



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

Thursday, October 3, 2024, - 9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Tadeo, Director, EMS Agency

Scott Weise, Police Chief (Monterey Park), Los Angeles County Police Chief's Association

Joshua Nelson, City Manager (City of Industry), California Contract Cities Association

ALTERNATES FOR BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Inman, Deputy Fire Chief, County of Los Angeles Fire Department

David Sum, Captain, County of Los Angeles Sherriff's Department

Michael Browne, Assistant Fire Chief, Los Angeles Area Fire Chief's Association

Brandon Coatney, Deputy Fire Chief, (City of La Verne Fire Department)

OFFICERS PRESENT

Scott Edson, LA-RICS Executive Director

Beatriz Cojulun, LA-RICS, Board Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT / VACANT

Leslie Luke, Deputy Director, County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office

David Povero, Police Chief, City of Covina Police Department

Mark Fronterotta, Police Chief, City of Inglewood Police Department



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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Alternate Board Chair Acting Commander David Sum welcomed attendees and called the October 3, 2024, Regular Board meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – ROLL CALL

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (A)

A. August 1, 2024 – Regular Minutes

Agenda Item A

Alternate Board Chair Acting Commander Sum asked the Board if there were any comments or corrections to the Regular Meeting Minutes for August 1, 2024. There were no questions or corrections, therefore, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Board Member Chief Scott Wiese motioned first, seconded by Alternate Board Member Deputy Fire Chief Michael Inman.

AYES (7): Inman, Sum, Tadeo, Browne, Wiese, Nelson, Coatney.

MOTION APPROVED.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

There was no public comment.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – NONE

There were no reports on the Regular Meeting Agenda.

VI. REPORTS (B – E)

B. Director's Report – Scott Edson



Executive Director Scott Edson greeted the Board and reported the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) network ran smoothly without service interruptions for the month of September. Executive Director Edson further reported the Motorola Solutions, Inc. (MSI) Service Team is continuing to work toward completion of the annual preventative maintenance activities for the analog voice systems after completion of the Digital Trunked Voice Radio Subsystem (DTVRS). Executive Director Edson went on to say MSI expects to complete preventative maintenance activities by mid-October provided there are no unexpected events that occur. Executive Director Edson expressed, in parallel, there is a focus on other preventative maintenance activities, including site infrastructure, battery plants, generators, heating, venting, air conditioner (HVAC) systems and fuel polishing, which are occurring in parallel with the radio frequency (RF) maintenance. Executive Director Edson further expressed these efforts ensure the LA-RICS LMR sites remain operational with minimal interruptions, and all preventative maintenance is expected to be complete by mid-October.

Executive Director Edson stated September brought its own set of challenges as the hot weather and wildfires put the LMR infrastructure support systems, such as HVACs and generators, to the test. Executive Director Edson further stated the Bridge Fire, which started near the East Fork of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, became a significant concern. Executive Director Edson went on to say although the fire began on Sunday, September 8, 2024, it was not until Tuesday, September 10, 2024, that strong winds pushed the fire towards site Frost Peak (FRP), which is located on top of the Mountain High Ski Resort, which is outside of Wrightwood.

Executive Director Edson shared the fire damaged the power infrastructure that serves Mountain High and all of the communication sites on Frost Peak, but, fortunately, the LMR site generator immediately provided power, and no outages were experienced. Executive Director Edson mentioned, with many thanks to the LA-RICS embedded fire captain, the brush clearance and vegetation management he directed around the site helped minimize damage.

Executive Director Edson expressed site FRP played a crucial role during and after the fire, especially for the County of Los Angeles first responders, as this is the only site that covers the Wrightwood area, which is directly affected by the fire. Executive Director Edson further expressed the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department's (LASD) legacy equipment, which was housed in a nearby commercial site, had recently migrated to the LA-RICS shelter less than a year ago. Executive Director Edson went on to say the commercial shelter, which did not have backup power, lost electricity when the mountaintop's power grid went down, however, thanks to the migration, LASD's legacy equipment continued to operate during the critical time.



Executive Director Edson reported LA-RICS staff visited site FRP two (2) days after the fire to assess its condition and ensure LA-RICS was ready for any long-term operation needs, especially if the site needed to run on generator power for an extended period. Executive Director Edson further reported the assessment revealed winter storm damage from falling ice was a more pressing issue than the fire damage, and the LA-RICS team was working on the remediation of both issues.

Executive Director Edson stated, as previously reported to the Board, LA-RICS has been collaborating with MSI on contract amendments for several key tasks, particularly the Year-1 Maintenance and the Software Upgrade Agreement (SUA), and both are vital to keeping the LMR system running smoothly. Executive Director Edson further stated with the Warranty period ending in November, the Year-1 Maintenance contract will ensure MSI's team is available to troubleshoot and repair any LMR components, including the radio and site infrastructure. Executive Director Edson went on to say this contract also covers ongoing preventative maintenance for these components.

Executive Director Edson expressed the SUA ensures selected upgrades to the LMR system over the course of a multi-year agreement, keeping the software and certain hardware compliant with the manufacturer's support life cycle. Executive Director Edson further expressed this agreement will cover the system's first six (6) years of operation, and the outcome of LA-RICS' discussions with MSI led to Amendments 122 and 123, which would be discussed in more detail.

Executive Director Edson reported, with regard to budget and fiscal matters, as LA-RICS proceeds through the 12- month Warranty period, onboarding users and working with the region towards Interoperability, LA-RICS is proceeding in accordance with the Adopted Budget, expending funds in accordance with the budget and grantor-approved spending plans and bringing before the Board those agreements that make up the cost factors for the Revised Funding Plan. Executive Director Edson mentioned, as the Board recalled, the Revised Funding Plan captured the estimated costs for the ongoing operations and maintenance of the LMR system, which included the SUA and Operations and Maintenance agreement with MSI, and the facilities and ancillary costs received via governmental services. Executive Director Edson expressed, with the three (3) agreements negotiated, what was before the Board was in line with the estimated costs included in both the Revised Funding Plan and the current Adopted Budget.

Executive Director Edson stated, in regard to grants, the 2025 grant application season is approaching, with leadership in the Mayor's office organizing a similar presentation as was done in previous years, where the Interoperable communications working group made up of Interagency Communications Interoperability (ICI), City of Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), City of Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), Port of Los Angeles, Port of Long Beach, and LA-RICS, will be collaborating to present the needs of the region prioritized by what is



required to finish interconnections for Interoperability, as well as a “fair share” of funding for ongoing operations and maintenance for all systems.

