



MINUTES

LOS ANGELES
REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, November 30, 2011: 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Media Conference Room
4700 W. Ramona Blvd., Monterey Park 91754

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
Doug Cline, representative for County of Los Angeles Fire Department
Dave Culver, representative for County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
Stephen W. Hannah, representative for City of Long Beach
Daniel Jordan, representative for California Contract Cities Association
David Lantzer, representative for Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association
Ed Roes, City of Los Angeles Administrative Office
Steve Smith, representative for City of Covina, At Large
Stephen Sotomayor, representative for City of Los Angeles Police Department
Andree Stecker, representative for County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services
Jan Takata, County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office
Eric E. Tsao, representative for City of Torrance, At Large

Representatives For Official Voting Members Present:

None

Others Present:

Patrick Mallon, LA-RICS
Kevin Nida, City of Los Angeles Fire Department
Susy Orellana-Curtiss, LA-RICS

Official Voting Members Absent:

Andrew Fox, representative for City of Los Angeles Fire Department
June Gibson, representative for City of Los Angeles, Chief Legislative Analyst



1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Finance Committee was called to order on November 30, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. by the Committee Chair Greg Simay.

Committee Vice Chair Chief Ed Medrano announced that he will not be assigned to represent the LACPCA on the Finance Committee in 2012. He introduced Chief Kevin McClure (Montebello Police Department) who will be taking his place.

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 October 27, 2011 Finance Committee Meeting.

MOTION APPROVED.

A motion was made for approval of the minutes from the June 30, 2011 Finance Committee Meeting.

MOTION APPROVED.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Cost Allocation Methods

Committee Chair Greg Simay introduced Felipe Perez (DeltaWrx). Perez gave an overview of the cost allocation work done by the Finance Committee in 2010. This work centered around the use of four (4) variables to allocate cost: assessed property value, area (square mileage), number of sworn employees, and size of population.

Committee Chair Simay advised that this work was halted in 2010 because of the concerns that many of the member agencies would not be able to afford the estimated contributions that may be required under the various allocation models developed by the committee. He further advised that 1/6 of the projected costs to get the LA-RICS LMR system up-and-running would not be eligible for grant funding. Therefore, he encouraged the Committee to develop a cost allocation formula that, while not perfect, would be considered fair by the member agencies. He then requested input on the variables that should be used to develop this formula.

Committee Member Doug Cline advised that it may be possible to use 911 call volume as a variable. Additionally, he advised that any cost allocation formula should separate the County's contributions into both law and fire costs because the Los Angeles County Fire Department receives its funding from the Fire District and not the



County's General Fund. Furthermore, Committee Member Cline recommended that any attempt to use "sworn personnel" as a variable be clearly defined and account for the field staffing differences between the law and fire disciplines.

Committee Member Eric Tsao recommended that the variables used in the cost allocation formula should relate to the costs associated with building the system. Since topography is a factor in these costs, it should be used in the formula. Felipe Perez advised that the RFP does not include a provision for vendors to summarize their proposed costs by zone. However, this information can be obtained from the vendor who is ultimately selected to build the system.

Committee Member Dave Culver suggested that costs attributable to the contract cities be allocated to those cities rather than to the County. He argued that doing so may provide more transparency for the contract cities than simply loading these costs into the County's administrative overhead charges.

Committee Member Doug Cline advised that the LA County Fire Department provides services to more than 60 cities, but only contracts with 10-11 of them. The remaining cities are part of the Fire District. The cost allocation plan needs to recognize these distinctions.

Captain Kevin Nida (City of Los Angeles Fire Department) encouraged the Committee to examine how other counties and states have tackled the issue of cost allocation for regional radio systems. He advised that this research would probably be useful when it comes time to recommend the Funding Plan to the Board of Directors and governing bodies of the member agencies. Captain Nida further advised that he and his staff have been working to get this information from other agencies and would provide it to the Finance Committee and a later date.

The Committee agreed that it needed to develop a cost allocation formula that spans the tension between cost to build the system and the benefits received by each member agency. While they are limited in their value, the Committee agreed that, among other possible variables, the following variables should be considered for inclusion in the cost allocation formula:

- Area/geography (possibly refined by system zone)
- Number of sworn personnel (with a clear definition of the differences between law and fire personnel)
- Population

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

6. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Los Angeles County Fire Department Headquarters, 1320 N. Eastern Avenue, Training Room 26, Los Angeles, CA 90063.

Agenda items will include:



- Information from the County re: cost allocation recommendations for the contract cities
- Election of Finance Committee officers

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVED