



# MINUTES

LOS ANGELES  
REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 26, 2011: 1:16 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Grace E. Simons Lodge – 1025 Elysian Park Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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### Official Voting Members Present:

**Greg Simay**, Chair, representative for City of Burbank, At Large  
**Ed Medrano**, Vice Chair, representative for Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association  
**Erick Lee**, Secretary, representative for Culver City, At Large  
**James Alther**, representative for LAUSD Police Department  
**Dave Culver**, representative for County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department  
**Andrew Fox**, representative for City of Los Angeles Fire Department  
**Stephen W. Hannah**, representative for City of Long Beach  
**David Lantzer**, representative for Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association  
**Ed Roes**, City of Los Angeles Administrative Office  
**Jan Takata**, County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office  
**Eric E. Tsao**, representative for City of Torrance, At Large

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### Representatives For Official Voting Members Present:

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### Others Present:

**Elizabeth Hernandez**, City of Gardena  
**Susy Orellana-Curtiss**, LA-RICS  
**Gina Samy**, LA-RICS

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### Official Voting Members Absent:

**June Gibson**, representative for City of Los Angeles, Chief Legislative Analyst  
**Daniel Jordan**, representative for California Contract Cities Association  
**Debby Prouty**, representative for County of Los Angeles Fire Department  
**Rick Provencio**, representative for City of Los Angeles Police Department  
**Steve Smith**, representative for City of Covina, At Large  
**Andree Stecker**, representative for County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services



1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Finance Committee was called to order on January 27 at 1:16 p.m. by the Committee Chair Greg Simay.

2. ANOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call

Formal roll call performed with an acknowledgement of a quorum.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made for approval of the minutes from the February 24, 2011 Finance Committee Meeting.

**MOTION APPROVED.**

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 LA-RICS Public Finance and Revenue Options

Committee Chair Greg Simay mentioned that requesting member agencies to fund project start-up costs is a major obstacle to the development of a funding plan. Because members are not in a financial position to fund these costs, the JPA should look to stretching out the project implementation timeline and developing the system as grants will permit.

Committee Member Jan Takata suggested that the Finance Committee wait until the final costs and scope of the project are determined by the agreement with the vendor before developing the funding plan. Once these costs are known, the difference between the total costs and the grant funding availability will be known. Then, the JPA can request its grantors to extend and/or modify the grants to provide more flexibility.

Committee Vice Chair Ed Medrano asked if the agreement with the vendor is still scheduled to be negotiated by mid-June. LA-RICS staff reported that the negotiations on progressing as scheduled.

Committee Chair Simay advised that the federal government has expressed strong support for the BTOP system. It is unknown if they have the same enthusiasm for the LMR system.

LA-RICS staff advised that once the agreement with the vendor is negotiated and signed, they will begin requesting modifications/special accommodations from the grantors.

Committee Chair Simay advised that the JPA's goal should be to maximize grant resources and keep member contributions at a minimum. He also advised that the committee should consider using the region's existing radio infrastructure assets (i.e. ICIS) in the design of the LMR system to help reduce costs. This issue should be referred to the Operations and Technical Committees for further review.



#### 4.2 Projections/Recommendations on Future Grant Revenues for LA-RICS

LA-RICS staff member Susy Orellana-Curtiss gave a brief presentation on the availability of grant funding. \$129M is available for the LMR system. \$154M is available for the broadband system.

#### 4.3 Potential Timeline for Finance and Revenue Options

Committee Chair Simay reminded the committee that any funding from a voter approved source would not begin to be available to the JPA until January, 2014.

LA-RICS staff member Susy Orellana-Curtiss advised that this delay in revenue would not impact the implementation of the BTOP project because it is 100% grant-funded.

### 5. NEW BUSINESS

#### 5.1 Separation of "data system" financing plan from "voice system" finance plan

Committee Member Jan Takata recommended that this issue be referred to the Board of Directors.

Committee Secretary Erick Lee requested LA-RICS staff to determine the costs that are not allowable under the grants and will be incurred by the JPA through the end of CY2013. These costs are of important concern to the Finance Committee because voter approved revenue will not be available to cover them.

Committee Chair Simay advised that the agreement with the vendor should consider the availability of grants, the adoption of the funding plan, and any voter approved revenue sources.

### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

### 7. FUTURE MEETING DATES, TIMES, and LOCATIONS

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 23, 2011 at LA-RICS headquarters in Monterey Park.

### 8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. due to a lack of quorum re: the absence of Committee Vice Chair Ed Medrano and Committee Members Dave Culver and Jan Takata.

NOTE: After the quorum was lost, LA-RICS staff presented a draft FY2011/2012 summary budget document to the Committee. This item will be added to the agenda of the Committee's June 23, 2011 meeting.