Executive Director Edson mentioned, as the Board may recall, the State Grant Administrator, CalOES, wrote a letter to the Mayor’s office in 2016, as the local administrator of the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant, and from this letter, Executive Director Edson quoted, *“FEMA is requesting additional information regarding the LA-RICS Project. Given that the projected spending plan is dependent on future UASI dollars, the Approval Authority is being asked to provide written support and endorsement of this project and the proposed spending plan. This written support is to include a minimum level of funding that will be committed to this project in future grant years until the project is completed, as well as a minimum level of funding the Approval Authority will commit to supporting the operational and maintenance expenses once the system is up and running”*.

Executive Director Edson further mentioned, LA-RICS received funding at that time (2016) and requested for additional funding from the State, and now that the system is completed, LA-RICS requests funding for mostly operation and maintenance of the system.

Executive Director Edson went on to say the request was for a commitment of funding to finish LA-RICS and the minimum level of funding the Approval Authority would commit to supporting the operational and maintenance expenses of LA-RICS and all systems once the system was up and running. Executive Director Edson expressed LA-RICS’ partners in the region took this written request and expanded it to include other non-regional systems, such as LAPD, into their written confirmation they would complete LA-RICS, and the “City of LA” project with grant funds. Executive Director Edson further expressed as the Board is aware, LAPD is still completing their system and is about a year and a half away from completion. Executive Director Edson shared, in the written confirmation to CalOES, the UASI Approval Authority affirmed the following: 1. they would complete the Los Angeles City Communications System and LA-RICS, which were the only two (2) systems pending completion, and all four (4) communications projects (LA-RICS, ICI, LAPD, and the Ports of Los Angeles), will receive an equal percentage of grant funding for annual operational and maintenance expenses once the respective system is fully deployed.

Executive Director Edson quoted from the UASI Approval Authority’s written response to CalOES, *“This response is intended to reaffirm the AA members’ steadfast support for achieving regional Interoperability by dedicating the necessary resources to the complete the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS), as well as the Los Angeles City Communications System - the two remaining projects of those that make up the regional system-of-systems. The other two interoperable projects of those that comprise the system of systems in the region – the Long Beach radio upgrade*



project and the Interagency Communications Interoperability (ICI) System project – have been fully funded and are expected to be completed within the next year. The AA is committed to supporting LA-RICS and the Los Angeles City Communications System for the timely completion of the buildouts. Additionally, all four communications projects will receive an equal percentage of grant funding for annual operational and maintenance expenses once the systems are fully deployed”.

Executive Director Edson mentioned, as was previously shared with the Board, LA-RICS is the only system complying with this commitment, and LA-RICS did not apply for grant funding for operations and maintenance until the project was fully completed while other projects continue to build out their systems while, at the same time, receiving funding for operations and maintenance.

Executive Director Edson went on to say, in addition, as he has pushed and advocated for support of an equal percentage of grant funding to the four (4) systems as was committed to in the letter to CalOES, instead, the four (4) systems have now grown to six (6), with the City of Los Angeles owning three (3) recipients in the last year. Executive Director Edson expressed each of the six (6) projects received one million dollars (\$1,000,000) each as an “equal” percentage of operations and maintenance: LAPD, Ports of Los Angeles, and Long Beach, LAWA, and ICI each received one million dollars (\$1,000,000) as did LA-RICS, which serves a broader region and population and provides free roaming for the other non-members.

Executive Chief Edson expressed, as evidenced by the written commitment made by the City of Los Angeles and City of Long Beach regions, they are not complying with CalOES requirements as incomplete systems continue to receive funding for operations and maintenance, and there is not an equitable percentage share of funding. Executive Chief Edson further expressed, as the 2025 grant cycle approaches, he urges the Board to push for equitable funding as well as compliance with the regional commitment to make Interoperability a priority and not individual advancement of standalone systems. Executive Director Edson mentioned this is important to UASI Board members who are part of LACoFD, LASD, Emergency Management Systems, Los Angeles Area Fire Chief’s Association, and Los Angeles County Police Chief’s Association, and implored the board to support LA-RICS in receiving an equitable share of the systems maintenance the Approval Authority would discuss in upcoming meetings.

Executive Director Edson, reported, Agenda Item K would be presented to the Board which was regarding LA-RICS entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the oversight, use, control, and coordination, among other things, of interconnections to link LA-RICS to various agencies’ communications systems for purposes of Interoperability. Executive Director Edson further reported, in May 2023, the Board approved an MOU between LA-



RICS and ICI for these same purposes, and this current agreement was for the interconnections with the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, LAPD, and LAWA. Executive Director Edson went on to say this benefits the region greatly, and LA-RICS will continue to serve as the hub for Interoperable communications in the region despite being awarded grants as if LA-RICS is a standalone project serving one agency.

Regarding contracts, Executive Director Edson stated LA-RICS negotiated agreements for ongoing operations and maintenance of the system which are 1.) LMR Operations and Maintenance Year 1 Agreement with MSI (LMR Amendment 122) under Agenda Item I, 2.) Subscriber User Agreement (SUA) (LMR Amendment 123) under Agenda Item J, and 3.) MOU for facilities maintenance and ancillary services with the County of Los Angeles Internal Services Department (LA County ISD) under Agenda Item L. Executive Director Edson further stated these three (3) agreements were presented to the Board during the revised funding plan discussion when LA-RICS sought authority to pursue sole-source negotiations.

Executive Director Edson shared the LMR Operations and Maintenance Year-1 Agreement, Agenda Item I (LMR Amendment No. 122), was negotiated at the time of contract execution for the LMR buildout over thirteen (13) years ago. Executive Director Edson further shared the funding for the first year of the Agreement is included in the Revised Funding Plan and the Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, and will be included in each subsequent years' budget to be presented to the Board at that time.

Executive Director Edson reported the SUA with MSI was negotiated by the LA-RICS team with support contributed via a Delegated Authority agreement between LA County and independent contractor Deltawrx management consultants, and extensive hours of analysis and negotiations went into this agreement, with confirmation received by Deltawrx, that the cost and scope were appropriate and accurate. Executive Director Edson further reported this agreement was for proprietary services that only MSI can provide on the MSI system. Executive Director Edson went on to say the funding for the first year of the agreement is included in the Revised Funding Plan and the Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and will be included in each subsequent years' budget to be presented to the Board at that time.

