



# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**LOS ANGELES REGIONAL  
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY**

Thursday, August 5, 2021 • 9:00 a.m.  
Conducted via Microsoft Teams Meeting\*

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### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Cathy Chidester**, Director, EMS Agency, County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services

**Brian Solinsky**, Chief of Police, City of Inglewood Police Department

**Mark Alexander**, City Manager, CA Contract Cities Association

**Mark Fronterotta**, Chief of Police, City of Inglewood Police Department

**David Povero**, Chief of Police, City of Covina Police Department

### **ALTERNATES FOR BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**John Geiger**, General Manager, County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office

**Brad Evans**, Alternate Vice-Chair, Battalion Chief, County of Los Angeles Fire Department

**Eli Vera**, Alternate Chair, Chief, County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department

**Brian Leyn**, Police Captain, City of Signal Hill Police Department

### **OFFICERS PRESENT:**

**Scott Edson**, LA-RICS Executive Director

**Susy Orellana-Curtiss**, Administrative Deputy

**Beatriz Cojulun**, LA-RICS Board Secretary

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### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT / VACANT:**

**Fesia Davenport**, CEO, County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office

**Daryl Osby**, Vice-Chair, Chief, County of Los Angeles Fire Department

**Alex Villanueva**, Chair, Sheriff, County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department

**Vacant Seat**, The Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association

**Chris Nunley**, Chief of Police, City of Signal Hill Police Department



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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Alternate Chair, Eli Vera, called the Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call**

Board Secretary Beatriz Cojulun took the roll and acknowledged a quorum was present.

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

**A. July 8, 2021 – Minutes**

Alternate Chair Vera asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. There were no questions or comments.

Board Member David Povero motioned first, seconded by Board Member Brain Leyn.

Ayes 9: Geiger, Evan, Vera, Chidester, Solinsky, Alexander, Povero, Fronterotta, and Leyn.

**MOTION APPROVED.**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE**

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR – NONE**

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

**B. Director's Report – Scott Edson**

**Long Term Evolution Round 2 (LTE2) Update**

Executive Director Scott Edson shared some exciting news with the Board. He announced the Awards Committee Metropolitan Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers informed the Authority the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable



Communications System (LA-RICS) had been awarded the American Society Civil Engineer Metropolitan Branch Telecommunication Project Award 2021. Executive Director Edson further informed the Board that on June 17, 2021, a virtual awards night banquet was held where the Authority accepted the award; being the only award recipient in the telecommunications category. The Authority and Motorola Solutions, Inc. (MSI) staff should be very proud.

Executive Director Edson reported to the Board that the Authority is in the final stages of construction with forty-six (46) sites completed and twelve (12) sites remaining for completion. Of the twelve (12) sites, nine (9) sites are currently under construction and half of those are 50% complete. Executive Director Edson went on to explain there are three (3) sites that still have not started construction:

- The MCI - Saddle Peak (SPN) was on the initial site list. The Authority is working to replace SPN with MCI. While the MCI site has experienced recent delays, this site brings great benefits to LA-RICS users and potentially other County members who might want to use the site if they choose to collocate.
- The San Pedro Hill (SPH) site not under construction yet, however a pre-construction walk is occurring today, with construction scheduled to commence work on Monday, August 9, 2021.
- The TOP-RELAY (Topanga Peak-RELAY) site has been accepted for review by the California Coastal Commission and will be submitted to the Environmental Review Board later this month.

Executive Director Edson reported that MSI has demonstrated great improvement in their performance, although still lacking an agreed upon Integrated Master Schedule (IMS). Executive Director Edson went on to state that much time has been spent with MSI team on the IMS in an effort to close the gap, with an expectation that both parties will agree on IMS by the next Board meeting. Executive Director Edson informed the Board that prior to acceptance of an IMS, the Authority would ensure that it is feasible and enforceable.

Executive Director Edson closed his report with optimism, indicating that the Authority is still on track for a 2023 Final LMR System Acceptance.

### **Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Frequency Update**

Executive Director Edson informed the Board that Project Manager Justin Delfino would provide more detailed information on Land Mobile Radio Program and what the future holds in his Project Managers report.



