-RICS 012 WITH SD EDSON, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Counsel Moore reported that Agenda Item H requested the Board's approval to execute Amendment No. 5 to Executive Director Edson's contract with the Authority remain as the Executive Director. Counsel Moore further reported a one-year option remained on his contract, and if the Board agreed to the renewal and the exercise of the extension, it would be at an hourly rate of one hundred seventeen



dollars and forty-two cents (\$117.42) with an annual Not-to-Exceed contract amount of two hundred forty-four thousand two hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$244,237).

Counsel Moore asked if there were any questions to which there were none. There was no further discussion.

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

Ayes (9): Luke, Berkuta, Yelverton, Tadeo, Wiese, Nelson, Zavala, Hurt, and Coatney

MOTION APPROVED.

Counsel Moore stated that for the record, the LA-RICS Board unanimously approved Executive Director Edson's remaining option year at an hourly rate of one hundred seventeen dollars and forty-two cents (\$117.42) for a total maximum Not-to-Exceed contract amount of two hundred forty-four thousand two hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$244,237).

I. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 38 TO THE PROJECT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JACOBS PROJECT MANAGEMENT CO.

Executive Director Edson presented Agenda Item I, requesting the Board's approval to approve Amendment No. 38 to the Project and Construction Management Services Agreement with Jacobs Project Management in substantially similar form to the Enclosure, to revise the Rate Schedule to reflect an increase to the hourly rate for the Grant Analyst position from eighty-six dollars (\$86) to ninety dollars (\$90) which would not exceed the Maximum Contract Amount.

Executive Director Edson stated this Amendment would allow for the issuance of one (1) or more Notices to Proceed for the work and to delegate authority to the Executive Director to approve and execute Amendments to modify Jacobs' staff hourly rates provided such modifications did not impact the maximum Not-to-Exceed contract amount and was approved as to form by Counsel to the Authority.



Alternate Chair Berkuta asked if there were any questions to which there were none. There was no further discussion.

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

Ayes (9): Luke, Berkuta, Yelverton, Tadeo, Wiese, Nelson, Zavala, Hurt, and Coatney

MOTION APPROVED.

J. APPROVE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN LA-RICS OPERATING REVENUE SURPLUS AND SHORTALL FUND DISTRIBUTION POLICY

Executive Director Edson presented Agenda Item J requesting the Board to approve the implementation of an LA-RICS Operating Revenue Surplus and Shortfall Fund Distribution Policy. Executive Director Edson reported, as recommended by the Finance Committee, Board approval was requested to the enclosed LA-RICS Operating Revenue Surplus and Shortfall Fund Distribution Policy to establish guidelines for allocating surplus funds to the LA-RICS General Fund at the end of each fiscal year, and addressing Revenue Shortall via a Budget Adjustment.

Executive Director Edson requested Board approval to delegate authority to the Executive Director to implement such a policy, and the policy was defined as following government standards and principles. Executive Director Edson stated that an Operating Revenue Surplus referred to excess funds that remained after all operational expenses, liabilities, and accrued allocations were accounted for at the end of the fiscal year and after identifying areas that realized savings and applied to any budget line item that exceeded this expenditure allocation.

Executive Director Edson explained that an Operating Shortfall was a condition that occurred when operating revenues were insufficient to meet approved budget expenditures for the fiscal year. Executive Director Edson stated that pursuant to Policy No. 033-2026, when an erroneous surplus was realized at the conclusion of the fiscal year, the revenue would be allocated directly to the LA-RICS General Fund, and once the Fiscal Agent determined the amount of revenue or surplus, the Authority would present the surplus and Budget Adjustment and make the recommendation for the Board to approve these funds.



Executive Director Edson further stated that, similarly, in the event of a Revenue Shortfall, the Authority would adjust the same through the Budget Adjustment. Executive Director Edson noted the County Auditor Controller served as the LA-RICS Authority Fiscal Agent, and their role included the maintenance of appropriate funds and accounts, custody and disbursement of authority funds in accordance with generally accepted County principles and make or cause an independent annual audit.