Executive Director Edson stated the MOU for facilities maintenance and ancillary services with LA County ISD was also negotiated, which contains the scope not captured in the previously negotiated operations and maintenance scope with MSI but is required to maintain sites operational. Executive Director Edson further stated detail relating to all three (3) agreement scopes would be provided under their respective agenda items, however, Executive Director Edson confirmed the Jacobs Project Management Team and its estimators and subject matter experts analyzed the scope, labor hours, and cost components, and confirmed the cost for



the base scope is appropriate and cost-effective in comparison to procuring these services independently with various operations and maintenance service providers. Executive Director Edson went on to say, additionally, the funding for the first year of the agreement is included in the Revised Funding Plan and the Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and will be included in each subsequent years' budget to be presented to the Board.

Executive Director Edson expressed aside from the agreements required to operate and maintain the LMR system, the agreement to complete the tower demolition at site Castro Peak (CPK) would be presented to the Board as Agenda Item J, and the Board may recall removing the old tower at CPK is a condition of the site's planning permit. Executive Director Edson further expressed LA-RICS received bids for this work and was ready to present the agreement to the Board for approval and execution, and the cost for this work is within the budget included in the Adopted Budget.

Executive Director Edson went on to say now that LA-RICS is well into operating an LMR system and is moving out of warranty and into service agreements, the format of the Board meeting will change within the next few months.

Board Member Director Richard Tadeo asked Executive Director Edson if LA-RICS would do another presentation before the UASI Approval Authority, and Executive Director Edson confirmed so. Board Member Director Tadeo stated he thinks there was graphic from last year's presentation, and that's why the number were interpreted differently. Executive Director Edson stated those numbers would be toned down.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item B by Executive Director Edson. There was no further discussion.

C. Project Manager's Report – Riad ElMasri

Program Manager Riad ElMasri greeted the Board and stated he would provide updates on outstanding projects, issues, and preventative maintenance activities.

Program Manager ElMasri reported on September 25, 2024, DPS Telecom submitted their proposal covering site security upgrade to most LMR sites, and included in their proposal are four (4) different types of security cameras, local video recording storage, access terminals, electronic mortis locks and a keypad/keycard entry system. Program Manager ElMasri further reported the PM team reviewed the proposal and submitted initial comments and requested corrections on a call with DPS representatives that was held on September 27, 2024. Program Manager ElMasri went on to say the PM team is waiting on the PM's lead estimator for feedback on the pricing.



Regarding utility power at site Green Mountain (GRM), Program Manager EIMasri shared California State Parks confirmed that an agreement was reached with the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) allowing LADWP to move forward with submitting a broader Right of Entry (ROE), and this ROE will include replacing all LADWP electric poles covering Topanga State Park including the power pole feeding power to LA-RICS site. Program Manager EIMasri further shared, on July 19, 2024, LA-RICS submitted a separate ROE for trenching work to the new pole location, and once California State Parks releases this ROE, the LA-RICS vendor will schedule a pre-construction walk with LADWP and proceed with trenching work.

Program Manager EIMasri stated, on September 18, 2024, Southern California Edison (SCE) provided an update on the status of their remote grid system covering site Burnt Peak (BUR1). Program Manager EIMasri further stated the project has a delayed completion date of April 2025 with an assumed expedited timeline on the Special Use Permit from the Angeles National Forest, and using a more conservative timeline for the approval of the Special Use Permit will push the completion date to October 2025. Program Manager EIMasri went on to say, SCE, unfortunately, did not provide their worst-case scenario.

Program Manager EIMasri reported on September 10, 2024, at 5:50pm, utility power was lost at site Frost Peak (FRP) due to the Bridge Fire, which took down SCE power poles, lines, and equipment. Program Manager EIMasri further reported this site is under the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District, which does not have a 200-hour limit for generator runtime. Program Manager EIMasri went on to say LA-RICS is tracking the generator runtime and will be reporting the final generator runtime to the district. Program Manager EIMasri shared SCE's latest update projected power restoration by October 7, 2024. Program Manager EIMasri expressed a site walk was held the previous day with the insurance contractor who would start work on Friday of that week on making some corrections before Mountain High Resort closes the site access road, and depending on weather conditions, Mountain High Resort may close the road anytime in November 2024. Program Manager EIMasri further expressed a professional team would visit the site the following week for tower assessment on any damage and report conditions of the tower and equipment. Program Manager EIMasri went on to say LA-RICS is aware of visual damage to the lightning rod and is unsure if it was radiating heat that melted the lightning rod or if it was ice damage from the previous storms.

Program Manager EIMasri stated all LA-RICS site shelter door locks are being rekeyed by LASD facilities. Program Manager EIMasri further stated, regarding the County of LA tower demolition at site CPK, bids are complete, and the lowest qualified bidder was confirmed. Program Manager EIMasri went on to say an NTP will be issued to the lowest qualified bidder shortly after Board approval. Program Manager EIMasri reported, regarding the stationary backup generator at site MCI



(Saddle Peak), on July 10, 2024, LA-RICS issued a Purchase Order through County of LA ISD to Cummins for the generator, fuel tank and automatic transfer switch (ATS), and on September 4, 2024, Cummins submitted the revised submittal package. Program Manager ElMasri went on to say equipment is anticipated to be delivered before May 2025.

Program Manager ElMasri shared the replacement of the underperforming HVAC system began, and the newly installed equipment is being reviewed. Regarding preventative maintenance activities, Program Manager ElMasri further shared annual LARTCS and ACVRS RF preventative maintenance activities started on June 20, 2024, and will conclude on October 16, 2024. Program Manager ElMasri went on to say only three (3) sites remain to be visited by MSI, and, in addition, MSI is planning to complete all other site preventive maintenance activities by October 15th, 2024, which includes service for stationary site generators, DC power plants, fire suppression systems, fuel polishing, fuel calibration, HVAC and weed abatement.

Board Member Chief Wiese asked if the generator at site FRP can support power. Program Manager ElMasri stated site FRP has a three thousand eight hundred (3,800) gallon fuel tank, and MSI performed generator maintenance the previous week as preventative maintenance is performed after every 500 hours of usage; therefore, the generator is able to support the site.

