



MINUTES

LOS ANGELES
REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, December 16, 2013 • 1:00 p.m.

LA County Fire Department Headquarters, Training Room 26

1320 N. Eastern Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90063

Official Voting Members Present:

Ed Roes, City of Los Angeles Administrative Office
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
Olivia Valero, representative for City of Long Beach
Joe Leonardi, representative for Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association
Daniel Jordan, representative for California Contract Cities Association
Eric E. Tsao, representative for City of Torrance, At Large #1
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:

None

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
Matias Farfan, representative for City of Los Angeles, Chief Legislative Analyst
Dave Culver, representative for County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
Manal Dudar, representative for County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services
James Alther, representative for the LAUSD Police Department
David Lantzer, representative for Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs' Association



- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Chair Stephen Sotomayor took roll call, quorum was reached.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –
 1. November 21, 2013, LA-RICS Special Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.

Motion to Amendment

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.

Committee Member Joe Leonardi called the 1st motion and Committee Member Greg Simay called the 2nd. **MOTION APPROVED.**

- IV. REPORTS –

LMR

Executive Director Mallon stated that LA-RICS has realized that there are issues that have an environmental impact on the LMR system. There were hopes to meet the CEQA requirements with a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), but in consideration of some of the sites and the proximity of biologically sensitive areas along the National Forest and the Pacific Ocean, there is a risk of a significant delay to the project by moving forward with an MND, and going through that 6-8 month process. If any one site results in a challenge it stops the process, then LA-RICS would have to go back and start over again with an environmental impact report. Therefore instead of investing such time in an effort that may need to be reinitiated, it is best to move forward with an environmental impact report, including sites that may not be included in the list of 88 today.

There are some sites that are going to have problems with height restriction. For example there is site in San Pedro that is near a FAA radio site and installation of a tower would interfere with the radar sweep. Therefore that site needs to be dropped down to a 60 ft. range (where it is today) and will have impact on coverage. LA-RICS would have to look at some sites that could increase coverage in that area.

LA-RICS is working with Motorola on those problematic sites and are looking into identifying some alternate sites. This will result in a delay to the LMR project, but s time well invested.

LTE

Executive Director Mallon stated that LA-RICS suspended negotiations for a 10-day period while they worked on a proposal issues and is back in negotiations today. It looks like negotiations will conclude after the beginning of new year.

Committee Member Simay stated that four more months for the EIR process and in the end there will be 88 sites cleared, plus alternative sites that may be needed. Executive Director Mallon stated that if 10-12 additional sites are identified then an EA of 100 sites could be done. If those sites are not ultimately used, there is no impact. This would not affect grant spending, although there is one area of concern and that is UASI 10' grant funds. There were plans for advance purchases of equipment for the "Site on Wheels" that will be used during the construction phase of



the project as well as beyond the end of the construction project. The site on wheels was not part of the original plan, but was needed in order to continue coverage without interruption. There will be a change in the required scope of service, but not to the degree of relief that would be required to stand up a temporary transmission tower. This will result in an increase to the contract value.

V. NEW BUSINESS – None

VI. OLD BUSINESS –

2. Discussion Item: Cost Allocation Working Paper.

Executive Director introduced Derek Wong, PMC Finance Lead Consultant, who provided a status report on the LA-RICS Draft Funding Plan. It is anticipated that the report will be completed by January 2014. Jurisdiction cost numbers are not yet included in the report. Mr. Wong reviewed the attached Draft Cost Allocation Working Paper and asked if there were any questions.

Concerns over the “flexibility” in the cost allocation formula arose, but Mr. Wong stated that the unknown variables impact the module. Until better data is incorporated it is not concrete information or data.

A question came up regarding the cost. The whole system was questioned, and to if cost had been broken down by region. The second part to that question was if one jurisdiction overlaps another jurisdiction, would they share the cost of the region vs. the entire system? Mr. Wong stated that this was something that had not been addressed yet. It is up to the committee what values are placed in the model.

Mr. Wong continued to go through the Draft Cost Allocation Working Paper.

Chair Sotomayor stated that the next Special Finance meeting will be on Thursday, January 9, 2014. The Regular Finance meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2014, will be rescheduled, since there will be a 3rd Stakeholder meeting and another one will be late in January 2014.

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 2:52 p.m. by consensus.

The next special meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., location to be determined.