



# MINUTES

## LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 30, 2013 • 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

LA-RICS Headquarters, Large Conference Room

2525 Corporate Pl., Suite 200, Monterey Park, CA 91754

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#### **Official Voting Members Present:**

**Stephen Sotomayor**, Chair, representative for City of Los Angeles Police Department

**Jan Takata**, County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office

**Doug Cline**, representative for County of Los Angeles Fire Department

**Andree Stecker**, representative for County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services

**James Alther**, representative for the LAUSD Police Department

**Olivia Valero**, representative for City of Long Beach

**Robert Barnes**, representative for Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association

**Erick Lee**, representative for Culver City, At Large #2

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#### **Representatives For Official Voting Members Present:**

**Joshua Drake**, representing Matias Farfan for City of Los Angeles, Chief Legislative Analyst

**Mark Wilkins**, representing David Culver for County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department

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#### **Others Present:**

**Susy Orellana-Curtiss**, LA-RICS

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#### **Official Voting Members Absent:**

**David Lantzer**, representative for Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs' Association

**Dave Culver**, representative for County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department

**Ed Roes**, City of Los Angeles Administrative Office

**June Gibson**, representative for the City of Los Angeles Fire Department

**Matias Farfan**, representative for City of Los Angeles, Chief Legislative Analyst

**Daniel Jordan**, representative for California Contract Cities Association

**Eric E. Tsao**, representative for City of Torrance, At Large #1

**Greg Simay**, Vice Chair, representative for City of Burbank, At Large #3

**Steve Smith**, representative for City of Covina, At Large #4



I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Chair Stephen Sotomayor stated that since quorum was not reached, they would discuss Old Business for the time being.

Quorum was reached three minutes later by the presence of Lt. Mark Wilkins, at which time the Committee moved on to the Approval of Minutes.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. April 25, 2013, LA-RICS Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.

Minutes Addendum

LA-RICS staff noted a correction in attendance of the April 25, 2013 minutes. David Culver was noted twice instead of David Culver and David Lantzer. Motion made to approve the minutes as corrected. Committee Member Eric Lee called the 1<sup>st</sup> motion and Committee Member Joshua Drake called the 2<sup>nd</sup>. **MOTION APPROVED.**

IV. REPORTS – None

V. NEW BUSINESS –

2. Action Item: Approve Recommendation of the FY 2013-14 Budget to the LA-RICS JPA Board of Directors.

Susy Orellana-Curtiss, LA-RICS Staff, presented the FY 2013-14 Budget to the Committee stating that there is an increase to the LA County services line item by \$101,000, which reflects some reductions in the LA County staff assignments, as well as an increase- in the County Counsel budget by \$206,000.

Ms. Orellana-Curtiss went on to say that there is a slight increase in the amount of grant funded expenditures that are anticipated; a reduction in the BTOP and an increase in both the UASI and SHSGP anticipated grant expenditures.

Committee Members asked for a more user-friendly detailed budget providing information regarding project staff. Ms. Orellana-Curtiss requested clarification on the Committee's request, asking if the inclusion of an executive summary with a description and organizational chart of the project staff proposed in the FY 2013-14 Budget would suffice. The LA-RICS Organizational chart with a brief description of the project staff was approved. **MOTION APPROVED.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS –

3. Discussion Item: LA-RICS Funding/Finance Plan.



Chair Sotomayor stated that from the last meeting until now he had hoped to have the ability to discuss or to start talking about the funding plan figures that the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee had looked at, but unfortunately negotiations are still ongoing at this time. As previously discussed, the Subcommittee looked through many of the different options that were available and looked at the best ways to maximize the grants that have already been allocated to LA-RICS, even some modifications that need to be done to those grants (at this time quorum was reached by the attendance of Lt. Mark Wilkins representing the County of Los Angeles Sherriff's Department; meeting moved on to the Approval of the Minutes, then returned to Old Business).

Chair Sotomayor stated that the Subcommittee looked at the different programs and how to maximize the grants, keeping in the mind that most agencies would not like to pay for the system until such a point that the system brought value to them and would reduce the cost of Land Mobile Radio services to their jurisdiction. The Subcommittee looked at short-term credit, such as commercial paper, to carry the project forward to potentially cover costs that may not be covered by grants. . The subcommittee also looked at two types of subscriber fees 1) one being a flat rate and the other 2) operations and maintenance costs associated with the system itself.

Chair Sotomayor recapped other items discussed at the previous meeting. He stated that one of the key points of the system is that the more people participate, the better deal everyone will get. Also discussed were the additive alternates that could potentially be added in the overall systems price, such as bounded area coverage, tunnel coverage for Metrolink, and additional in-building coverage options. What LA-RICS is looking at is whether or not these specific items should be applied to the benefiting agencies or be viewed as a fixed system cost.

Committee Member Lee asked if the previous four policy items that were mentioned at the previous meeting had been transmitted to the Board yet. Chair Sotomayor stated that they have not, but he will do so at the next meeting on June 19, 2013.

Chair Sotomayor asked if the Committee would like to meet before the next Board meeting on June 19, 2013, but would check with the Executive Director.

Skip Funk, Jacobs Engineering, provided a negotiations timeline.

Committee Member Jan Takata recommended that an independent consultant build the actual model and make the allocation study. He further stated the Finance Committee needs the Technical Committee's report on the technical specifications to better understand the options should be viewed as part of the base LMR system, as well as the JPA's guidance on certain policy decisions. Chair Sotomayor agrees that there should be an independent review of funding options.

Committee Member Olivia Valero asked about getting information from other county models. Committee Member Lee stated that there are existing reports for other counties available, e.g. he has one for Marin County that has a similar formula as LA-RICS, even though it is a small



county. Committee Member Takata stated that LA County is the size of the state of Connecticut, not like any other county and with less commonality.

Chair Sotomayor reiterated that the Committee needs more direction from the JPA and needs to present some options to the Executive Director regarding the need for a consultant.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

VIII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION BY THE COMMITTEE

Workshop: LTE & LMR Funding Plans and Project Phasing  
Workshop: Contract Cities and the Cost Allocation Model

VIII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:

Meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m. by consensus.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., LA County Sheriff's Department, 4700 W. Ramona Blvd., Media Conference Room, Monterey Park, CA 91754.

APPROVED