



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

**LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY**

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Thursday, July 9, 2020 • 9:00 a.m.
Teleconference Regular and Special Meeting
Meeting Call-in Number for Board Members and Public:
Telephone Number: (213) 306-3065
Access Code: 146 573 4262

Board Members Present:

Cathy Chidester, Dir., EMS Agency, County of LADHS
Joe Ortiz, Chief of Police, City of South Pasadena Police Dept.
Mark Alexander, City Manager, CA Contract Cities Assoc.
John Curley, Chief of Police, City of Covina Police Dept.

Alternates For Board Members Present:

John Geiger, General Manager, County of Los Angeles
Thomas Ewald, Deputy Fire Chief, County of Los Angeles Fire Dept.
Mark Glatt, Chief, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.
Louis Perez, Deputy Chief, City of Inglewood Police Dept.

Officers Present:

Scott Edson, LA-RICS Executive Director
Priscilla Dalrymple, LA-RICS Board Secretary

Absent:

Chris Donovan, Fire Chief, City of El Segundo Fire Dept.
Chris Nunley, Chief of Police, City of Signal Hill Police Dept.



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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Alternate Chair, Mark Glatt, called the regular and special meeting of the Board to order concurrently at 9:03 a.m.

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call

Alternate Chair Glatt asked for a roll call and acknowledged a quorum was present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (A)

A. June 15, 2020 – Special Minutes

Alternate Chair Glatt asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board.

There were none.

Board Member Mark Alexander motioned first, seconded by Alternate Board Member Louis Perez.

Ayes 7: Alexander, Curley, Ewald, Geiger, Glatt, Ortiz, and Perez.

Board Member Cathy Chidester joined the meeting after approval of minutes and thus not reflected in this vote.

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IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – NONE

VI. REPORTS (B-E)

B. Director’s Report – Scott Edson

Executive Director Scott Edson stated he hopes everyone is adjusting to the new normal and staying safe. Director Edson stated the last few weeks have been very busy and he thanked everyone for their continued support.



APPROVED BTOP GRANT/AT&T BUSINESS AGREEMENT UPDATE

Executive Director Edson reported just two days ago, on Tuesday, July 7, 2020, despite a national pandemic, and with only a one-week administrative extension granted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), we substantially completed construction on all twenty (20) Round 2 Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) Long Term Evolution (LTE) sites funded by the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant, meeting the grant requirements and grant performance period deadline. Punch walks, site inspections and clean-up have all been scheduled. Additionally, all remaining equipment for six (6) Round 2 sites was ordered, using BTOP funding; negotiated an agreement with our partner, AT&T FirstNet, who will fund the construction on the remaining six sites. This funding is in addition to the \$6 million AT&T will pay upon delivery of twenty-six (26) PSBN sites, which they will then incorporate into the National Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN).

Executive Director Edson provided details on how the team got this done and brought some agenda items to the Boards attention and stated Program Director Chris Odenthal will present a more detailed report on LTE Round 2 implementation and construction, under Discussion Item F.

Executive Director Edson went on to state as reported to your Board at the June 15, 2020, meeting, the team received a no-cost extension to build a total of 20 sites by July 7, 2020. Also as previously reported to your Board the team stated it would continue to work with the federal grantor and AT&T to ensure completion of all 26 sites.

Executive Director Edson provided additional details on the no-cost extension and stated on June 22, 2020, the team submitted the no-cost extension to the federal grantor and the following items were approved by NOAA on June 29, 2020:

- Approval received to re-order previously cancelled equipment for the remaining (six) 6 sites 21-26 by no later than July 7, 2020, with invoices due to grantor by no later than August 15, 2020
- Approval received to re-engage and complete site acquisition, permitting and zoning work (entitlements) for sites 21-26 for any entitlement work that can complete by July 31, 2020

This approval provided by the grantor on June 29, 2020, was dependent on written commitment from AT&T they would fund the remaining construction activities at sites 21- 26.