Executive Director Edson reported regarding the frequency issue and licensing, the Authority has had promising meetings with the County's Inspector Managers. With their tests, there have been two (2) kinds of interference identified. One being, a weather anomaly that can only be solved with technology. The second was an administrative issue, which may involve action from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Executive Director Edson shared the Authority has identified low-level sites that may be added in the future to ensure less impact from the weather interference. The Authority will continue to work with the Internal Services Department (ISD) on other types of interference. Lastly, Executive Director Edson stated that Technical Lead Ted Pao would provide additional details under Agenda Item G.

### **Coastal Sites Update**

Executive Director Edson reported that Catalina sites are currently under construction, despite mistakes by MSI that required coastal requirement revisions. Executive Director Edson further indicated that Deputy Program Manager Tanya Roth worked with the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) and was able to obtain the revisions in record time, stating that she would provide further details under Agenda Item H.

### **Outreach**

Executive Director Edson informed the Board that a great deal of time was spent working with interoperability agencies during the course of the past month, especially with respect to SoFi Stadium, agencies included the Inglewood Police Department, Torrance Police Department, California Highway Patrol (CHP), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Executive Director Edson stated Operations Chair Lieutenant Sven Crongeyer would provide further information under Agenda Item I.

### **Administrative**

Executive Director Edson spoke to the two (2) Administrative Matters before the Board, one being Agenda Item J which is a Unilateral Amendment for the construction of the SPH site. Agenda Item K is seeking the Board's approval in order to move forward with the real-estate agreement for MCI site as previously mentioned.

Executive Director Edson concluded his report by stating the Authority has wrapped up the Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) portion of the project, making the Authority's sites the only area in the nation with a national broadband network that include LTE sites, specifically built for public safety. This will be very beneficial, should a large earthquake or any other disaster hit the region. Lastly, Executive Director Edson referred the Board to Agenda Item F, in which Project Director Chris Odenthal would provide further information.



Executive Director Edson thanked the Chair and Board members and concluded his report.

There was no further discussion.

C. Project Manager's Report – Justin Delfino

**LMR PROGRAM CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW**

Program Manager Delfino provided an update on the construction overview and shared some recent successes on the LMR Program.

Program Director Delfino shared an LMR Network diagram (map).

**Open and Active Sites:**

Program Manager Delfino read off a list of active construction sites:

- LMR is currently working under the UASI 19' Grant. There are twelve (12) active sites all making good progress. The sites all have shelters built, and towers are up, generators and fuel tanks are installed as well. Eight (8) of the twelve (12) sites have towers erected: Burnt Peak (BUR1), Pine Mountain (PMT), Rancho Palos Verdes TEE (RPVT), Green Mountain (GRM), Mount Lukens-2 (MTL2), Universal (UNIV), Black Jack Peak (BJM), East Sunset Ridge (ESR), Los Angeles County Fire 072 (LACF072), Tower Peak (TWR), Dakin Peak (DPK) and Frost Peak (FRP).
- SPH Pedro Hill (SPH) is a new site scheduled to start Monday, August 9, 2021.
- Only two (2) sites remain to start construction, TOP-RELAY and SPN, or its potential replacement MCI.
- Total sites remain at 58 sites.

**Notable July successes on the LMR Program:**

- Inter Sub-System Interface (ISSI) connection through Interagency Communication Interoperability (ICI) was again successfully tested at SoFi Stadium for a Chargers practice event.
- Significant progress has been made with the turn-up of 700 MHz layer. For example, the East Cell (less ESR) and South Cell (less SPH and RPVT) are now on.
- MSI was recognized by the designated Catalina Conservancy representative for their efforts on Catalina thus far.
- Progress on schedule and contract delay language alignment with MSI.



- Zero recordable injuries to date. In regard to Safety, a special thank you to Captain Dougherty for his quick actions and coordination during the Antonio Fire, which broke out in the immediate vicinity of the ESR site. Using the LA-RICS radio system, Captain Dougherty was able to connect the LA-RICS Project Manager with the County of Los Angeles Fire Department (LACoFD) dispatch. The crew onsite was able to receive directions and safely evacuated the area on August 3, 2021.

**SAA's:**

Program Manager Delfino informed the Board that all site access agreements are complete.

