



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

Thursday, December 2, 2021 • 9:00 a.m.
Conducted via Microsoft Teams Meeting*

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police,
Los Angeles Area Fire Chief's Association

Mark Alexander, City Manager,
CA Contract Cities Association

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

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

Brian Leyn, Captain,
City of Signal Hill Police Department

ALTERNATES FOR BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Geiger,
County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office

Eleni Pappas, Alternate Vice-Chair, Chief,
County of Los Angeles Fire Department

Brian Yanagi, Alternate Chair, Acting Chief,
County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Scott Edson, LA-RICS Executive Director

Susy Orellana-Curtiss, LA-RICS Administrative Deputy

Beatriz Cojulun, LA-RICS Board Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT / VACANT:

Vacant Seat,
The Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association



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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Alternate Chair Brian Yanagi called the Regular Meeting of the Board 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. November 4, 2021 – Regular Minutes

Alternate Chair Yanagi asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board to the minutes attached to the Regular Meeting agenda. There were no questions or comments.

Board Member Mark Alexander motioned first, seconded by Board Member David Povero.

Ayes 9: Geiger, Pappas, Yanagi, Chidester, Solinsky, Alexander, Povero, Fronterotta, and Leyn.

MOTION APPROVED.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

There was no public comment.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – NONE

There were no Consent Calendar items.

VI. REPORTS (B-E)

B. Director's Report – Scott Edson

Executive Director Scott Edson reported to the Board that over the past few months, out of the 58 LMR sites, two (2) are pending construction start.



- Executive Director Edson said that Topanga-RELAY's (TOP-RELAY's) coastal package was submitted to the Regional Planning Department (RPD) at the end of October 2021 and hopefully the movement of TOP-RELAY equipment to the newly available MCI site will make this easier. Executive Director Edson said that once that scope shift is solidified, there would be one site left to start construction. Executive Director Edson went on to say the Board had previously approved this site, which would be designed and built by a separate contractor with Phase 4 work performed by Motorola Solutions, Inc. (MSI).

Executive Director Edson stated the Authority and MSI are wrapping up the final details associated with the shift of scope from TOP-RELAY to MCI, and contemplate presenting the item to the Board at the Special Meeting on Monday, December 20, 2021. Executive Director Edson once again thanked the Board for their flexibility in accommodating Special Meeting requests, as this will allow the Authority to save several weeks in time versus waiting for the next scheduled meeting on January 6, 2022.

- Executive Director Edson stated as reported to the Board last month another site facing issues was Green Mountain (GRM). Executive Director Edson stated that with construction near completion at GRM, the Authority continues to aggressively push Department of Water and Power (DWP) Real Estate and Engineering for delivery of power design and concurrence on site access documents. Executive Director Edson said the Authority plans to present items related to GRM to the Board at the Special Meeting on December 20, 2021, as well. Executive Director Edson went on to say the Authority continued to seek support from the City of Los Angeles (City) Mayor's Office and City Attorney's Office, to expedite necessary land use approvals. Executive Director Edson said the Authority received a verbal apology from the DWP Engineering side for their slow review and will continue to pressure Real Estate and Design to expedite the current scope to keep GRM on schedule.

Executive Director Edson said with the streamlined path forward of the two (2) sites pending start of construction now morphing into one site, progress continues on all other sites wrapping up Phase 2, while in parallel certain Phase 4 activities proceed. Executive Director Edson stated that Program Manager Justin Delfino would provide the Board with additional details relating to progress made at those sites under PM Report, Agenda Item C.

Executive Director Edson said that Lead Engineer Pao would provide the Board with an update on the Spectrum and Licensing issues impacting the LMR program



under Agenda Item G. Executive Director Edson said the Authority has ten (10) licenses that are risk of not being approved and if so, may cause a degradation of coverage. Executive Director Edson stated the Authority is looking at all options as well as corresponding cost to possible solutions, but hopeful the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will come through and properly approve these licenses. Executive Director Edson went on to say the Authority continues to work with the Internal Services Department (ISD), the spectrum manager, to leverage the public safety aspect and need with the FCC and have provided ISD with a copy of the Authority's agreed-to Integrated Master Schedule (IMS) so they know the exact need-by date for these licenses.

