



MINUTES

LOS ANGELES
REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, November 21, 2013 • 1:00 p.m.

LA County Sheriff's Headquarters, Media Conference Room
4700 W. Ramona Blvd., Monterey Park, CA 91754

Official Voting Members Present:

Ed Roes, City of Los Angeles Administrative Office
Stephen Sotomayor, Chair, representative for City of Los Angeles Police Department
Matias Farfan, representative for City of Los Angeles, Chief Legislative Analyst
Doug Cline, representative for County of Los Angeles Fire Department
Manal Dudar, representative for County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services
Olivia Valero, representative for City of Long Beach
Dave Culver, representative for County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
Daniel Jordan, representative for California Contract Cities Association
Erick Lee, representative for Culver City, At Large #2
Greg Simay, Vice Chair, representative for City of Burbank, At Large #3
Steve Smith, representative for City of Covina, At Large #4

Representatives For Official Voting Members Present:

Nancy Ramirez, representing James Alther for the LAUSD Police Department

Others Present:

Pat Mallon, LA-RICS
Susy Orellana-Curtiss, LA-RICS
Amanda Drukker, LA County Counsel

Official Voting Members Absent:

Ronnie Villanueva, representative for the City of Los Angeles Fire Department
Jan Takata, County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office
James Alther, representative for the LAUSD Police Department
David Lantzer, representative for Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs' Association
Robert Barnes, representative for Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association
Eric E. Tsao, representative for City of Torrance, At Large #1



I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Chair Stephen Sotomayor took roll call, quorum was reached.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

1. September 26, 2013, LA-RICS Regular Finance Committee Meeting Minutes; and
2. September 26, 2013, LA-RICS Special Finance Committee Meeting.

Committee Member Erick Lee called the 1st motion and Committee Member Nancy Ramirez called the 2nd. **MOTION APPROVED.**

IV. REPORTS –

Executive Director introduced Dereck Wong, PMC Finance Lead Consultant, to provide a status report on the LA-RICS funding plan.

Mr. Wong stated that one of the major tasks was background research on similar systems, within California and out of state, in order to get a better insight of their funding plans which are based on each agencies' conditions and needs; LA-RICS is a very unique project.

Phase 1: To distribute an on-line survey with 35 questions (during a 3 week period) to provide issues and concerns that would assist on the project, such as police, fire, and emergency services (call volume, number of radios, etc.). So far there are 65 responses.

Phase 2: After gathering the responses Stakeholders Meetings were held in Whittier on November 20, 2013, and Glendale on Thursday, November 21, 2013. There was a very good turnout of people in attendance representing about 35-40 agencies. The main purpose of the stakeholder meetings was to provide general results. Stakeholders were set-up into groups of 5-6 people to gather input on different potential variables and their opinions of the variables that could factor into the funding plan. PMC asked the Committee what funding models might they be interested in and it seems as though the Committee leans toward a cost model.

Phase 3: Is the Cost Allocation Working Paper which should be ready by December 13, 2013.

Mr. Wong stated that previous Finance Committee discussions were beneficial in their gathering of information and added that while a model will be presented on December 13, 2013, they do not expect to know the costs for the LTE system as negotiations will not be completed.

Executive Director Mallon provided an update on both LMR and LTE systems.

LMR Project: LA-RICS is working with Motorola on developing project descriptions, which are an essential part of the environmental package and should be done sometime in December 2013. LA-RICS will also report on the potential need for a full Environmental Impact Report. Even though LA-RICS has been working with a limited CEQA exemption, it only pertains to 62



of the 88 sites that are currently available to the LMR System Design. Since there are 26 other sites that do not meet the exemption criteria all 88 have to be considered in an EIR.

- **LTE System:** LA-RICS has concluded the evaluation process and has offered an invitation to Motorola Solutions to begin negotiations on Monday, November 25, 2013. There is hope that negotiations can be concluded by mid-December 2013 and present a contract to the Board in January 2014. Even though some maintenance cost figures are available for the LMR System, it is not anticipated that the final numbers for maintenance of the LTE System will be known at the time of the release of the final funding plan.

Executive Director Mallon mentioned that the LMR system has been sized to support secondary responders in the County with the same requirements for the LTE System.

LA-RICS has received input from the Board as well as from several of the committees regarding the financial liability of cities participating in the LA-RICS System and yet having to maintain legacy system for the public works, parks, and public road departments would be problematic. Both the LMR and LTE systems have been sized to support all of those operations.

V. NEW BUSINESS – None

VI. OLD BUSINESS –

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

Chair Sotomayor asked that since the 4th Thursday of December is on the 26th if the meeting could be moved to the 19th. The Committee was notified that there will be stakeholder meetings conducted on December 18 (City of Whittier) and 19 (City of Glendale), 2013. Chair Sotomayor asked if the Committee would be able to meet on Monday December 16, 2013 (at this time the Committee would have read the Cost Allocation Working Paper) and that he would get back to the Committee once he discussed it with the meeting coordinator.

Committee Member Simay asked if LA-RICS has a well-defined scope that could be discussed at the next meeting as well as a discussion on the responsibilities of member agencies. Executive Director Mallon stated that it could only be done for the LMR and not the LTE at this time. Committee Member Simay commented that the LMR policy would be for members to pay for its own user equipment and LA-RICS would be under no obligation to do so. If LA-RICS would be able to come through with funding and help that would be great, but not expected. Individual agencies should budget for their own equipment. Another component would be operating costs. Would the user fees have some component that would allow for eventual replacement of the system. One option would be having rates at a level such that at any given time, there would be a possibility of applying for outside financing. The Board needs to make policy decisions as to how this will be addressed. The Committee can have a discussion on such and bring it back to the Board.

Included under Finance Minutes 12/16/13 Committee Member Erick Lee stated that he recommends that the consultant go back and explore looking at how local government is going



to be considered as part of the funding plan, using that same survey mechanism that was previously done capturing the inclusion of different departments.

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 1:14 p.m. by consensus.

The next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., location to be determined.

APPROVED AS AMENDED