**Open Issues Unresolved:**

Program Manager Delfino reported the following:

- The IMS submission of June 15, 2021, shows August of 2023 for acceptance, however MSI immediately updated the IMS on July 13, 2021, with a new LMR system completion date of October 2023. MSI explained the unilateral extension was made due to current projections for approval by the California Coastal Commission (CCC) for TOP-RELAY. Fortunately, the Project Team has already identified a viable solution to recover significant time. The Project Team would submit the project to plan check while the project completes its review at the CCC/DRP concurrently. The Project Team has planned to implement the change, as well as solidify the IMS, also to accept the IMS and work acceptance certificate, which MSI recently submitted for.
- MSI currently has its contractor's license suspended and has explained that their license will be reinstated shortly. The issue has not yet affected production on the Program.
- The surety company remains involved in reviewing contractor default claims.
- An agreement is needed in order to resolve warranty issues brought on by the phased system cut-overs, which is a different methodology than was planned by MSI. The Authority and MSI are actively working to resolve the warranty issues and contemplate amending the Agreement to incorporate the phased sub-system turn-overs.

**Areas of Improvement:**

Program Manager Delfino further reported that "Areas of Improvement" is a new category that is being reported on and is not an indication that all issues are completely resolved:



- Schedule – as previously stated by Executive Director Edson regarding the IMS, MSI and the Authority plan to reach agreement by the Board’s next meeting.
- Existing contract language regarding “delay” was an item of interest when the Authority met with MSI two (2) weeks ago. The Authority and MSI met with the intent of vetting out and gain alignment on what is considered a qualifying “delay,” and how such delays should be properly managed under the Agreement.
- Change Order processing – the Authority previously reported problems in this facet of the Program. However, since the last Board meeting, MSI has improved the amount of back-up provided to support change order requests. Unilateral agreements are issued when both parties are not able to reach agreement for lump-sum Method B change order requests. More Unilateral changes have recently been issued to MSI as a result of non-mutual agreement on certain change orders.
- Contractor productivity – MSI’s subcontractors are working at a more continuous rate on the current projects, than in past performances, and are tracking closer to schedule projections than previous project efforts.

**Featured Site:**

With respect to the FRP site, Program Manager Delfino reported that for approximately six (6) months, as of November of 2020, the Authority experienced no productivity at the site. As a result, the Project Team has been working vigorously to avoid the planned shut-down for winter ski season at the site, which is situated at the Mountain High Ski Resort.

- Site is at risk and near critical path. Critical inspection for green tag is scheduled for August 9, 2021.
- Roof on shelter, interior build, grounding and site electrical installed currently, but require additional work to be completed prior to November’s shut-down.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item C from Program Manager Delfino. There was no further discussion.

**D. Joint Operations and Technical Committee Chairs Report – Ted Pao and Sven Crongeyer**

Operations Lead Lieutenant Sven Crongeyer provided the report on behalf of the Joint Operations and Technical Committees, informing the Board the Joint Operations and Technical Committees intent to draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ICI Radio System and LA-RICS regarding the management of new ISSI connection. Operations Lead Crongeyer went on to report how the MOU will layout the ground rules for agencies using this link and will establish protocols for coordinating its use by deputies, officers, and dispatch centers.



This concluded the report on Agenda Item D from Operations Committee Chair, Lieutenant Crongeyer. There was no further discussion.

E. Finance Committee Chair Report – No Report

## VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (F-I)

### F. PSBN Round 2 Implementation and Construction Update – Chris Odenthal

Program Director Chris Odenthal provided an overview of the PSBN Round 2 project, which he indicated was progressing very well and should be wrapping up Pomona Courthouse 2 (POM2) in the near future. Program Director Odenthal reported there had been a pause in activity at this site caused by the triggering of a fire alarm, which caused an evacuation, which now requires a report on why it occurred. The Authority will be meeting onsite with the Judicial Council of California (JCC), in an effort to resolve the issue and the POM2 completion in approximately ten (10) days. Program Director Odenthal informed the Board that this is the only PSBN Round 2 site pending completion, explaining that all other sites are either completed, have been accepted by AT&T, or have power to be delivered by the end of the month by Southern California Edison (SCE).

This concluded the update on Agenda Item F by Program Director Odenthal. There was no further discussion.