Executive Director Edson said that additionally, the Authority has included a Receive and File update on the AT&T Business Agreement fund, which is on track and spending in accordance with the approved Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 Adopted Budget. Executive Director Edson said that as a reminder, this fund which is made up of the revenue from the Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) Asset transfer to AT&T, pays for all non-grant funded / Member funded line items. Executive Director Edson stated that Administrative Deputy Susy Orellana-Curtiss would address any questions regarding the fund and use under Agenda Item I.

Executive Director Edson said that in accordance with AB 361, the Authority has brought forth the monthly item requesting the Board find the Authority can proceed with teleconference meetings of this Board under Agenda Item J. Executive Director Edson stated that Board Members concerns regarding the changing of dates from first Thursday of every month have been addressed via a revised recommendation for the Board's consideration which would be addressed under Agenda Item L. Executive Director Edson believes this will provide the continuity and stability of first-Thursday Board meetings, as well as accommodation of AB 361 via calendaring of Special Meetings when needed to satisfy the current statute.

Executive Director Edson reported that as the Authority reconciles the final make-up of the sites comprising the LMR system, and move into the Phase 4 activities at sites with construction completed, the Authority is making changes to the LMR contract with MSI that align with the final scope of the program. Executive Director Edson said that as such, the Authority had intended on presenting the Board with Agenda Item K, which removes certain work that will not be executed under this agreement including certain additive alternates such as bounded area coverage, building coverage, Metrorail coverage, etc. Executive Director Edson went on to say that Technical and Operations Committee members have raised some creative ideas that need to be considered before the Board's consideration and thus the



Authority will pull Agenda Item K from this meeting and present it at the Special Meeting or the meeting in January 2022.

Executive Director Edson said as for grants, as last reported to the Board, once the Authority achieved the agreed-upon IMS the Authority was able to appropriately assess the funding gap to complete the program. Executive Director Edson stated the Authority met with members of City Mayor's Office, including Deputy Mayor Jeff Gorell, various regional leaders, and ultimately the Approval Authority in a series of meetings during October and November 2021. Ultimately the meetings resulted in the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Approval Authority's vote allocating \$10 million over two (2) grant years, out of the \$40 million needed to complete the program.

Executive Director Edson stated as reported to the Board that last month on November 2, 2021, the Authority met with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), and City Mayor's Office to provide an update on the funding request Approval Authority Meeting. Executive Director Edson said that after the meeting, CalOES issued a letter on November 23, 2021, to the UASI Approval Authority via the City Mayor's Office and the County of Los Angeles (County) Chief Executive Office (CEO) requesting the City, UASI and all UASI Approval Authority partners, the County and LA-RICS to mutually develop a regional solution for completion of the LA-RICS project – given this is a program that will benefit the region in its entirety there needs to be commitment including funding commitment to complete the same.

Executive Director Edson stated the Grantor required a written update along with a plan addressing the funding shortfall by no later than January 31, 2022. Executive Director Edson said that on Wednesday, November 24, 2021, the UASI Approval Authority met and requested LA-RICS to provide additional details relating to the Authority's funding request with a plan to reconvene the Approval Authority on December 15, 2021. Executive Director Edson said that he met with regional stakeholders including the County to address the funding shortfall, which includes potential application for State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) grant funds, as well as seeking legislative carve-out at the state level to fund LA-RICS Program. Executive Director Edson went on to say that he would continue to update the Board on this very important matter and thanked the Board in advance for their continued support for regional interoperable communications. Director Edson 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 for November and early December 2021.

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

Open and Active Sites:

Program Manager Delfino provided presentation detailing a list of active construction sites:

- There are thirteen (13) UASI 19' active sites at this time:
 - 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)*
 - Frost Peak (FRP)
 - San Pedro Hill (SPH)

*Catalina Island sites are under construction, as MSI seeks to complete all three for Phase 2 and Phase 4a by the end 2021.

- SPH and LACF072 are also under construction at this time while the other UASI 19 sites are substantially completed for Phase 2 and completing Phase 4a.
- The Authority is currently working on developing design documents for submission to the California Coastal Commission for SPN/TOP-RELAY at the MCI location.