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

D. Joint Operations and Technical Committee Chair's Report – Operations Lead Lieutenant Robert Weber

Operations Lead Lt. Robert Weber greeted the Board and presented Agenda Item D.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber reported he chaired two (2) Joint Committee meetings; the first meeting was held on August 20, 2024, at approximately 1:34pm; the second meeting was held on September 17, 2024. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further reported the August meeting was called to order; quorum was reached; minutes were approved; there was no public comment. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say an update on the LMR system was provided by Program Manager ElMasri; an update on Interoperability was given by himself. Operations Lead Lt. Weber mentioned LA-RICS is moving forward on all fronts as far as Interoperability and pushing to get the Inter Subsystem Interface (ISSI) connected between systems as they come online as well as shared IDs which he would cover in his Outreach report.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber shared an LMR system status report was provided by Technical Lead Ted Pao, and Operations Lead Lt. Weber gave an update on the



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Ad Hoc Committee similar to the Interoperability status he provided. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further shared fruitful conversations were held which have been assisting LA-RICS in bringing the region together. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say details were shared regarding the national Motorola Trunked Users Group (MTUG) conference he and Technical Lead Pao attended in Orlando, Florida, which he would cover in his Outreach report. Operations Lead Lt. Weber expressed it was an outstanding meeting that allowed them to interface with professionals across the country and to learn about how their systems operate and understanding best practices.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber reported an update on the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) World Cup given by Captain Masis Sossikian from the City of Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) was provided at both Ad Hoc Committee meetings, and Operations Lead Lt. Weber provided a similar update at the August Joint Committee meeting. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further reported the Rose Bowl was recently added as a venue leading up to the FIFA World Cup, and this heightens the need to bring the region together for Interoperability.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber shared the Joint Committee Meeting held on September 17, 2024, had similar status as far as general business matters; call to order was held; quorum was reached; meeting minutes were approved; there was no public comment; an update from the Jacobs Project Management team was provided; Operations Lead Lt. Weber shared the outreach and Ad Hoc Committee updates; Technical Lead Pao provided an update on the LMR system network operations. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further shared Interoperability efforts were discussed, and one impediment to Interoperability when it comes to shared IDs is radio and code plug programming and the need for funding to be provided for this for departments across the board. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say the Joint Committee agreed to push for funding for this work effort, and LA-RICS also pushed for this funding in the Ad Hoc Committee meeting and in one of the UASI regional planning meetings.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber expressed a Fire After Action Report regarding the Bridge Fire was provided by Battalion Chief Todd Denerson, and Battalion Chief Denerson reported the fire did not affect the LMR system due to ground clearance. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further expressed LA-RICS continues to press forward towards Interoperability, and he hopes it will pick up speed.

Board Member Chief Scott Wiese mentioned he was at a meeting a few weeks ago regarding regional crime issues, and LASD personnel was present, and the discussion went to Interoperability between allied agencies and LASD in the event both are involved in an operation, which is a typical topic of conversation, and the discussion went to LASD conventional systems, which he believes are the dispatch channels, having connectivity issues. Board Member Wiese further mentioned the deputies he is referring to are deputies in the City of Pico Rivera, City of Norwalk,



and City of Whittier area. Operations Lead Weber asked if he was talking about interference, and Board Member Wiese's response was these LASD deputies were having a hard time communicating dispatch on their radios. Board Member Wiese stated some deputies know how to turn a radio on and off, and that is it. Board Member Wiese explained to the deputies the difference between the metro and LA-RICS channels, showed them the antenna on the side of their radios, and provided a tutorial, however, LASD deputies stated they were on their dispatch channel to try to talk to and request for help and backup assistance, and it was not working.

Board Member Wiese shared LASD deputies further stated when they were on the metro channel, LTAC, that is digital, the connection was clear, and they could hear dispatch and provide backup support. Board Member Wiese further shared many deputies were frustrated, because on the conventional channels, dispatch said they were unable to hear the deputies and would tell them to try again, and the deputies eventually just clicked over to the metro channel, called the watch deputy, and said they were unable to get through on dispatch, and they needed to request for help on the metro channel.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber expressed the communications center is aware of some issues with LA-RICS' legacy channels, and they are addressing those issues. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further expressed he is not aware of deputies not being able to get through, however, there are a lot of issues with the region being an urban area and the fact this was legacy equipment. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say many parts of it have been updated to try and address those issues as much as possible, and LA-RICS is working to connect the trunked system in. Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated the larger answer is there is a bigger technology issue at play regarding the LASD CAT system which needs updating.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber shared LA-RICS is pressing forward with every bit of might they have to resolve these issues, as these are big pieces of the puzzle that need to be taken care of prior to moving to an all-trunked system. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further shared all of the pieces of the puzzle have to be put together and in place due to the large size of the County, and the way LA-RICS dispatches is very unique, and there are a lot of benefits to being de-centralized, however, it is not an "off the shelf" type of system that is simply a plug and play system.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say LA-RICS is working in conjunction with the LASD Bureau of Communications and Fleet Management to connect the trunked system in and testing to see if the trunked system can be connected permanently. Operations Lead Lt. Weber mentioned there have been technology issues regarding doing these across the board, but there are some areas such as in the Lake Los Angeles area where analog and trunked system are connected together, which LA-RICS is making deputies aware of. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further mentioned there are issues with the busy tone which deputies need to be trained on, however, LA-RICS has had success with this, and recently, LA-RICS



has been performing some critical testing with a few more channels that have similar issues. Operations Lead Lt. Weber clarified not all dispatch channels are experiencing issues, but there are a few of them that are challenging, and LA-RICS is in the process of testing whether to see if the trunked system can assist with resolving these issues as what is being done in the Lake Los Angeles area for a year if not more, to ensure coverage.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber mentioned, unfortunately, a few years ago, LASD lost a deputy in that area, and although communication was not a main factor, it was still a factor. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further mentioned LA-RICS is aware of these issues and is pressing forward for resolution. Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated if he could have LASD on the trunked system right now, he would, however, there are a lot of issues that need to be resolved.

Board Member Wiese mentioned he channeled his best “Rob Weber” in the meeting, and the deputies understood most of what he was trying to explain. Board Member Wiese further mentioned he had similar problems with the City of Monterey Park Sheriff’s Department when they switched to digital P25 years ago. Board Member Wiese expressed the reason he was bringing up the topic in the meeting was because, inevitably, these operational issues will become political issues and many deputies do not like change and do not like the way things are. Board Member Wiese expressed if the unions are annoyed too much or believe there is a perceived officer safety issue, then they will go public with it, especially during an election year. Board Member Wiese further expressed this was something he wanted to bring to the group’s attention, because the last thing anyone wants is a TV commercial suggesting the County does not care about people’s lives. Board Member Wiese suggested outreach to be done at LASD stations regarding this.