### G. Frequency and Licensing Issues Impacting Land Mobile Radio Deployment – Ted Pao

Technical Lead Ted Pao reported that since his last report on the interference issue, the Technical Working Group has continued to perform spectrum interference monitoring at selected LA-RICS sites in order to validate the spectrum fingerprinting reports. Technical Lead Pao stated the data collected is tabulated and plotted to determine noise floor conditions at these sites. The long-term recording of the spectrum has provided the Working Group with a better understanding of the spectrum issues at these sites. Technical Lead Pao explained the team is able to differentiate a weather-related interference, such as ducting, or a nearby interference. In addition, the collected data is providing further understanding on the characteristics of the ducting. Technical Lead Pao went on to say that with a better understanding of this issue, it would assist the Working Group in the future to assess the impact to the system and any mitigation strategy. The data collection activity is expected to wrap up in next ten (10) to fourteen (14) days. This concluded the Interference report.



Lead Engineer Ted Pao provided a brief report on licensing and reported the Authority's UHF application status has not changed since the last report and the status remains at seventy-nine (79) licenses issued with fourteen (14) applications still in pending.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item G by Lead Engineer Ted Pao. There was no further discussion.

**H. Update on Coastal Commission Sites in the Land Mobile Radio System – Tanya Roth**

Deputy Program Manager Tanya Roth provided highlights on the progress of the Coastal sites: TOP-RELAY, Catalina and MCI.

Deputy Program Manager Roth reported a follow-up to the development of the TOP-RELAY Coastal application submitted to the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) in early June 2021, a site walk was conducted on Thursday, July 22, 2021, with the DRP planner, biologists, Authority staff, and MSI representatives. Deputy Program Manager Roth explained the site walk provided the Project Team with a small handful of takebacks, however as of this past Tuesday, August 3, 2021, all items have been addressed and the Authority is awaiting formal comment from DRP. Deputy Program Manager Roth informed the Board that based on the conversation during the site walk; the Authority does not expect any controversial or significant issues related to the application package for this site.

Deputy Program Manager Roth also provided an update on the Catalina Sites, reporting that all three (3) amendments to the Coastal Development Permit (CDP) were issued in July 2021, which added an additional access route to the approved permits for each site originating from Two Harbors. Deputy Program Manager Roth explained this was required for the heavy and tracked vehicles as the roads through and around Avalon could not accommodate those vehicles and once the permits were issued, MSI deployed three (3) drill rigs to the island one for each site. Traveling at one (1) mile per hour the journey to each site took one (1) to three (3) days.

Deputy Program Manager Roth also reported to the Board that there has been a fair share of mechanical breakdowns between water trucks and drill rigs at the sites. However, as of the morning of Deputy Program Manager Roth's report, TPK and DPK were actively drilling, while crews work to repair the drill rig at the BJM site.

Deputy Program Manager Roth concluded her report by providing some exciting news regarding the MCI site. Following the Letter of Intent (LOI) executed in June between the Authority and the MCI site owner, which stipulated terms and conditions of a long term tenancy at MCI, including gratis monthly rent, staff immediately commenced discussions with the owner to transition the agreed terms and conditions on to a Site



Access Agreement (SAA), which was presented today for the Board's consideration under Agenda Item K. Deputy Program Manager Roth informed the Board how this was a stellar example of a private landlord being a true partner to the Authority and the region's public safety mission. Deputy Program Manager Roth also reported to the Board that once a vendor is contracted for Design and Engineering Services, which is on the horizon, the Authority would commence developing engineering drawings and a CDP submittal package for this site. Authority staff is currently on track for an early September 2021 formal engagement of a Notice to Proceed (NTP) for these design services. Lastly, Deputy Program Manager Roth reported that per consultation with the CDP earlier this year, the California Coastal Commission (CCC) process for MCI is expected to be administrative, thereby significantly reducing processing time for CDP issuance.

This concluded the update on Agenda Item H by Deputy Program Manager Roth. There was no further discussion.

**I. Outreach Update – Sven Crongeyer**

Operations Lead Lieutenant Sven Crongeyer provided the June Outreach Update.

Operations Lead Crongeyer updated the Board on the ISSI connection with the ICI Radio System, which has greatly expanded the Authority's interoperable capabilities. This connection has been especially beneficial for the South Bay agencies assisting the Inglewood Police Department with SoFi Stadium operations. Operations Lead Crongeyer reported that over this last month, the Authority spoke with the FBI to discuss radio interoperability and potential onboarding. Additionally, the Authority held discussions with city coordinators for the cities of Hawaiian Gardens and La Mirada to discuss their communication needs, including their desire for continued interoperability with the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD).