Notable November and early December successes on the LMR Program:

- There are zero recordable injuries to-date.
 - In this period there was a COVID-19 infection; fortunately the situation did not cause mass infections nor did the incident resulting stand-downs, nor any loss of production time.
 - There was a small fire that ignited by MSI at the BUR1 site, immediately following the Phase 2 punch walk with the Authority. The fire was quickly extinguished and did not reach a level that would constitute an emergency. The Contractor did follow the protocols as outlined in the fire plan and in



accordance with the directives given under the Special Use Permit from the US Forest Service (USFS). The USFS was informed of the incident and no further direction was given to the Contractor. Fortunately, the incident was well managed by the Contractor.

- The Authority has recently conducted punch walks at the following sites:
 - Phase 2 walks with the Authority have been completed: ESR, GRM, BUR1, and FRP. Congratulations to MSI for showing some tenacity as they accelerated the plans to complete the FRP site and managed to complete the site ahead of the upcoming snow/ski season.
- The Authority is working on getting the MCI site power upgraded to support the SPN and TOPRELAY equipment. The MCI building will utilize an existing electrical service, planned to be upgraded to a 400-amp service. SCE has informed the LA-RICS Team that the service upgrade should be completed by mid-December 2021.
- There are 31 sites optimized; 26 sites on the air; and 15 cells on the air.

SAA's:

Program Manager Delfino informed the Board that all site access agreements have been completed.

Areas of Focus:

Program Manager Delfino reported:

- The surety company remains involved in reviewing contractor default claims. Although, for the month of November the surety company was not as involved as in past months and did not request any additional documentation of the LA-RICS Team.
- Regarding the IMS update for December 2021, both MSI and the Authority have conducted (2) meetings to review proposed schedule changes by MSI, (2) additional meetings are needed to complete the remaining schedule update review, the Teams are planning to meet on Friday, December 3, 2021.
- The power issue at the BUR1 site is now planned to be addressed with the use of a roll-up generator onsite to allow MSI to optimize the site once ready to perform the work.
- The GRM site has an issue with utility activation. As previously mentioned, the situation has escalated to the City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office, as well as to leadership at the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. The site needs commercial power.



- MSI has reported labor shortages and supply chain issues resulting in late material deliveries. During this period, none of the reported issues have caused delay to the critical path of the Program. Southern California Edison, (SCE) has also reported difficulty in acquiring materials. For example, at Mount Disappointment site, (MDI) the transformer needed for the site was originally planned to be in market in October 2021, but was then re-forecasted for November 28, 2021, but that date was also missed. The LA-RICS Team escalated this issue to SCE leadership for alternative options. .
- Closeout documentation submissions continue to be a discussion topic in this period with a meeting to go over planned deliverables on Friday, December 3, 2021.
- The Authority also maintains focus on the UASI 19' grant closeout including extensive planning discussions with MSI.

LMR Highlights:

- Project Manager Delfino shared a few slides and images depicting work occurring in the field. PM Delfino addressed the LACF072 site, which had heavy activity in the month of November. After MSI completed the tower foundation work shifted to the shelter foundation construction. Inspection of the foundation found that #4 rebar cage was made but had to be remade using #5 rebar (a more substantial rebar). The shelter pad passed its re-inspection, and the foundation was successfully poured. The custom colored monopine and branches were delivered to the site. The Contractor's plan is to get the shelter installed and then the monopine will be set. This shelter is in market and pending a highway permit to allow transport to the site.

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 – Sven Crongeyer

Operations Chair Sven Crongeyer greeted the Board and informed them that Joint Operations and Technical Committees (Joint Committees) met on November 16, 2021. Operations Chair Crongeyer stated the Joint Committee received reports on the Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) Round 2 Project, the LMR System, the Regional ISSI Working Group, Spectrum and Licensing Issues, and Super Bowl 56 Communications Plans. Operations Chair Crongeyer concluded by saying the Joint Committees approved meeting dates for the 2022 calendar year.



This concluded the report on Agenda Item D from Operation Chair Crongeyer. There was no further discussion.

E. Finance Committee Chair Report – No Report

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (F-H)

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

Program Director Chris Odenthal provided the Board the November PSBN Round 2 update. Program Director Odenthal stated that Sites 21-25 are complete. Program Director Odenthal said the issue with the Judicial Council of California (JCC) has been resolved by having the construction firm Motive Energy mobilize to finish and address all inspection items, with the expectation of site completion by the beginning of 2022.