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The written commitment was obtained from AT&T on June 22, 2020, and transmitted to the grantor, and since that date our team has been working on Amendment No. 3 to the AT&T/LA-RICS Business Agreement, which is before you in the Special Meeting Agenda as Item A. That agreement provides LA-RICS an additional \$2.323 million dollars, which LA-RICS will simply pass through to the construction vendors retained to build sites 21-26.

Executive Director Edson stated the revenue from the no-cost extension grant Amendment No. 30, as well as the Business Agreement Amendment No. 3, is reflected in Agenda Item L; Amendment to the Adopted Budget. The no-cost extension required us to move certain activities from the previous fiscal year, into this fiscal year, as well as adding the grant and business agreement revenue.

Executive Director Edson stated with the green light and approved funding to re-engage on entitlement work for sites 21-26, an amendment to our agreement with David Evans & Associates (DEA) to add \$100,000 to their contract sum to pay for expedited completion of design activities to support zoning, permitting and site acquisition work is also before you today as Agenda Item M, Amendment No. 1 to the engineering design and related services agreement.

Executive Director Edson stated now the team must focus on completing entitlements on the remaining six; start, and oversee construction. Those six (6) should all finish in September, at which time the team will turn them over to AT&T FirstNet to be incorporated into the NPSBN.

Additionally, Agenda Item N brings forth the sublicenses, consent to sublicenses and site access agreements with the County and AT&T for three (3) county sites as well as 5 USFS sites for the LTE 2 colocation sites.

Executive Director Edson stated one other item on the LTE BTOP side that was also completed by the grant deadline was the LTE emergency response vehicles; a Cell over Pick Up Truck (CoPT) and a Cell on Light Truck (CoLT). These vehicles were built, tested, accepted and officially delivered to the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD) on Monday, July 6, 2020. These vehicles allow for an extension of the NPSBN in areas where there is no coverage or coverage is lost due to a major emergency or disaster. These vehicles will be spotlighted in a future edition of our newsletter, The Network and also one public safety communications magazine has also requested some information for a future article.

LTE2 UPDATE

In regards to the LTE Round 2 update, Executive Director Edson stated, a big thank you and congratulations to the LA-RICS team, in particular, the administrative staff



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overseen by Susy Orellana-Curtiss, the Jacobs team overseen by Chris Odenthal, and our internal team from the County Internal Services Department, LASD and Los Angeles County Fire Department. In addition, Steve Sidore from Televate, and Deputy Mana Elliott from LASD who helped our team complete the communications vehicles. There is no way anyone would believe the hurdles the team overcame over the last 18 months or so, and the long hours spent just in the last few weeks, but thankfully the entire team at LA-RICS was dedicated to ensuring this region had the best PSBN in the nation, and are grateful to AT&T for helping us get it done.

LAND MOBILE RADIO (LMR) UPDATE

Executive Director Edson stated even with so much focus on LTE, the team still made great progress on the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) system and has completed twenty-five (25) sites, eighteen (18) sites are under construction, leaving fifteen (15) not yet started. Of those 15, three (3) have been submitted for permit and are waiting Motorola to complete the design of the remaining twelve (12). The team expects five (5) of those 12 to submit for permit this month; four (4) coastal and BUR1 which now has a resolved power solution.

Agenda Item J will provide additional detail on progress made for the five (5) sites requiring Coastal Development Permits, but there is extensive activity planned this month including the Environmental Review Board (ERB) committee review on July 20, 2020 for the Santa Monica mountain sites and Significant Ecological Areas Technical Advisory Committee (SEATAC) review scheduled for August 3, 2020, for Catalina sites.

Executive Director Edson stated the team continues to work with Motorola to bring in additional permits as well as update the Integrated Master Schedule (IMS). Regarding the schedule, as shared in the written Project Manager Report, the team has been working off the schedule provided on May 12, 2020, because the June Integrated Master Schedule Motorola submitted was rejected as they made changes to the Schedule that were assumptions, failed to include adjustments discussed in group meetings, and other errors. Motorola recently indicated the schedule may need to extend several months beyond March 2022, but the team does not agree. The team held several intensive sessions with Motorola to address line item details within their schedule to fix their errors and assumptions. The team will continue the collaborative effort.