Executive Director Edson expressed appreciation to Board Member Wiese in explaining the difference between the old legacy system and the LA-RICS system, and he further expressed Alternate Board Chair Acting Commander Sum, who is the Commander of the LASD Bureau of Communications and Fleet Management implemented a ticket submittal program. Alternate Board Chair Acting Commander Sum confirmed this and stated an email would be sent to deputies reminding them there is a method they can use when experiencing issues with the system, regardless of which system it is.

Board Member Chief Wiese mentioned he explained to deputies the difference between the legacy and LA-RICS system and how it is a slow roll out of the LA-RICS system and cannot be turned on by a simple flick of a switch. Board Member Chief Wiese explained further deputies need training on radio usage as they tend to forget about the channels since they do not switch channels often.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated he and Lieutenant Marshall Yelverton, who is the acting captain of the LASD Bureau of Communications and Fleet Management, are



in constant contact with each other regarding ongoing issues, and to simplify and ease this transition, a new zone was set up with old legacy dispatches and new channels in both written and video forms, and every station received a briefing before the transitions. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further stated he was in contact with the County of Ventura leadership regarding their new trunked system, and although they struggled with connecting with the trunked system, they are satisfied and are keeping the Very High Frequency (VHF) system they have due to the remote areas in that region.

Alternate Board Chair Acting Commander Sum thanked Operations Lead Lt. Weber for sharing updates on this and stated more outreach efforts will be taken. Board Member Chief Wiese mentioned he had to remind his chiefs they're unable to locate a working channel because their agencies have not updated their code plugs or added regional channels, and it is going to require some form of programming capability to do this. Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated he and Sergeant Alvaro Sierra would continue their outreach efforts. Executive Director Edson expressed there is a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), and LA-RICS received a lot of input from outside agencies, and it has been required that all regionals are programmed in to follow the SOP. Executive Director Edson further expressed the next steps would be training and exercises to prepare for the upcoming events in the region.

Alternate Member Deputy Fire Chief Inman stated speaking of fire and interoperability, is there was any update on the City of Los Angeles Fire Department, and Operations Lead Lt. Weber responded outreach efforts continue, and he has been in contact with Michael Horst who is in Florida assisting with the hurricanes but will continue to work with him to ensure interoperability is achieved.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item D by Operations Lead Lt. Weber.

E. Finance Committee Chair's Report – None

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (F – G)

F. Land Mobile Radio Network Operations Status and Issues – Ted Pao

Technical Lead Ted Pao greeted the Board and presented Agenda Item F.

Technical Lead Pao reported during August and September, the network operated without service-affecting incidents, even during the Bridge fire which came dangerously close to site FRP. Technical Lead Pao further reported the fire burned near three (3) sites: Pine Mountain (PMT), Johnston Peak (JPK2) and East Sunset Ridge (ESR) as they were closer to the fire's origin; however, when the wind picked up on September 10, 2024, the fire spread and reached FRP by the afternoon.



Technical Lead Pao shared, in terms of site security, LA-RICS is currently working on the replacement of all door locks at LA-RICS shelters, and, additionally, the team is finalizing equipment for the door access and video surveillance systems at the remote sites. Technical Lead Pao further shared the new door access system will provide more flexibility, allowing LA-RICS to assign unique codes or card access for individuals, and access can be customized for single or multiple visits and be restricted by day or time if necessary. Technical Lead Pao went on to say a log of anyone who enters the shelter will be kept, and the upgraded camera system will complement this by providing remote verification of who enters. Technical Lead Pao mentioned the upgraded camera system will assist in monitoring environmental conditions such as winter storms, wildfires, and any potential security breaches.

Technical Lead Pao shared photos from a camera near site FRP of the progression of the Bridge Fire, and the photos showed the brush clearance around the site kept the fire twenty (20) to thirty (30) feet away from the site, and the only evidence of a fire onsite was ash that accumulated in the generator and fuel tank area. Technical Lead Pao also shared a photo of the remote fuel monitoring data which showed that on September 12, 2024, eighty-five percent (85%) of fuel, or three thousand eight hundred and seven (3,807) gallons of fuel were in the tank. Technical Lead Pao stated LA-RICS has been tracking the fuel burn rate, which is about one percent (1%) per day, and on that day, the fuel level was in the low sixty (60) percent range, and there would be no issue with fuel consumption until October 7, 2024, when the next site visit is scheduled.

Board Member Wiese inquired if the trees survived due to a water air drop. Alternate Member Deputy Fire Chief Inman responded the trees survived due to vegetation management.

Technical Lead Pao expressed the LMR network statistics for August and September remained consistent across both months, and he would present alternate statistics between August and September to avoid repeating similar information.

Technical Lead Pao presented the Narrowband Mobile Data Network (NMDN) message count for August, in which the peak day of the month was August 6, 2024 at ten thousand nine hundred and twenty-four (10,924) and with the lowest count on August 26, 2024, at seven thousand one hundred and four (7,104) messages; inbound messages had a daily average of four thousand one hundred and eighty-four (4,184) with peak days at four thousand eight hundred and eighteen (4,818) and a low of two thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight (2,968).

Technical Led shared the running tally of NMDN messages for the year in which both inbound and outbound message counts increased through July; there was a slight drop in August and another slight drop in September, bucking the slight month-to-month increase in the prior months. Executive Director Edson mentioned,



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as a reminder to the Board, NMDN is the system that LACoFD and other fire agencies subscribe to, and the messaging from their CAT system uses the same infrastructure as the LMR system, therefore, there is good coverage but at slower speeds, and it benefits them not fighting fires when they are away from cell towers. Executive Director Edson further mentioned LACoFD has AT&T FirstNet and Verizon Wireless as part of their fire equipment as an additional source.

Alternate Board Member Deputy Fire Chief Inman expressed the Talkgroups work well. Board Member Chief Wiese asked if the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has access to these Talkgroups or is it just LACoFD. Alternate Board Member Deputy Fire Chief Inman said

Technical Lead Pao shared the Analog Conventional Voice Radio Subsystem (ACVRS) talk time in minutes which totaled thirty-four thousand six hundred and seventy-one (34,671) minutes for each cell in September.

