



# **FINANCE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**LOS ANGELES REGIONAL  
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY**

Thursday, January 24, 2019 • 1:30 p.m.  
Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System  
Headquarters  
Large Conference Room  
2525 Corporate Place, Suite 200, Monterey Park, CA 91754

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**Finance Committee Members Present:**

**John Geiger**, County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office  
**Bill Song**, County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept.  
**Karolyn (Kay) Fruhwirth**, County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services  
**Rebekka Hosken**, California Contract Cities Association  
**Marie DiBernardo**, City of Inglewood Police Department

**Alternates For Finance Committee Members Present:**

**Ric Walczak**, City of Covina Police Department  
**Leticia Rivera**, County of Los Angeles LACoFD  
**Nick Davenport**, City of Signal Hill Police Department

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**Officers Present:**

**Beatriz Cojulun**, Committee Secretary

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**Absent:**

**John Curley**, City of Covina Police Department  
**Ron Sagmit**, City of Signal Hill Police Department

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**NOTE: ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM IDENTIFIED ON THE AGENDA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair John Geiger called the Regular Meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 1:34 p.m.

**II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call**

Committee Secretary, Beatriz Cojulun performed a roll call and acknowledged the presence of quorum.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (A)**

**A. October 25, 2018 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

Committee Member Karolyn (Kay) Fruhwirth motioned first to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Committee Member Rebekka Hosken.

Ayes 6: Geiger, Song, Hosken, Davenport, Walczak, and DiBernardo.

**MOTION APPROVED.**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (None)**

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR – (None)**

**VI. REPORTS (B-C)**

**B. LONG TERM EVOLUTION (LTE) UPDATE – Jacobs Project Director, Christopher Odenthal**

Jacobs Project Director, Christopher Odenthal shared an update from the Board of Directors meeting earlier that day, the LA-RICS Authority approved the Motorola Solutions, Inc. (Motorola) PSBN LA-RICS 008 Amendment No. 35, for the construction and implementation of nine (9) co-location sites, particularly in the Angeles National Forest. He stated the amendment also included the cost of all of the equipment at the remaining 17 sites, bringing the total number of deployed sites to 26 at a cost of approximately \$6 million dollars, in accordance with the AT&T, Inc. (AT&T) Agreement. The Authority is currently in the process of preparing all of the construction drawings for those 26 locations. The Authority will bid-out the construction work for the remaining 17 sites Motorola will not be constructing; instead, the Authority will procure those services via the County of Los Angeles (County)



Department of Public Works (DPW) providing local vendors the opportunity to bid for the construction of those sites.

Project Director Odenthal commented on the current shutdown of the U.S. Government and its impacts on the project. The PSBN agreement is governed and overseen by the National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), both which are affected by the shutdown. He also informed the Committee due to the government shutdown access to funding is not available at this time which is impacting the Authority's ability to issue Notices to Proceed (NTP's) for work at sites.

Counsel to the Authority, Truc L. Moore stated environmental approvals are still proceeding forward. Project Director Odenthal concurred with Counsel and stated final approval comes from NTIA, which is not affected by the shutdown. He further stated the environmental review of LA-RICS Supplemental Environmental Assessment Number No. Three is currently with the FirstNet environmental team. The final sign off and approval of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will remain with NTIA, until the government re-opens. Until then, LA-RICS will not have final approval to move forward.

There were no questions at the conclusion of the report.

**C. LAND MOBILE RADIO (LMR) UPDATE** – Jacobs Project Director, Christopher Odenthal

Project Director Odenthal stated from a financial perspective, the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) project is progressing. Mr. Odenthal informed the Committee the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) 2016 grant is slated to close on March 31, 2019. He went on to state that UASI '16 spending plan is on target with funding expended. Project Director Odenthal stated despite some movement within the spending plan, there is plenty of activity from both a construction and management perspective to comply with grant spend requirements. He also informed the Committee the grant administrator, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and the City of Los Angeles, have been briefed and understand all of the steps taken in order to secure the spending of UASI '16. With respect to the UASI '17 grant, sites contemplated in the spend plan are currently being built. LA-RICS expects UASI '18 funds to be released in the near future.

There were no questions at the conclusion of the report.



## VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS – (D)

### D. Finance Ad-Hoc Committee Reporting

Chair Geiger asked if there were Ad-Hoc members present. He acknowledged Committee Member Rebekka Hosken and Committee Member Leticia Rivera as Ad-Hoc representatives.

Chair Geiger indicated to the Committee that he appreciates the somewhat circular position the Ad-Hoc is in. He assumes the Ad-Hoc will not be able to provide a report due the pending information in order to provide a rate setting. Chair Geiger went on to inform the Committee that he is aware that there are only a few known factors, such as who the current system users are, but not whom the universe of potential users may be, which would allow for lower costs.

Ad-Hoc Committee Member Rebekka Hosken commented that with the assessments that Administrative Deputy Susy Orellana-Curtiss has provided to the Committee, there is a range established given the known information.

Chair Geiger believes the Ad-Hoc is in a better place to provide a report and recommendations to the Finance Committee. Chair Geiger recommended a few categories to include in the report for consideration:

- Should LA-RICS provide radios to members and non-members for trial, in an effort to test the system?
- Once LA-RICS is up for use, will agency members or non-member agencies be allowed. Keeping in mind the original purpose of LA-RICS was for a region-wide interoperable system in case of a region-wide emergency, then members and non-members should participate.
- The Ad-Hoc should bring forward any other financial elements of technical or operational use that need to be addressed.

Chair Geiger mentioned his only question was timing, and would like Ad-Hoc to work with the LA-RICS staff to schedule a meeting date and time in order to work on written recommendations, a one or two page synopsis/report of where LA-RICS needs to go from this point forward, based on the study and discussions received by the Ad-Hoc.

Ad Hoc Committee Member Hosken concurred that a meeting needs to be scheduled, since the Ad-Hoc is close to providing the recommendation / report.

Chair Geiger asked for the Regular Finance Committee meeting scheduled on Thursday, February 21, 2019, be moved up one week sooner on Thursday, February



14, 2019 to allow time to review the Ad-Hoc Committee Report for inclusion in the March Board of Director's meeting.

Committee Member Karolyn (Kay) Fruhwirth motioned first to approve the change of the meeting date, seconded by Committee Member Rebekka Hosken.

Ayes 6: Geiger, Song, Hosken, Davenport, Walczak, and DiBernardo.

**MOTION APPROVED.**

**VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (None)**

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**IX. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – (None)**

The Committee did not enter into Closed Session.

**X. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION BY THE COMMITTEE**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT and NEXT MEETING:**

The Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m. The next meeting is a Special Meeting on Thursday, February 14, 2019, at 1:30 p.m., at the LA-RICS Headquarters, 2525 Corporate Place, Large Conference Room, Monterey Park, CA 91754.