UASI 18/19 GRANT CLOSE OUT UPDATE

Executive Director Edson stated he would like to close out his report with the Grants update, noting we are officially in the close-out period of the BTOP grant. Originally awarded in 2010, the team is working diligently to complete successful closeout by the



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deadline of August 15, 2020. Drawdown packages are submitted on a weekly basis, with approvals quickly following.

Executive Director Edson stated the team continues to work successfully and in accordance with the approved grant spending plans for both Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) 18 and 19. In parallel, the team continues to work with Member agencies to prepare for System Acceptance with all the technical and operational requirements needed in place prior to the system Go Live. Agenda Item I provides your Board with updates regarding the frequency and licensing issues, and we look forward to sharing reports from the Technical and Operational Committees in the near future to include the regional interoperability group progress and LA-RICS' role as the HUB for the region.

Additionally, in the coming months the LA-RICS team, Technical and Operations and Finance Committees will need to focus on the new membership and subscription model, as system acceptance is fast approaching.

Executive Director Edson apologized for some technical issues the team have been experiencing lately, email and conference call numbers; as there were some changes made by our provider that we were not aware of and the team has already improved the lines of communication to minimize this in the future.

This concludes the Director's Report.

There was no further discussion.

C. Project Manager's Report – Justin Delfino

Project Manager Justin Delfino presented Agenda Item C on the following topics:

LTE Round 2 Highlights

Current Status:

Project Manager Justin Delfino presented the current status LTER2; the first 20 sites are substantially completed for FirstNet/ AT&T. The contractors and LA-RICS are appreciative of the plan checkers who have been working from home offices, the A&E firm DEA for rapidly converging on drawing comments and LA County Public Works staff, including its core of inspectors who prioritized their schedules to ensure that these LTE2 sites received the attention needed. After the execution of the business agreement between LA-RICS and FirstNet/ AT&T which is before you today as Special Meeting Agenda Item A, the LA-RICS Team and subcontractors will quickly converge on building sites 21 through 26.



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There are no environmental issues to report.

LABOR COMPLIANCE

No labor compliance issues to report, and no accidents, or injuries reported to date. Program Director Odenthal will provide additional and more specific details on LTE Round 2 in Agenda Item F.

LMR Highlights

CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

Project Manager Delfino presented the construction overview and shared some recent successes on the LMR Program:

- MIR, the tower is complete and on target to be in used for 2021 Rose Parade.
- AGH, the power run is completed, vault is set on Kimberly Dr. and the sidewalk has been repaved.
- MML has rebar and foundation is in place and the concrete has been placed.
- JPK2, the shelter foundation is in place.
- BHS, the tower is complete; the shelter is in place and the generator and tank pads are being formed-up for concrete placement.
- GMT, the tower is complete and the shelter is currently under construction.
- RIH, you may recall from the previous board report, that there was a gnat catcher bird delay leaving us with an open excavation; the tower foundation is now complete and 20 truckloads (approximately 140 yards) of concrete was poured and to complete the tower foundation and making the site safe while we are in a stand-down period at the site.
- LACF072 has been submitted to plan check at Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.

Construction drawings are in the process of being finalized for CPK, GRM, RPVT, SPH and TOP and working with Motorola to get through this process as soon as possible.

LMR Basic Statistics in July 2020:



APPROVED Program Manager Justin Delfino provided the following LMR statistical update:

- Permits issued to date. 78% completed.
- Site Access Agreement (SAA) process 90% completed.
- Started construction on approximately 70% of sites.
- Equipment ordered is 89% completed.
- Zero recordable injuries to date.

SAA's

Project Manager Delfino stated there are five (5) outstanding SAAs for the following sites: ESR is close to an agreement; USFS site BUR1 pending design issues we intend to resolve today, and Coastal/Catalina Island sites including TWR, BJM, DPK; Deputy Program Manager Roth will address in the Coastal update in detail in Agenda Item J.