Executive Director Edson said that, in summary, in the event there was a Shortfall, it was determined the Executive Director would notify the Board through the Budget Adjustment that would make the request to the Board. Executive Director Edson stated that, additionally, if there was a surplus, LA-RICS would make recommendations to the Board on how to use these funds, if there was a Shortfall, LA-RICS would make recommendations to the Board on how to fill the Shortfall gap.

Executive Director Edson asked if there were any questions to which there were none. There was no further discussion.

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

Ayes (9): Luke, Berkuta, Yelverton, Tadeo, Wiese, Nelson, Zavala, Hurt, and Coatney

MOTION APPROVED.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS – NONE

There were no Miscellaneous Items for the Regular 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.

XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

The Chair proceeded with the Closed Session item on the Regular Meeting Agenda.

The Board entered Closed Session at 9:43 a.m.



1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)) Title: Executive Director

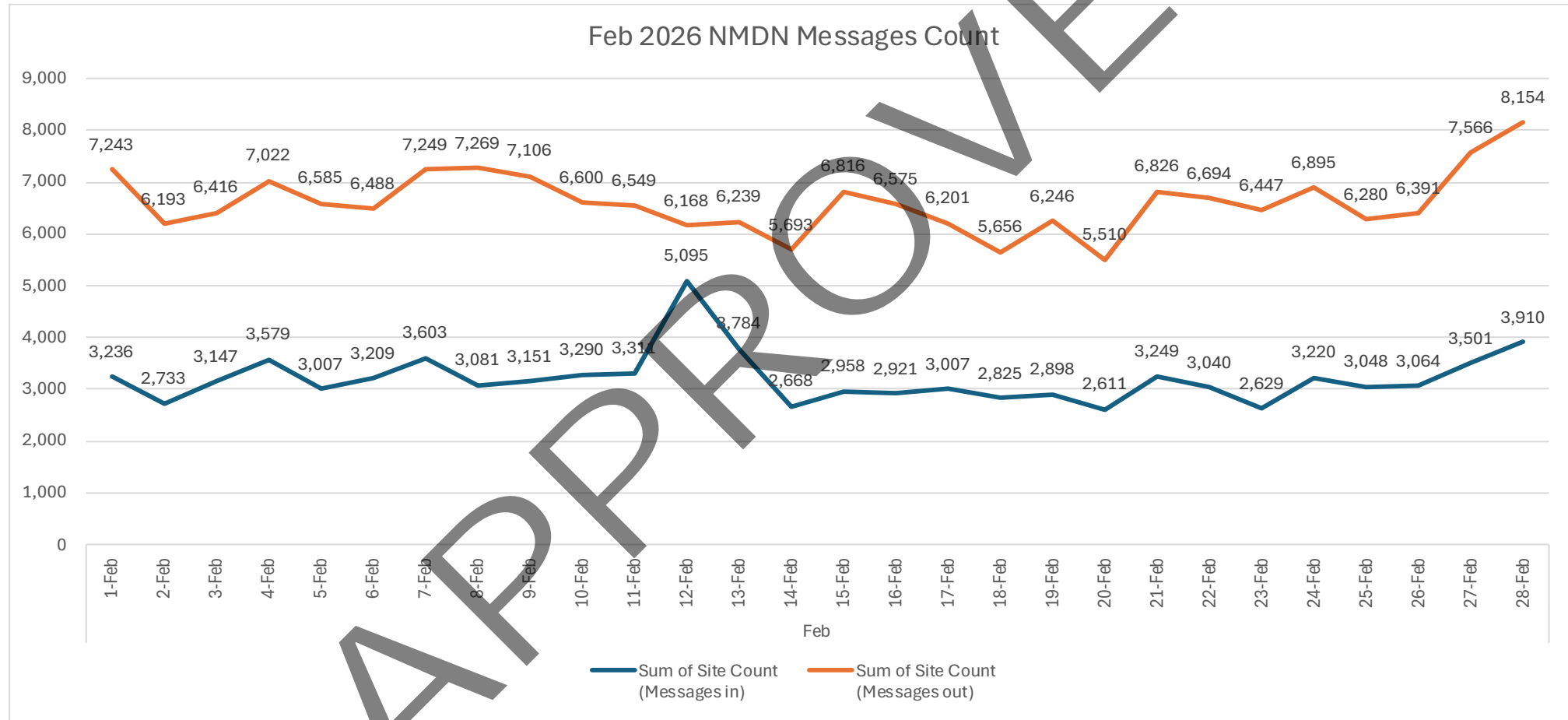
The Board returned from Closed Session at 10:07 a.m. Counsel Truc Moore stated the Board was back in Open Session, and the Brown Act did not require a report.