Program Director Odenthal said that from a punch walk perspective, all other sites are complete.

Program Director Odenthal stated there are two (2) sites in the forest that are receiving power. Program Director Odenthal went on to say that these two (2) sites had previously been handed over to AT&T Corporation (AT&T), but will now be powered on by AT&T's network as they optimize those locations.

Program Director Odenthal said that from a power perspective, at the MML2 site, trenching is complete and awaiting for SCE to perform their work, pulling all conductors through the conduits up the road and concluding that work.

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 Chair Ted Pao stated as reported last month the Technical Working Group has concluded its spectrum monitoring at selected LA-RICS sites. Technical Chair Pao went on to say there was one final review pending of the report among the Technical Working Group and the final draft is now being reviewed internally by



the County. Technical Lead Pao stated the County will publish a report based on its findings shortly.

Technical Chair Pao said that for the Authority's FCC licensing update, there have been no movements by the FCC in issuing additional LA-RICS UHF licenses. Technical Chair Pao stated that as reported last month, LA-RICS provided the County with dates that are impacted by the Authority's grant performance deadline as well as dates corresponding to the subsystems optimization and/or acceptance based on the latest accepted IMS. Technical Chair Pao said there are eight (8) applications still in pending status.

This concluded the update on Agenda Item G by Technical Lead Pao. There was no further discussion.

H. Outreach Update – Sven Crongeyer

Operations Chair Lieutenant Sven Crongeyer went on to provide the November Outreach Update.

Operations Chair Sven Crongeyer reported to the Board that in November 2021, the Authority spoke with representatives from the United States Customs and the Border Protection Agency to discuss communication plans for the Super Bowl 56. Operations Chair Crongeyer said the Authority has also been in contact with representative from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) regarding radio interoperability requirements for this event.

Operations Chair Crongeyer stated that a radio testing plan is underway for communications with the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD) Aero Bureau Airships (helicopters). Operations Chair Crongeyer said the Authority is currently working to establish secure audio recording to ensure that test talk groups are properly recording. Operations Chair Crongeyer stated that these recordings will allow the Authority to review and analyze test results.

Operations Chair Crongeyer informed the Board that upgrades were performed on LA-RICS equipment, installed on LASD mobile communications units, including the Station B trailer, and the Site on Wheels (SOW).



Operations Chair Crongeyer stated that as part of the UCLA migration process the UCLA Police Department continues to plan for dispatch console upgrades in order to be compatible with LA-RICS.

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

I. Statement of Receipts & Disbursement for AT&T Agreement Fund for Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) – Susy Orellana-Curtiss

Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss presented Agenda Item I to the Board which was a report for the quarter ending on September 30, 2021, detailing the uses of the AT&T Business Agreement fund. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss stated when the Authority transferred the assets via the Asset Transfer Agreement and memorialized the AT&T Business Agreement, the Authority received a revenue which made up the AT&T Business Agreement fund. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss went on to say these funds are utilized to pay for all expenditures that were born of members, the member funded expenditures, which included the Joint Power Authority (JPA) Member funded line items, as well as the Administrative items that are not supported or allowable under the grant. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss informed the Board the report for quarter ending September 30, 2021, is in line with those expenditures the Board approved via the Adopted Budget FY 2021-22, and is within the budgeted limit of that same Adopted Budget.

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

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (J-L)

(DUE TO RELATED SUBJECT MATTERS JPA COUNSEL MOORE RECOMMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AGENDA ITEM L BE TAKEN OUT-OF-ORDER AND BE PRESENTED TOGETHER WITH AGENDA ITEM J)

J. FINDINGS TO CONTINUE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER AB 361 AND RELATED ACTIONS – Truc Moore - AND -

L. 2022 SCHEDULE OF LA-RICS BOARD MEETINGS – Susy Orellana-Curtiss

JPA Counsel to the Authority Truc Moore, presented Agenda Item J, Findings to Continue Teleconference Meetings under AB 361 and Related Actions.



JPA Counsel Moore stated this was the regular finding to allow the Authority to have teleconference meetings under AB 361. JPA Counsel Moore informed the Board they would be seeing this Agenda Item regularly every month on the Agenda, under Consent Items.