Current Focus:

Project Manager Delfino stated Phase 4b look ahead schedules have been created and delivered to the Authority, so that the contractor is coordinated with site owners regarding access and scope of each visit. In many instances the site owner is Los Angeles County ISD and we along with MSI believe this to be a helpful communications tool..

IMS resolution is of utmost importance since the document serves as a road map for the LMR Program and a great deal of attention is going towards this effort as a major area of focus for the teams.

Narrow-banding is underway for Channel 16, with Technical Lead Engineer Ted Pao aiding in that coordination with LASD.

In regard to USFS site construction, ESR, MTL2, and BUR1 are the three most important forest sites and are scheduled to start in September 2020 and the team currently believes that the date can be improved.

This concludes the Project Manager's Report.

There was no further discussion.



APPROVED D. Joint Operations and Technical Committee Chairs Report – No Report

E. Finance Committee Chairs Report – No Report

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (F-J)

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

Program Director Chris Odenthal presented Agenda Item F and stated the attachment to this item shows sites 20 and above in green are substantially complete as reported to NTIA. All sites are undergoing or scheduling their cleanup and punch walk. In addition, the team walked three (3) sites yesterday with AT&T and with our contractors; the schedule is going out in the next two (2) weeks or so to meet the closeout period, with the expectation that information and packages will be completed and submitted to NTIA between now and August 15, 2020. The team is working on all invoices to ensure everything is complete according to the specifications in the contracts.

Program Director Chris Odenthal stated the team, including DPW, with strong assists from others played a huge role in the ability to get us to our goal. Without going through each site individually, I'll speak to a couple sites specific to our Board. Using the site COUG as an example, Board Member Chief John Curley, the power, antennas, generator, etc., are up and now we're just punch-listing the site. Another site, Inglewood Police Department already had the punch walk for this site as well. These are the two sites being highlighted to the Board because Board Member representatives are in attendance today.

Program Director Chris Odenthal stated in your packet is Agenda Item G with corresponding attachment of sites 21 through 26; in the table all work is pretty much underway and can report the team has a permit for Montebello and MML2, and notification was received yesterday that Pomona 2 permit is available for release. The team is working with Long Beach on their zoning approval and with the City of Los Angeles Planning Commission and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for power design for the two Port of Los Angeles sites. This is the focus for us moving forward to closeout these sites, reporting, invoices to NTIA as requested and working with AT&T as our partner.

Board Member John Curley stated he wanted to acknowledge and thank the team as well as Executive Director Edson knowing it is very difficult going through the pandemic, he thanked the team on the behalf of everyone at the city of Covina.

There was no further discussion.



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G. Telecommunication Facility Construction and Installation Projects for PSBN Round 2 Change Order Budget Update – Jeanette Arismendez

Contracts Manager Jeanette Arismendez presented Agenda Item G and updated the Board regarding the Change Order Budget the Board approved on June 15, 2020. Contracts Manager Arismendez provided a brief summary of the June 15, 2020, Board action, which approved an increase to the Change Order budget for up to sixteen (16) sites for an aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$602,636. Contracts Manager Arismendez went on to explain at that time the team indicated if any funds were expended from this Change Order budget a report back to your Board would be provided. Lastly, Contracts Manager Arismendez reported that Agenda Item G outlines the sites impacted and corresponding funds utilized from the Change Order budget at the time of agenda posting, which amounted to \$224,464.

There was no further discussion.