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

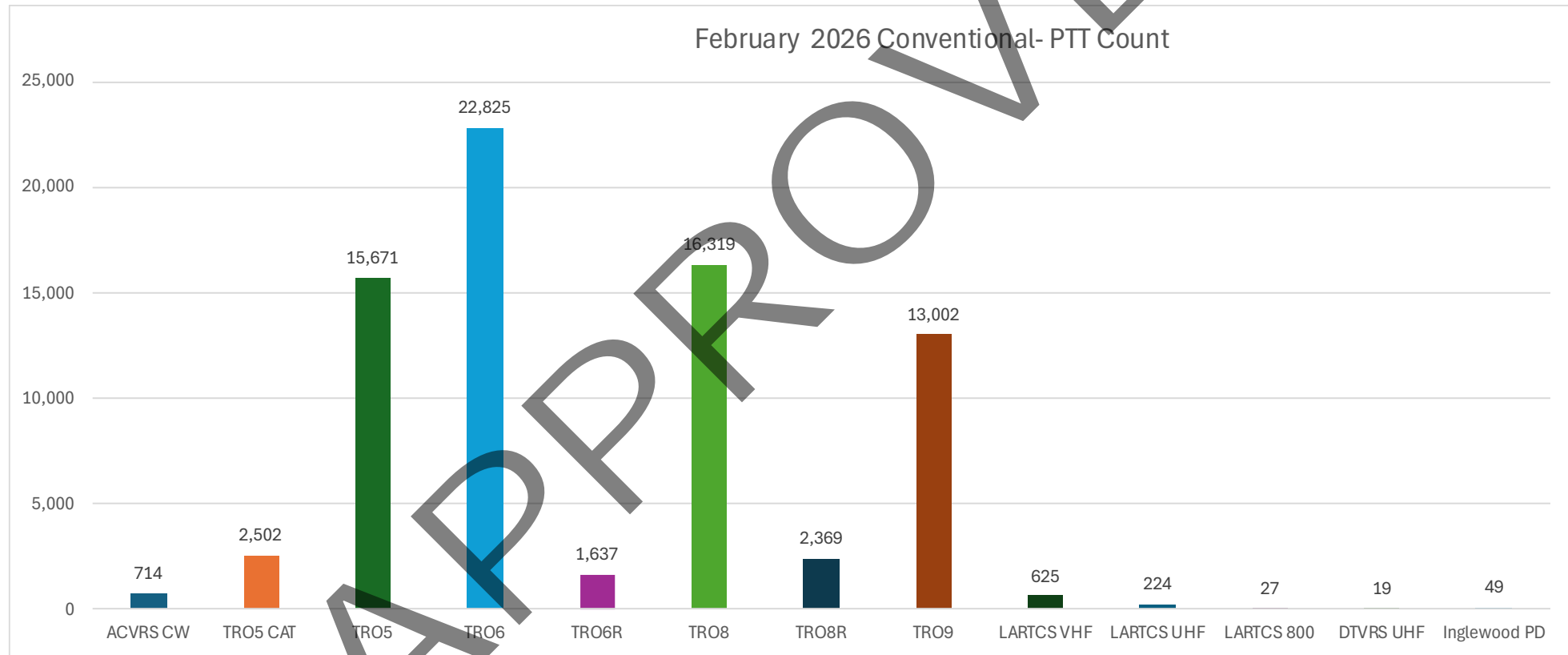
Alternate Board Chair Berkuta adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 10:15 a.m. and stated the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the LA-RICS Headquarters.