Technical Lead Pao further shared statistics for all analog conventional channels, including the Los Angeles Regional Tactical Conventional Subsystem (LARTCS) channels in which the total talk time was forty-two thousand and twenty-one (42,021) minutes; September statistics were slightly lower at thirty-nine thousand three hundred and sixty-six (39,366) minutes.

Technical Lead Pao shared the total Push-To-Talk (PTT) counts for September, which totaled eight hundred sixteen thousand two hundred and two (816,202) for all conventional channels, including the LARTCS channels; August was slightly lower at eight hundred seventy-nine thousand seven hundred and sixty-four (879,764).

Technical Lead Pao presented the statistics for DTVRS usage which showed the average calls in a 24-hour period of each day of the week; statistics showed Wednesdays through Fridays were the most active days, with Mondays, Tuesdays, and Sundays being slightly less active. Technical Lead Pao expressed this was keeping the trend for previous months' statistics; the next statistics would be for DTVRS usage in September, and Technical Lead Pao mentioned the differences between the Sunday to Tuesday trends.

Technical Lead Pao shared September statistics for DTVRS usage which showed call counts were more evenly distributed; statistics for busy hours throughout the day were also presented, indicating 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. were the busiest hours, while 4:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. were the quietest hours.

Technical Lead Pao shared the top fifteen (15) DTVRS cell usage in minutes, with the Downtown cells being the busiest; the total for September were four hundred thirty-one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three (431,833) minutes; August statistics showed four hundred fifty-two thousand three hundred and fifty-three



(452,353) minutes; the trunked system used about ten times more minutes, whereas the analog subsystem used about forty thousand (40,000) minutes.

Technical Lead Pao presented the top fifteen (15) cells on the number of calls each cell processed during August, which highlighted the Downtown cells as the most active followed by the Downtown 700 and South 700 cells.

Technical Lead Pao shared statistics for the total call counts for September, which totaled two million five hundred seventy-eight thousand two hundred and eighty-five (2,578,285) calls.

Technical Lead Pao presented the total minutes used by agencies, in which LASD Talkgroups accumulated about three hundred thirty-five thousand and sixty-seven (335,067) minutes followed by the LACoFD Talkgroup with seventy-three thousand six hundred and forty-seven (73,647) minutes and the City of Inglewood Police Department (IGPD) with over twenty-six thousand and seven hundred (26,700) minutes.

This concluded the update on Agenda Item F. There was no further discussion.

G. Outreach Update – Lieutenant Robert Weber

Operations Lead Lieutenant (Lt.) Robert Weber greeted Board members and referenced the detailed Outreach Summary document for the months of August and September included in the Agenda Packet for review and information.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber shared during the months of August and September, the Authority staff continued with subscriber and affiliate outreach efforts, and efforts regarding the LASD contract city are also continuing. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further shared Sergeant Alvaro Sierra onboarded several cities and assisted several other cities with the LASD training and background process. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say LA-RICS' affiliate radio ID efforts with the Interagency Communications Interoperability (ICI) system are ongoing, and the City of Torrance Police Department (Torrance PD) was successfully onboarded to the system. Operations Lead Lt. Weber reported LA-RICS is working with the City of Santa Monica Police Department with onboarding soon.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber shared a success story after onboarding Torrance PD in which a search warrant was in process in the City of Lawndale; the suspect ran from the target location the search warrant was being served at, and the suspect was located and arrested quickly as Torrance PD had direct communications with the LASD deputies in the South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station, who assisted them. Operations Lead Lt. Weber expressed having shared IDs was outstanding as the agencies were able to communicate effectively, and this was a success story as far as Interoperability.



Operations Lead Lt. Weber reported the Authority staff continues to work closely with the LASD Bureau of Communications and Fleet Management regarding overall regional Interoperability and communications which involves testing, training, and connecting dispatch channels to see what can be done until LA-RICS is completely on the trunked system.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber further reported the Authority staff facilitated and attended several Interoperability meetings that include Ad Hoc and Joint Committee meetings. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say the Authority staff also attended the convention for the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) and the national Motorola Trunked Users Group (MTUG) convention in Florida. Operations Lead Lt. Weber expressed these meetings were informative and provided opportunities for collaboration with industry leaders across the nation. Regarding the MTUG convention, Operations Lead Lt. Weber expressed a wealth of knowledge was shared via overall interaction of other system users of technology MSI is developing.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber reported the Ad Hoc meetings were moving forward, and recently, one of the Interoperability obstacles discussed was programming. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further reported the idea of pursuing grant funding to assist with this obstacle was proposed to the Ad Hoc Committee, and all agreed with this proposition. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say the Authority staff continues coordination with the City of Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) communications managers, and efforts towards Interoperability are ongoing. Operations Lead Lt. Weber mentioned the Authority staff continues coordination with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) regarding Interoperability in the region.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber expressed during September, the staff was involved in several critical efforts to inspect and maintain the LA-RICS sites; the Bridge Fire threatened both LA-RICS' equipment and several County of LA communities. Operations Lead Weber further expressed he was pleased to report, due to ground clearance and outstanding efforts by LACoFD, LA-RICS sites did not suffer major damage, and it was important to note the critical communications were maintained during this incident as LASD deputies in the Wrightwood community evacuated residents. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say communication was maintained due to being on LA-RICS infrastructure; the prior infrastructure did not have generator power, and a significant portion of communication would have been lost making for a dire situation. Operations Lead Lt. Weber mentioned instances like this make the effort and funding into LA-RICS worth it.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated the Authority staff continues coordination with the City of Palos Verdes Estates Police Department, City of Claremont Police Department, University of California, Los Angeles Police Department, El Rancho



Unified School District Police Department, California State Parks, United States Marshals Service, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) and several County of LA departments. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further stated the Authority staff continues to work closely with these agencies as well as state and federal partners to ensure their needs are met.

This concluded the update on Agenda Item G. There was no further discussion.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (H – L)

H. 2025 SCHEDULE OF LA-RICS BOARD MEETINGS

Executive Director Edson asked the Board to review the 2025 Schedule of LA-RICS Board Meetings and approve the schedule providing there are no issues.

Board Member Josh Nelson commented the second Thursday of the month is when the City of Industry Council meetings are held, therefore, he will likely miss some Board meetings.

Board Member Chief Wiese motioned first, seconded by Alternate Board Member Browne.

AYES (7): Inman, Sum, Tadeo, Browne, Wiese, Nelson, Coatney.

MOTION APPROVED.