H. Equipment Purchased and Not Deployed in Public Safety Broadband Network Round 1 Susy Orellana-Curtiss

Administrative Deputy Susy Orellana-Curtiss presented Agenda Item H and provided an update on the equipment that was purchased and not deployed under PSBN Round 1; as Executive Director and others have reported to the Board, the receipt of a no-cost extension on June 29, 2020, which allowed and approved the purchase of equipment at sites 21 through 26 under the BTOP grant impacted the equipment previously identified as purchased and not deployed in Round 1 and not usable in Round 2. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss stated she is happy to report the no-cost extension allowed for a great deal of equipment to be utilized at sites 21-26 with the exception of equipment allocated to one (1) site which the team continues to work with AT&T to explore site deployment, which is BUR 2. The Board heard today the update on BUR 1, this was a planned co-location site in the Forest that was pulled due to power issues and delays and now the team has identified a solution on the power sources for that site. The team is working closely with AT&T despite the fact that BUR 2 is not included as one of sites 1 through 26, which is being deployed by the grant and the current agreement that is before your Board under Special Meeting Agenda Item A. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss stated she wanted to call attention to the enclosure to Agenda Item A identifying three (3) contingency sites the team continues to work with AT&T to also incorporate into the NPSBN and that site is BUR 2. The equipment that is tied to that site was procured under PSBN Round 1 that was intended for use under Round 2 for BUR 2 totals approximately \$338,000. Mrs. Orellana-Curtiss asked if there were any questions.

There was no further discussion.



APPROVED I. Frequency and Licensing Issues Impacting Land Mobile Radio Deployment Chris Odenthal and Ted Pao

Technical Lead Ted Pao presented Agenda Item I and stated at the last Board meeting, he briefed the board on interferences caused by TV stations in California and Mexico that is impacting our LMR UHF implementation. Part of the mitigation to the TV interference from Mexico is to utilize some of the existing LASD and Fire channels, which causes narrow banding of the LASD system to become extremely critical.

Technical Lead Pao informed the board that the funding for narrow banding equipment was allocated by the County and procurement of the narrow banding equipment is in process. County staff has been making all efforts to push these requisitions through the County's procurement system.

In addition to purchasing of the narrow banding equipment and as part of the narrow banding process, LASD completed its radio code plug development to program all its mobile and portable radios. Mobilization to conduct the reprogramming of its radio fleet will start next week, July 13, 2020 and will be reassigning additional personnel to complete the programming to meet the LA-RICS project timeline.

Technical Lead Pao went on to discuss TV interference and stated he Channel 16 TV interference is still unresolved. This is the TV band LA-RICS needed to transition to because of the Mexico interference. The San Diego TV station on Channel 16 has not committed a date to start operating at its new location. Fresno's Channel 16 interference issue is with the FCC after a failed negotiation with the station. It is unknown if the interference will be resolved in time to meet the LA-RICS narrow banding project timeline of October 30, 2020.

Technical Lead Ted Pao provided an update on FCC license activities and stated the team has submitted the T-band applications at the end of 2019 to the FCC. FCC has completed its technical review and found no technical issues with our applications. However, due to the T-band Mandate in the 2012 Middle-Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act, the FCC is required to relocate the public safety T-band licensees elsewhere and auction the spectrum for commercial use. As of now, this is still the law and therefore, FCC has placed a hold on issuing T-band licenses. To keep our project timeline, LA-RICS has applied for Special Temporary Authorization (STA) for our T-band frequencies. This will allow Motorola to power up the base stations for optimization and testing. The STAs are also valid to operate the system, but it is temporary and will need periodic renewal.

Lastly, Technical Lead Pao stated the FCC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on T-band auction this week and are seeking public comments. This is part of FCC process on Rulemaking.



APPROVED There was no further discussion.

J. Update on Coastal Development Permit Process for Five Land Mobile Radio System Sites – Tanya Roth

Deputy Program Manager Tanya Roth presented Agenda Item J and stated the purpose of this discussion item is to provide your board with an update on LMR sites progressing through the Coastal Development Permitting process.

As reported to your Board last month, there are seven (7) sites subject to Coastal Commission review, four (4) in the Santa Monica Mountains and three (3) on Catalina Island. Exemptions have been secured for sites Castro Peak (CPK) and Topanga Peak (TPK), both of which are in the Santa Monica Mountains.

Deputy Program Manager Roth stated the project team continues to work with Motorola to finalize construction drawings for these sites for submittal to Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (DPW) that will comply with building code and contract specifications. Both of these exempt sites should be submitted by month end. As SAAs have been secured for these sites, once the construction drawings are approved by DPW, and the building permit is issued, construction can commence.