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

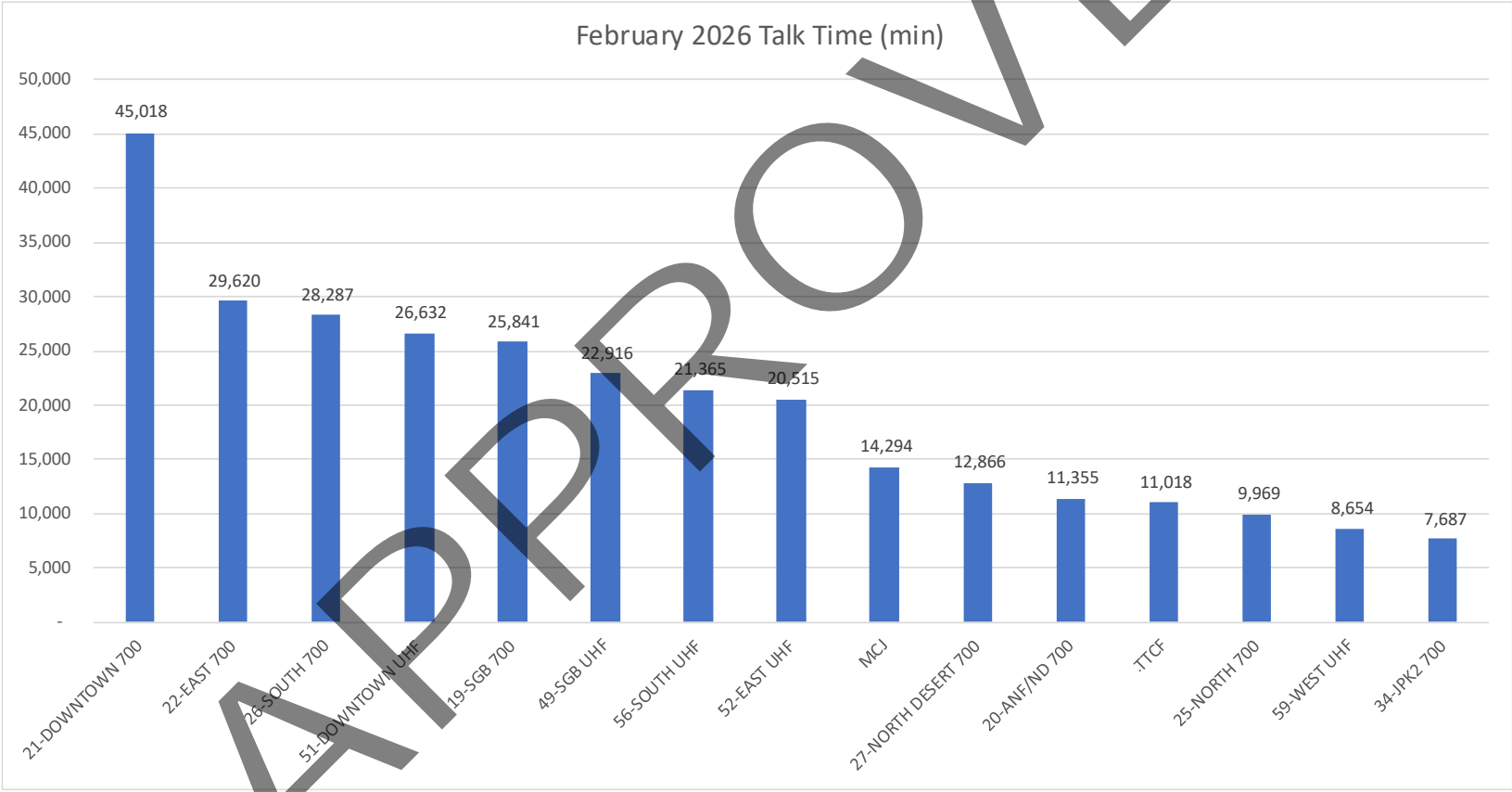