Operations Lead Crongeyer also reported that the Authority spoke with the CHP to discuss interoperability as well as the possibility of onboarding CHP officers onto the LA-RICS LMR System.

This concluded the update by Operations Lead Crongeyer.

Board Member Mark Alexander stated that a few of the cities Operations Lead Crongeyer mentioned were Contract Cities, and inquired if there was interest primarily in connecting to the system with their public work's needs? Operations Lead Crongeyer responded that yes, that it could be public works, parking control, or any other city functions where they are currently interoperable with LASD. Operations Lead Crongeyer mentioned that many of these Contract Cities have LASD radios and



currently communicate with LASD on their tactical frequencies and would like to continue to do that and intend to transition over to LA-RICS.

Board Member Alexander indicated that he previously asked the Authority regarding the possibility of scheduling a presentation to the Contract Cities, which he understands were currently being worked on and looks forward to such presentation.

Board Member Fronterotta took a moment to thank the team for their efforts and current activities with the South Bay, Inglewood, and CHP.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item I. There was no further discussion.

## **VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (J-K)**

### **J. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 65 TO AGREEMENT NO. LA-RICS 007 FOR LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM LAND MOBILE RADIO SYSTEM**

Contracts Manager Jeanette Arismendez presented Agenda Item J.

Contracts Manager Arismendez recommended the Board make those certain CEQA findings as stipulated in the Board Letter package as it related to the work contemplated in Amendment No. 65 / Unilateral Amendment No. 4 (Unilateral Amendment No. 4), to the LMR Agreement. Approval of the Unilateral Amendment is necessary to reconcile certain Phase 2 (Site Construction and Site Modification) activities and allow construction to commence at the San Pedro Hill (SPH) site. If approved by the Board, the Work would result in a cost increase in the amount of \$945,937 which would be funded by the UASI 19' Grant.

Contracts Manager Arismendez provided background regarding the SPH site disclosing that SPH was solely intended to be a tenant improvement site, whereby MSI planned to re-use as much of the existing site infrastructure as possible within the site compound. However, that initial plan was abandoned in 2018, and has since been drastically changed because the existing infrastructure did not meet public safety grade standards and all new infrastructure needed to be installed. The new infrastructure includes, but is not limited to:

- New Shelter
- Four (4) 5-ton HVAC units
- Dry-type fire suppression system in the new shelter
- A new emergency backup system

Contracts Manager Arismendez asked if anyone had any questions pertaining to the site build, Program Director Chris Odenthal could provide further detailed information.



Contracts Manager Arismendez requested the Board to authorize:

- An increase to the Maximum Contract Sum in the amount of \$945,937, from \$287,738,017 to \$288,683,954.
- Allow for the issuance of one or more Notices to Proceed for the Work contemplated.
- Delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute Unilateral Amendment No. 4, in substantially similar form, to the Amendment enclosed with the Board Letter package.

This concluded Agenda Item J presented by Contracts Manager Arismendez. There was no further discussion.

Alternate Chair Vera asked if there was a motion to approve.

Board Member Alexander motioned first, seconded by Board Member Cathy Chidester.

Ayes 9: Geiger, Evan, Vera, Chidester, Solinsky, Alexander, Povero, Fronterotta, and Leyn.

**MOTION APPROVED.**

**K. DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR A LAND MOBILE RADIO SYSTEM SITE WITH SADDLE PEAK COMMUNICATIONS**

Deputy Program Manager Roth informed the Board that staff has been actively engaged on a new site, MCI, as previously presented to the Board for last several months in the Executive Director's Report and the Coastal Sites Update.

Deputy Program Manager Roth went on to say that, MCI was a privately owned parcel owned by Saddle Peak Communications and contains an antenna farm with assorted communications sites, which is also adjacent to an American Tower owned parcel. The MCI Site unexpectedly became available to the Authority when the property owner informed staff that an existing 70-foot lattice tower and 700 square foot shelter, located adjacent to the LMR SPN site, and on the same parcel, would soon be abandoned by the current tenant. Deputy Program Manager Roth also stated the Authority had an incredible opportunity to take an advantage of an existing 70-foot lattice tower, as a swap for the currently designed SPN site that contemplates two (2) new structures, each for a maximum of 18-feet. Authority staff engaged immediately in design



assessments and SAA negotiations with the owner, a private ownership based out of Montana.