Board Member Alexander shared that he and JPA Counsel Moore had spoken during the week about his concerns, as well as his concerns at the last meeting when the Board was presented a meeting schedule with varied days/dates during the month. Board Member Alexander stated that for consistency and transparency the Board should be setting a set date and time to conduct the regular meetings as was done in the past where the Board meetings were held on the first Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m., therefore, adopting a Board meeting schedule different from that with varying days is going to throw the public and the Board off that schedule. Board Member Alexander proposed maintaining the meeting schedule on the first Thursday of the month, and if the Board finds the need to meet within the 30-day requirement period, at that point the Board could schedule a Special Meeting. Board Member Alexander expressed his disagreement with JPA Counsel Moore's advice regarding the need for the Board to meet every 30 days, but also understands counsel's position.

JPA Counsel Moore thanked Board Member Alexander for his recommendation to keep the meetings as scheduled on the first Thursday of every month, and to add special meetings as needed in a given month, and stated that since Agenda Item L had the 2022 schedule, she asked the Chair to pull that item for discussion concurrent with this item as well. JPA Counsel Moore agreed with Board Member Alexander that maintaining the first Thursday of every month, for the public and Board Members who are used to the prior schedule. JPA Counsel Moore went on to say that she also agreed that for those months when there is a need to have the 30-day finding, an additional Special Meeting would be scheduled.

JPA Counsel Moore stated she would have Susy Orellana-Curtiss read what the dates would be if we were to calendar the first Thursday of the month and Special Meeting dates where needed. The Board could address Agenda Item L by continuing the item to the December 20, 2021, Special Meeting and have staff present the final proposed dates in writing to the Board; or have the dates read into the record today, and have the Board approve both Agenda Items J and L at the same time.



Board Member John Geiger stated that he endorsed the motion, if the dates Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss would be reading into the record reflect the first Thursday of the month along with any needed special meeting dates, with a schedule published after the meeting as part of the findings.

Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss read into the record Agenda item L the dates reflecting the first Thursday of the month for 2022, as well as three (3) instances of a Special Meeting*:

Regular Meeting (1 st Thursday of the month)	Special Meeting* (if needed) (4 th Thursday of the month)
January 6, 2022	
February 3, 2022	
March 3, 2022	March 24, 2022
April 7, 2022	
May 5, 2022	
June 2, 2022	June 23, 2022
July 7, 2022	
August 4, 2022	
September 1, 2022	September 22, 2022
October 6, 2022	
November 3, 2022	
December 1, 2022	

JPA Counsel Moore proposed a motion for the Board’s consideration and approval:

- a) Approve Agenda Item J, Findings to Continue Teleconferencing Meeting under AB 361 and Related Actions, and
- b) Approve Agenda Item L, 2022 Schedule of LA-RICS Board Meetings as revised to include the dates read into the record by Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss.

Board Member Alexander asked JPA Counsel Moore that if County Counsel changes their interpretation of AB 361, would that dispose the need for the Special Meetings? JPA Counsel Moore stated that would absolutely be the case, she would bring that back to the JPA Board, and would do the same if there was a revision to



AB 361 that clarified the 30 day rule. She would have Authority staff return to the Board with an updated meeting schedule.

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

Ayes 9: Geiger, Pappas, Yanagi, Chidester, Solinsky, Alexander, Povero, Fronterotta, and Leyn.

BOTH MOTIONS APPROVED.

This concluded the report on Agenda Items J and L. There was no further discussion.

K. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 85 TO AGREEMENT NO. LAR-RICS 007 LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM LAND MOBILE RADIO

Alternate Chair Yanagi read into record that Agenda Item K was pulled from this Agenda.

(DUE TO RELATED SUBJECT MATTERS JPA COUNSEL MOORE RECOMMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AGENDA ITEM L BE TAKEN OUT-OF-ORDER AND BE PRESENTED TOGETHER WITH AGENDA ITEM J)

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 9:34 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 9:52 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 Chair Yanagi called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Board Member Alexander motioned first.

The Regular Board meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m., and the next Regular meeting will be held on January 6, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., via Microsoft Teams / Teleconference Meeting.

APPROVED