February 2026 NMDN Messages Count



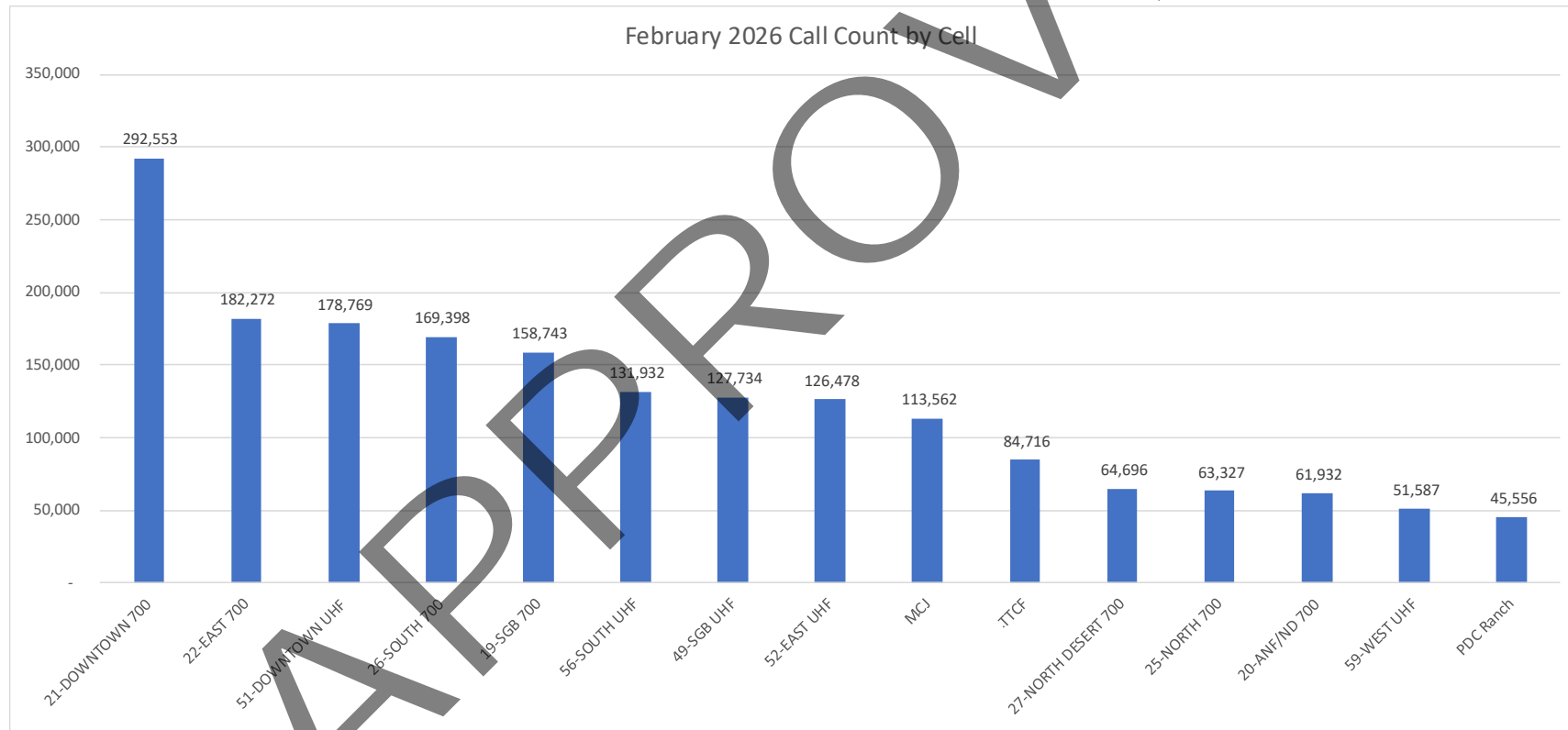
February 2026 Conventional PTTs by Cell