I. APPROVE LMR AMENDMENT NO. 122 (UNILATERAL AMENDMENT NO. 34) AND AMENDMENT NO. 123 TO AGREEMENT NO. LA-RICS 007

Executive Director Edson expressed a lot of effort and hard work was put into negotiating these agreements with MSI and ISD; this was a monumental achievement, and he would provide highlights of this achievement.

Executive Director Edson further expressed Agenda Item I requests the Board to approve and make the following findings which include the CEQA findings described in the Board Letter, approve six (6) years of LMR system maintenance, and Amendment No. 122 which is a unilateral amendment which reflects the following: exercise the first 1-Year Unilateral Option Term for Phase 5 (LMR System Maintenance inclusive of preventative and corrective maintenance, system enhancements, support services, etc. for the LMR system for three million, three hundred seventy thousand nine hundred and fifteen (\$3,370,915) dollars commencing on November 17, 2024 and concluding on November 16, 2025.



Executive Director Edson went on to say the reason this amendment is a unilateral is due to the fifteen (15) year contract for maintenance which was signed in 2013, therefore, every year, LA-RICS will continue to execute this portion of the contract and issue a Unilateral Amendment. Executive Director Edson reported Amendment No. 122 also involves the removal of the Software Maintenance cost of the first one-year Option Term in the amount of six hundred forty thousand one hundred and seventy-five (\$640,175) as such scope will be covered under the LMR System SUA, delegate authority to the Executive Director to amend Amendment No. 122 in substantially similar form to the enclosed Amendment (Enclosure 2) and issue six (6) NTPs for this work, which will be issued annually as the budget allows, delegate authority to the Executive Director to exercise subsequent Phase 5 (LMR System Maintenance) Option Terms by way of amendment, provided such amendments are approved by Counsel to the Authority as to form and such costs are within the annual adopted LA-RICS Operating Budgets and issue one or more NTPs for such Option Terms as may be needed.

Executive Director Edson asked the Board to approve six (6) years of the SUA and Amendment No. 123 to reflect the following: incorporate into the Agreement an SUA for the LMR System for a five (5) year term for a total amount of twenty-four million three hundred fourteen thousand one hundred and seven (\$24,314,107) dollars with a first-year amount of three million six hundred thirteen thousand five hundred and twenty-three (\$3,613,523) commencing on November 17, 2024 and concluding on November 16, 2030, include costs for certain interconnections funded by the UASI grant to further Interoperability efforts in the region in the amount of one million seven hundred forty thousand (\$1,740,000) dollars, remove the Software Maintenance costs for option years two (2) and six (6) in the amount of two million four hundred thousand six hundred fifty-five (\$2,400,655) dollars as such scope is covered under the LMR System SUA, increase the Maximum Contract Sum by twenty-one million, nine hundred thirteen thousand, five hundred forty-two (\$21,913,542) to reflect the inclusion of the six (6) year LMR System SUA and the UASI-funded interconnection costs, less the Software Maintenance costs, delegate authority to the Executive Director to negotiate, finalize, and execute Amendment No. 123 in substantially similar form to the enclosed Amendment (Enclosure 3) and issue six (6) NTPs for this work, one for each year following budget appropriation for a total not-to-exceed amount of twenty-four million three hundred fourteen thousand one hundred and seven (\$24,314,107) dollars.

Executive Director Edson reported, regarding fiscal impact, Amendment No. 122 and Amendment No. 123 will be funded in its first year by a combination of fiscal



grants, subscriber agreement revenue and other financing options in accordance with the adopted Fiscal Year 2024-2025 operating budget. Executive Director Edson further reported the Phase 5 (LMR System Maintenance) and LMR System SUA were presented to the Board in two separate amendments in accordance with the contractual provisions set forth in the Agreement. Executive Director Edson went on to say the Phase 5 (LMR System Maintenance) scope and cost formed part of the original Agreement, where it was stipulated such Option Terms would be exercised unilaterally, in the Authority's sole discretion. Executive Director Edson mentioned since the LMR System SUA scope and cost are being introduced into the Agreement mutually, it is reflected as a mutually agreed upon amendment.

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

Alternate Board Chair Acting Commander Sum asked for a motion to approve. Board Member Chief Wiese motioned first, seconded by Board Member Nelson.

AYES (7): Inman, Sum, Tadeo, Browne, Wiese, Nelson, Coatney.

MOTION APPROVED.

J. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR TOWER DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL SERVICES AT THE LA-RICS CASTRO PEAK (CPK)

LA-RICS Technical Team Member Nancy Yang greeted the Board and presented Agenda Item J.

LA-RICS Technical Team Member Yang reported Agenda Item J requests the Board to approve an agreement for tower demolition and removal services at the Castro Peak (CPK) site and delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute an Agreement for a total contract amount of one hundred forty-four thousand (\$144,000) dollars, which would be funded by the UASI 2023 grant and the California State Budget Act fund of 2022 contained in the LA-RICS Adopted Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operating Budget.

LA-RICS Technical Team Member Yang expressed the Board make certain CEQA findings as noted in the Board Letter; approve entering into an agreement with Diversified Communications Services, LLC for tower demolition and removal services at site CPK, in substantially similar form to the enclosure to the Board Letter, for a total contract amount of one hundred forty-four thousand (\$144,000) dollars; delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute the Agreement substantially similar in form to the enclosure attached to the Board Letter, to approve and execute amendment to the Agreement that do not impact the total not-to-exceed contract amount, the term, or any terms or conditions of the agreement,



provided any such amendments are approved as to form by Counsel to the Authority, and to issue Notices to Proceed for work contemplated in the Agreement. LA-RICS Technical Team Member Yang stated, as Director Edson mentioned in the Director's Report, removal of the existing tower at CPK was a condition in the planning permit that allowed construction of the new LA-RICS LMR tower at site CPK, and the existing tower needs to be removed in eight (8) months after antennas and lines have been migrated from the existing tower to the new LA-RICS LMR tower, and that work has completed.

LA-RICS Technical Team Member Yang summarized the contracting process; on April 18, 2024, the Authority released an Invitation For Bid (IFB) for tower demolition and removal at site CPK; on May 20, 2024, a mandatory bidders' conference was held; on May 21 2024, a mandatory bidders site walk took place in Malibu, CA; on August 19, 2024, four (4) bids were received, and the Authority Subject Matter Experts reviewed the bid submitted by Diversified Communications Services, LLC, and determined them to be the lowest-priced and responsible bidder. LA-RICS Technical Team Member Yang mentioned no protests were received in response to the IFB, and the Authority staff recommends entering into an Agreement with Diversified Communications Services, LLC.