Deputy Program Manager Roth informed the Board that entering into the proposed SAA would provide the Authority with license to use a portion of the property as an LMR communications site. The licensed MCI site would include all necessary space and easements for access and utilities to improve, construct, install, operate, maintain and repair LMR communications facilities.

Deputy Program Manager Roth further informed the Board that LA-RICS' use of the site would be on a gratis monthly lease basis, but would include a \$10,000 onetime payment to the owner, which is covered by the Grant. This would reimburse owner for their cost including, but not limited to, any review of permits, drawings, plans, and use of owner staff required to escort and allow grant access to the Authority and its staff. Further, the grand plan for MCI contemplates the County to negotiate and execute a separate lease with the landowner to allow for LASD's use of the site for other County equipment at a lease cost of \$4,000 a month. Deputy Program Manager Roth reported that this cost is less what the County currently pays for LASD installation on the adjacent American Tower site, which has been troubled with deferred maintenance and lack of back-up generator power. The intent is for the LASD to end their month-to-month arrangement with American Tower and commence a new lease collocating at the MCI facility. Deputy Program Manager went on to say the MCI owner enthusiastically welcomes LASD and the County to their facility and in June issued a Letter of Intent (LOI) to LASD formalizing their willingness to enter into a Site Lease Agreement with the County. Deputy Program Manager stated that if the County and Saddle Peak Communications are not able to reach a Lease Agreement for this site, the Authority will not proceed with the MCI site.

Deputy Program Manager Roth informed the Board that delegated authority is requested to execute the Agreement in substantially similar form as attached to this Board letter, granting approval for the execution of this proposed agreement will assist in making the goal of interoperable communications in the County of Los Angeles a reality.

Deputy Program Manager Roth recommended the Board take the following actions:

1. Find that the approval and execution of the SAA with Saddle Peak Communications for LMR Site MCI to allow the design, construction, implementation, operation and maintenance activities for the LMR System at Site MCI are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to sections referenced in the Board Letter and noted in the record of the public. Further, find that any leased circuit work that might occur outside of site MCI, if needed, to provide network connectivity to the LMR



System is categorically exempt under CEQA, under sections referenced in the Board Letter and also noted in the record of the Project.

2. Authorize the Executive Director to complete negotiations, finalize and execute the real estate agreement identified in the Board Letter, substantially similar in form to the agreement in Enclosure 1.

This concluded Agenda Item K presented by Deputy Program Manager Roth.

Board Member Alexander asked what would be the proposed term of the lease agreement; if there would be options for extension; and would there be set criteria by which MCI could terminate the agreement? Deputy Program Manager Roth responded that yes, the term is being finalized and the discussion of the item between nine (9) to fifteen (15) years. The owner is also agreeable to extensions terms, which can be written into the original agreement. As far as the owner being able to terminate the agreement, it would just be in the instances of default of the terms and conditions by LA-RICS.

Alternate Board Chair Geiger asked if the owner is amenable to extensions beyond that timeframe, would writing it into the agreement unilateral extension options, if it could be exercised on the Authorities behalf without further negotiations? Alternate Board Chair Geiger further stated that he would like it to be secured with an option to unilaterally exercise. Deputy Program Manager Roth stated she would have to review the agreement language, but she believes the language has been discussed, and pre-stating those extension terms would be upon notice to the owner, as well as acknowledging Board Member Geiger's advice.

Roberto Saldana, Counsel to the Authority, responded the Authority is contemplating three (3) five (5) year options, which currently exist in the agreement. If the Board suggests more options and the owners are amicable, there would be no issues to include them.

There was no further discussion.

Alternate Chair Vera asked if there was a motion to approve.

Board Member Alexander motioned first, seconded by Board Member Geiger.

Ayes 9: Geiger, Evan, Vera, Chidester, Solinsky, Alexander, Povero, Fronterotta, and Leyn.

**MOTION APPROVED.**



**IX. MISCELLANEOUS – NONE**

**X. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION BY THE BOARD – NONE**

**XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

The Board entered into Closed Session at 9:38 a.m.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL –Anticipated Litigation (subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9) (1 case).

The Board returned from Closed Session at 10:00 a.m., Counsel Truc Moore stated the Board was back in open session and the Brown Act did not require a report.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:**

Alternate Board Member Vera called for a motion to adjourn.

The Board meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m., and the next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 2, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., via Microsoft Teams / Teleconference Meeting.

APPROVED