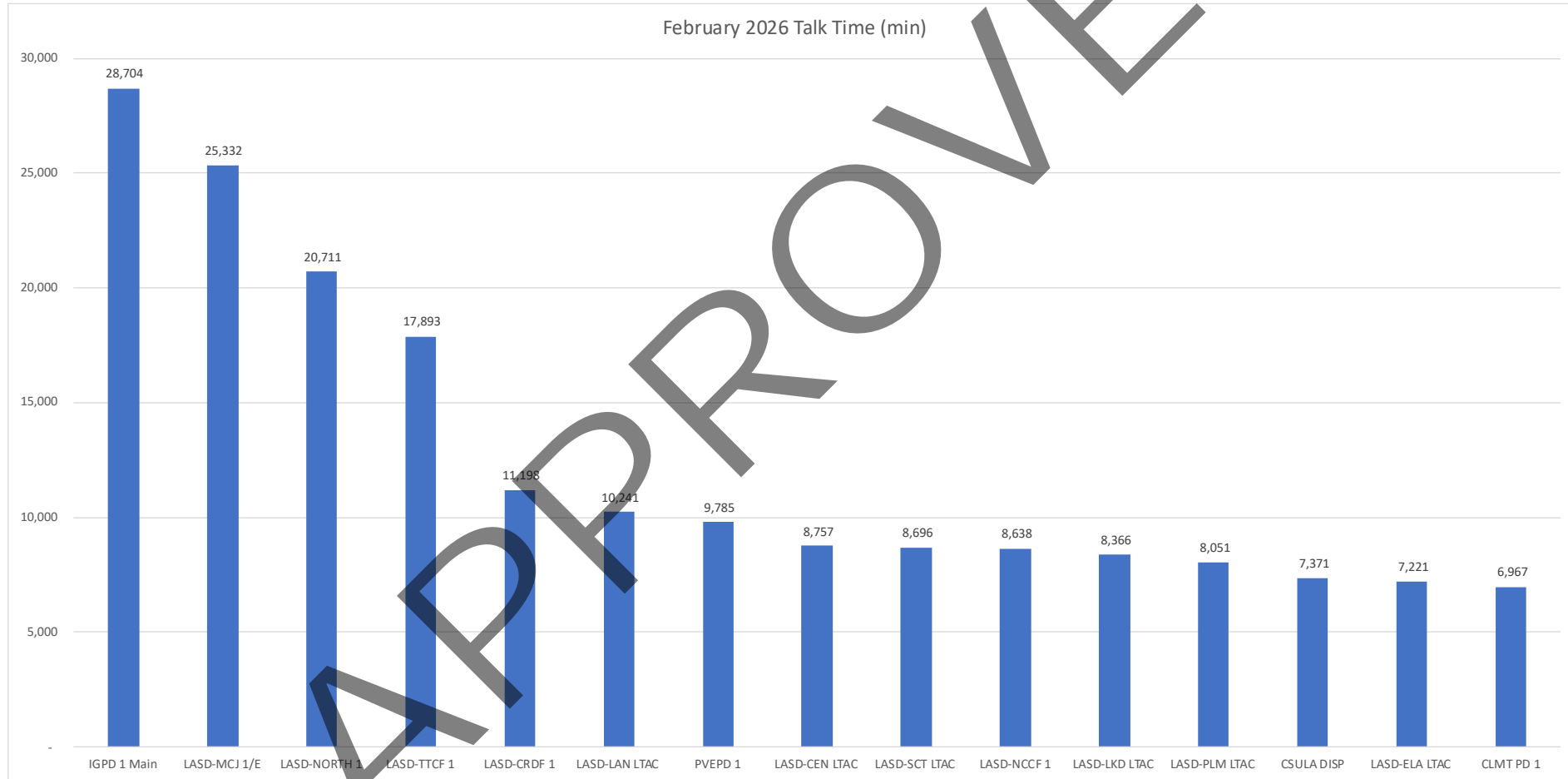
Top 15 DTVRS Cell Use (Time): February 2026