Board Member Chief Wiese asked if Diversified Communications Services, LLC, was the same contractor who did the tower removal at site Tower Peak (TWR). LA-RICS Technical Team Member Yang responded no, and Program Manager ElMasri mentioned the contractor, Metrocell Construction, who performed the tower removal at TWR missed the bidding deadline.

Alternate Board Acting Commander Sum asked for a motion to approve. Board Member Captain Inman motioned first, seconded by Alternate Board Member Inman.

AYES (7): Inman, Sum, Tadeo, Browne, Wiese, Nelson, Coatney.

MOTION APPROVED.

L. APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (ISD) FOR FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AND ANCILLARY SERVICES

Deputy Executive Director Ron Watson greeted the Board and presented Agenda Item L.

Deputy Executive Director Watson requested the Board to approve and make the following findings: make those certain CEQA findings described in the Board Letter, approve an MOU between ISD and the Authority, similar in form to the MOU enclosed in the agenda to allow ISD to provide Facilities Maintenance and Ancillary



Services that are necessary for the continued operations and maintenance of the LMR system beyond the Warranty Period, and the term of the MOU will be for a period of six (6) years commencing on November 17, 2024, and concluding on November 16, 2030, approve a total annual not-to-exceed amount of seven million two hundred and two thousand (\$7,202,000) dollars made up of four million nine hundred and twenty (\$4,920,000) dollars for base scope of work and two million two hundred eighty-two thousand (\$2,282,000) dollars for potential as-needed work, for a total aggregate not-to-exceed amount of forty-three million two hundred and twelve thousand (\$43,212,000) dollars for the entire six (6) year term, delegate authority to the Executive Director to negotiate, finalize, and execute the MOU, delegate authority to the Executive Director to approve and execute amendments to the MOU, provided any such amendments are approved as to form by Counsel.

In regard to the fiscal impact, Executive Deputy Director Watson shared the annual not-to-exceed amount of seven million two hundred and two thousand (\$7,202,000) will be funded by State Budget Act funds of 2022, Subscriber Agreement Revenue, and other financing options in accordance with the LA-RICS Adopted Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operating Budget, and the total aggregate not-to-exceed amount of forty-three million two hundred and twelve thousand (\$43,212,000) dollars will be addressed in each fiscal years' budget process.

Executive Deputy Director Watson reported the work required to maintain the LMR system in its entirety is divided into three (3) Agreements: 1. Year 1 (Phase 5 – LMR System Maintenance) with MSI, 2. LMR System SUA with MSI, and 3. Facilities Maintenance and Ancillary Services with ISD.

Executive Deputy Director Watson further reported ISD Facility and Ancillary Services would include, but not limited to the below services:

- Critical and overall facilities maintenance
- Network Operations Center (NOC) alarm monitoring
- Certain telecommunications work/services
- Engineering support
- Permitting
- Regulatory compliance
- Engineering site inspections and assessments
- Engineering documentation updates, etc.
- Emergency site restoration services
- Generator refueling
- Generator preventative maintenance
- Generator deployment
- Pest control



- Weed abatement
- Tree trimming
- Electrical work
- Fire suppression inspections
- HVAC services
- Fence repair
- Rust removal
- Certain road maintenance services
- Shelter repairs/weather proofing
- Building craft support services, etc.

Executive Deputy Director Watson expressed, at present, these services are provided by Jacobs Project Management, MSI, MSI subcontractors, and various County of Los Angeles departments, etc., and ISD has been providing services during emergent situations where LA-RICS primary vendors could not deliver. Deputy Executive Director Watson further expressed ISD, its support staff, and contractors have extensive experience and familiarity with the LMR System and its corresponding sites as well as managing countywide telecommunications system.

Deputy Executive Director Watson went on to say ISD has cost-competitive pricing, and the rates utilized to price the Scope of Work captured in the MOU are based on the County of Los Angeles' approved billing rates, which can be found at the link in the Board Letter. Executive Deputy Director Watson shared the rates range from approximately fourteen thousand (\$14,000) dollars (Monthly) for a Line Crew Worker to twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars (Monthly) for an Information Technology Specialist.

Board Member Chief Wiese asked if County of LA ISD would take over the services after the current contractors were phased out of the project. Executive Director Edson stated MSI will perform O&M, MSI will provide SUA services and County of LA ISD will perform certain other services with Jacobs Project Management team phasing out, and if there are specific services ISD and MSI are unable to perform, LA-RICS may seek out a third-party vendor. Executive Director Edson further stated LA-RICS would work with Counsel to determine the legal process for working with a third-party vendor.

Board Member Chief Wiese asked if County of LA ISD has the infrastructure to manage this work, or will they have a division that deals with LA-RICS exclusively given the importance of the system. Executive Director Edson stated County of LA ISD has an organizational chart that is supportive of the way LA-RICS does business, and County of LA ISD does this on a smaller scale with their existing system. Executive Director Edson further stated they will increase their staff to accommodate LA-RICS. Executive Director Edson went on to say LA-RICS met



with County of LA ISD leadership offline over the years to discuss prioritizing LA-RICS to be prepared for this effort. Executive Director Edson expressed County of LA ISD was responsive and competitive with negotiations, and LA-RICS is confident they have the proper priorities and people in place.

Technical Lead Pao mentioned a service level agreement with County of LA ISD will be established to ensure they provide the services LA-RICS needs.

Alternate Board Chair Acting Commander Sum asked for a motion to approve. Board Member Nelson motioned first, seconded by Board Member Chief Wiese.

AYES (7): Inman, Sum, Tadeo, Browne, Wiese, Nelson, Coatney.

MOTION APPROVED.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS – NONE

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

XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – NONE

XII. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING AND NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Alternate Board Chair Acting Commander Sum for the record said he wanted to send best wishes to Chief Brian Yanagi who is currently on Leave and thank him for his dedicated services to LA-RICS during his time as the Board Chair.

Alternate Board Chair Acting Commander Sum stated the next Regular Board Meeting would be held on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD), ELAC Community College Bureau, 1055 Corporate Center Drive, Monterey Park, CA 91754.

Alternate Board Chair Acting Commander Sum called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:20 a.m. Alternate Board Member Inman made a motion.