Deputy Program Manager Tanya Roth stated the two (2) remaining sites in the Santa Monica Mountains; Fire Station 072 (LACF072) and Saddle Peak (SPN) are now formally agendized for ERB on July 20, 2020. Staff has been contacted by one of the ERB members requesting a site visit to better understand the lay of the land in person. Staff along with a representative from Motorola will meet the ERB member on site at LACF072 tomorrow morning, then caravan to Saddle Peak. There have been no other inquiries received at this time and staff look forward to a successful ERB meeting on July 20, 2020 and the sites remain on track for CDP issuance in mid-October. Motorola has submitted for building permit at LACF072 and is working with Public Works to address comments received. SPN construction drawings are also in the final stages of development with Motorola and should be submitted by month end.

Regarding the three (3) sites on Catalina Island, as of mid-June, all corrections received to the submittal packages have now been addressed and packages are formally deemed complete, which is a huge milestone for the project. As Executive Director Edson mentioned in his report, the 3 sites are on track for the August 3, 2020 SEATAC review and remain on track for CDP issuance in mid-October. All construction drawings for the Island sites are in the final stages of development with Motorola to ensure building code and contract specifications are included and will then be submitted to DPW for building permit review.



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Deputy Program Manager Tanya Roth stated the mid-October CDP forecast dates for all Coastal sites represent an expedited process as successfully negotiated between LA RICS and Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning (DRP) in order to compress schedule to make up for time lost due to late submissions of complete packages for review.

There was no further discussion.

K. Outreach Update – Wendy Stallworth Tait and Lt. Sven Crongeyer

Executive Assistant Stallworth-Tait stated before you today as Agenda Item K is the Outreach Summary for the month of July. As customary, a few outreach activities will be highlighted followed by Lt. Crongeyer who will provide specific details on agency outreach.

Executive Assistant Stallworth-Tait stated various meetings continued in the month of June with AT&T to discuss normal ongoing activities. What was different in June was meetings were accelerated to discuss the amendment to the AT&T Business Agreement and meetings with AT&T site access team to finalize agreements for LTE2 sites.

Members of the LA-RICS Outreach Team conducted door to door outreach to residents within 500 feet of 4 SCE LTE2 sites, the Claremont Police Department and Cerro Negro 2.

Executive Director Edson participated in the Los Angeles Harbor Commission Meeting where their Board approved the two LTE2 POLA sites Space Assignments and Revocable Permits on June 18, 2020.

Members of our Team met with representatives from CEO RED to discuss Sublicenses and Consent to Sublicenses for three (3) County owned LTE2 sites which are before your board for approval today.

Lastly, Program Director Chris Odenthal participated in the Rancho Palos Verdes Planning Commission Meeting where LMR sites RPVT and SPH were approved and found consistent with the City's General Plan.

Lieutenant Sven Crongeyer stated Cal State University Northridge received the latest version of the MOU and LA-RICS continues to work on a finalized MOU. The team is in the radio programming phase with Cal State University Los Angeles and lastly, the team is conducting outreach with the Federal Reserve Bank Police Department to see if LA-RICS will meet their communications needs.



APPROVED There was no further discussion.

Executive Director Edson asked the Alternate Chair Glatt for a quick addendum to the Project Managers Report and asked Project Manager Delfino to update the Board on LMR Baldwin Hills site.

When asked, Program Manager Delfino provided additional information on the current status of LMR site BHS and the possibility of early use of the site to facilitate stadium operations. Program Manager Delfino stated that the main components of the site's infrastructure, such as the tower foundations, shelter foundation, generator and fuel tank foundations are all nearly completed and will be completed by the end of the month. If there is a high-level of interest in turning the site on early for functional use, it could be done in the near future, but would be contingent on two factors. The first factor to consider is the electrical utility easement for SCE that must be granted by state parks; this will allow us to complete the power work that will allow the site to be turned on. The other factor is that the Agreement with Motorola does not include the early use of this site and a change order would need to be processed to modify the scope at the Authority's discretion. We estimate that the site could physically be ready for use early as this fall; within the next few months, however I reiterate that MSI would need to be consulted on such a plan and the agreement be amended to accomplish the task.