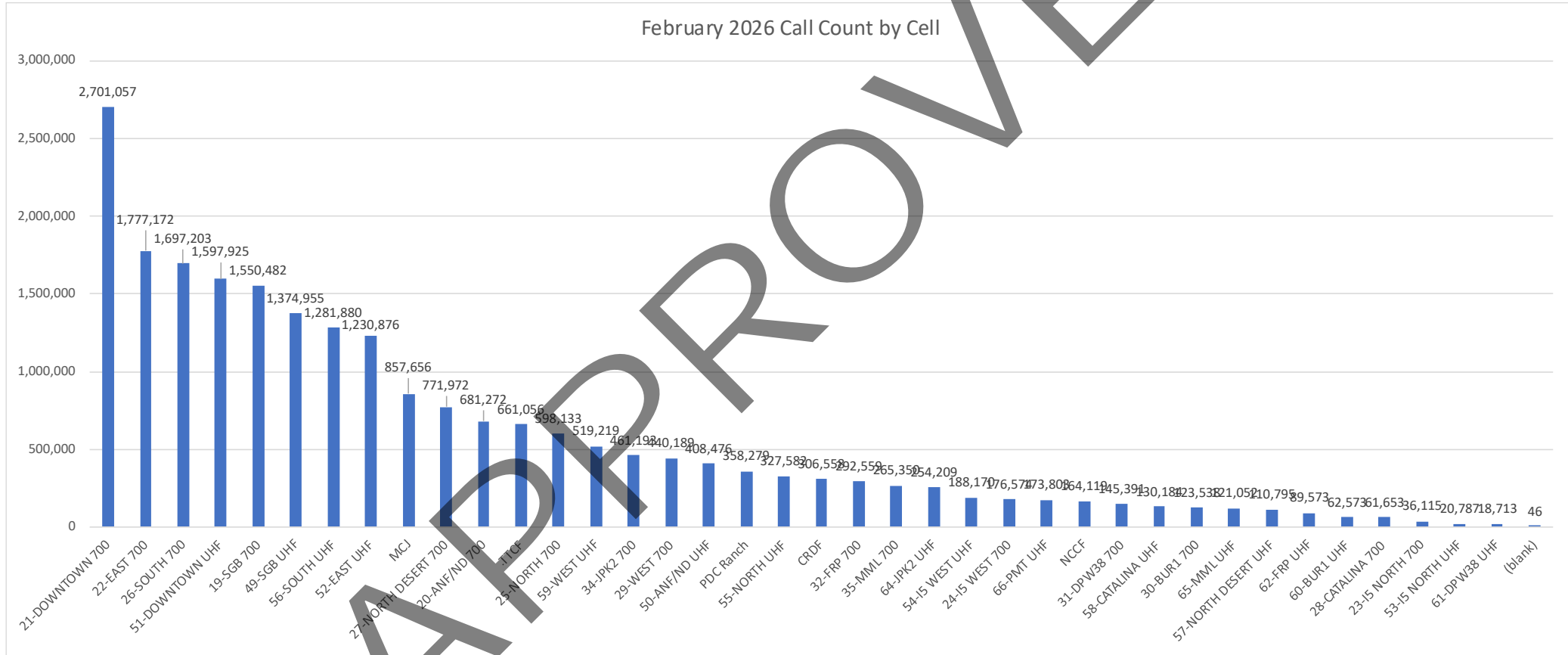
Top 15 DTVRS Cell Use (Call Count): February 2026



Top 15 DTVRS Talkgroups: February 2026



Call Count by Cell: February 2026



Agency -> Busy Site	Busy Due to TDMA preemption attempt on classic Data call	Inter-System Busy	No resources	Partial Busy	Grand Total
LADA - LA District Attorneys Office 1908001-1909000	0.5				0.5
51-DOWNTOWN UHF	0.5				0.5
LARICS System		4.6		0.6	5.2
(blank)		4.6		0.6	5.2
LASD (1932495 - 1961999) and (1420-1481 LASD SAR)	49.2		31.6	27.6	108.4
21-DOWNTOWN 700				0.4	0.4
22-EAST 700				0.3	0.3
49-SGB UHF				0.4	0.4
51-DOWNTOWN UHF	0.7			0.6	1.3
56-SOUTH UHF				0.5	0.5
CRDF	2.8			0.2	3
MCJ	24.4		15.8	2.8	43
NCCF				18.1	18.1
PDC Ranch	9.6		10.2	1.5	21.3
TTCF	11.7		5.6	2.8	20.1
Grand Total	49.7	5.2	31.6	28.2	114.7

February 2026 – DTVRS Top Agency Use