Alternate Board Member Louis Perez thanked Project Manager Delfino for the update.

Alternate Chair Glatt stated the next item is Special Meeting Agenda Administrative Matters Item A.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (A)

A. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE BUSINESS AGREEMENT WITH AT&T CORP.

Executive Director Edson presented Agenda Item A and recommended the Board:

1. Delegate Authority to the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 3 to the Business Agreement, in substantially similar form to Enclosure (Amendment No. 3), between the Authority and AT&T to receive an additional \$2,323,292 in funding for completion of Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) Sites 21-26 MML2, MNTBLPD, POLA1, POLA2, POLB1, and POM2; and
2. Delegate Authority to the Executive Director to approve and execute amendments to the Business Agreement to update or revise the exhibits attached to Amendment



APPROVED No. 3, as may be necessary, provided that any such amendments are approved as to form by Counsel to the Authority.

Alternate Board Member John Geiger asked if this was a pass through amount. Executive Director Edson stated that is correct, we will utilize these funds to pay for construction of sites 21-26. Alternate Board Member Geiger asked is there is any potential exposure to the Authority for monies above and beyond the pass through amount. Executive Director Edson stated the agreement amount reflects the quotes received from vendors to construct sites 21-26 with any changes above and beyond the Agreement amount of \$2.323 million would be borne of the Authority. Alternate Board Member Geiger asked if the Authority will take the exposure for any overage. County Counsel Truc Moore stated the Amendment actually contemplates a change order bucket of \$338,000.00, which should cover any “overage” as a result of changes to the site conditions. Alternate Board Member Geiger asked if the set aside bucket is your war chest to cover any overage. County Counsel Moore stated the change order bucket is part of the \$2.323 million with the actual estimated construction cost that have already been received and bid on by various vendors is about \$2 million. AT&T will provide the contingency bucket to address any issues for change orders or unknown site conditions. Alternate Board Member Geiger asked if AT&T made the estimate for this bucket and will assume the risk for overage beyond the sites recommended. County Counsel Moore stated the Authority set the contingency bucket based on what is known at the various sites and past experience of the change order conditions and that was provided to AT&T. Furthermore, in the event that amount is over what the parties have discussed with AT&T the parties would have to discuss picking up anything above \$2.323 million.

Alternate Board Member Thomas Ewald motioned first, seconded by Board Member Mark Alexander.

Ayes 8: Alexander, Chidester, Curley, Ewald, Geiger, Glatt, Ortiz, and Perez.

MOTION APPROVED.

Alternate Chair Glatt stated we will now go to the Regular Meeting Agenda Administrative Matter Item L.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (L-N)

L. APPROVE THE FISCAL-YEAR 2020-21 AMENDED LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY OPERATING BUDGET



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Administrative Deputy Susy Orellana-Curtiss presented Agenda Item L, Amendment No.1 to the LA-RICS adopted budget for fiscal year 20-21 and recommended that your Board adopt the enclosed Amended Budget to reflect:

1. An increase of \$2,479,000 to the revenue and corresponding BTOP grant-funded expenditure line items reflecting the Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program No Cost Extension and Grant Amendment No. 30; and
2. An increase of \$2,323,000 to the revenue and corresponding Member Funded Joint Powers Authority Operations line items within the budget reflecting the recently approved LA-RICS AT&T Business Agreement Amendment No. 3.

Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss stated these are the only changes made to the previously adopted budget.

Board Member John Curley motioned first, seconded by Board Member Cathy Chidester.

Ayes 8: Alexander, Chidester, Curley, Ewald, Geiger, Glatt, Ortiz, and Perez.

MOTION APPROVED.

M. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE ENGINEERING DESIGN AND RELATED SERVICES AGREEMENT

Contracts Manager Arismendez presented Agenda Item M and recommended the Board authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Engineering and Design Services Agreement with David Evans and Associates, Inc. (David Evans), in substantially similar form to the amendment enclosed to the Board Letter package, for additional engineering and design services and permitting fees, the continuance of site access work, zoning activities, as well as additional design and redesign work, and unexpected related services, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$100,000, increasing the Contract Sum from \$2,600,400 to \$2,700,400.

Alternate Board Member Thomas Ewald motioned first, seconded by Alternate Board Member Louis Perez.

Ayes 8: Alexander, Chidester, Curley, Ewald, Geiger, Glatt, Ortiz, and Perez.

MOTION APPROVED.



APPROVED **N. APPROVE SUBLICENSES, CONSENTS TO SUBLICENSES, AND SITE ACCESS AGREEMENTS WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND AT&T-NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS**

Executive Assistant Wendy Stallworth-Tait presented Agenda Item N and stated this is a recommendation that your Board approve Sublicenses, Consents to Sublicenses, and Site Access Agreements with Los Angeles County and AT&T - New Cingular Wireless and:

1. Find that approval and execution of the Sublicense/Consent to Sublicense agreements summarized in Enclosure 1 for three sites to allow AT&T-NCW to access, operate, maintain, upgrade, supplement, construct, install and repair LTE equipment and infrastructure for the FirstNet NPSBN at these three sites is within the scope of the activities previously authorized by your Board on October 3, 2019, for Site CRN2, on January 15, 2020 for Site LACFDEL2, and on January 24, 2019, for Site MVS2, which your Board previously found categorically exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 Cal. Code Regs. ("CEQA Guidelines") §§ 15301, 15303 and 15304 for the reasons stated in this Board Letter and as noted in the record of the project and further find that any work related to accessing, operating, maintaining, upgrading, supplementing, constructing, installing, and repairing the LTE2 equipment and infrastructure for the NPSBN within the boundaries of these sites that may occur as result of this action, is categorically exempt under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303 and 15304 for the reasons set forth in this letter and as noted in the LA-RICS Authority's record of the project, the relevant portion of which is hereby incorporated by reference.
2. Find that approval and execution of the SAAs authorized under the USDAFS Communications Use Leases with the LA-RICS Authority for the five USDAFS sites summarized in Enclosure 1 to allow AT&T-NCW to access, operate, maintain, upgrade, supplement, construct, install and repair LTE equipment and infrastructure for the FirstNet NPSBN at these five (5) sites is within the scope of the activities previously authorized by your Board on January 24, 2019 for Sites PRG2, LPC2, WTR2, WMP2 and MML2, which your Board previously found categorically exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 Cal. Code Regs. ("CEQA Guidelines") §§ 15301, 15303, 15304 and/or 15332 for the reasons stated in this Board Letter and as noted in the record of the project and further find that any work related to accessing, operating, maintaining, upgrading, supplementing, constructing, installing, and repairing the LTE2 equipment and infrastructure for the NPSBN within the boundaries of these sites that may occur as result of this action, is categorically exempt under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303 and 15304 for the reasons



APPROVED set forth in this letter and as noted in the LA-RICS Authority's record of the project, the relevant portion of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

3. Approve and delegate authority to the Executive Director to negotiate and execute in substantially similar form, as summarized in Enclosure 1, the real estate documents for these eight (8) sites to be used as part of the NPSBN at the applicable sites, with approval as to form by Counsel to the Authority.
4. Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute any other ancillary documentation or future amendments, approved as to form by Counsel to the Authority, which are necessary to effectuate these agreements and the activities permitted under these agreements.

Alternate Board Member Thomas Ewald motioned first, seconded by Board Member Mark Alexander.

Ayes 8: Alexander, Chidester, Curley, Ewald, Geiger, Glatt, Ortiz, and Perez.

MOTION APPROVED.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS – NONE

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

XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Alternate Chair Mark Glatt announced the next item on the Agenda is Closed Session, and stated instructions were emailed to Board and Alternate Members to join via teleconference. Chair Glatt advised attendees the Board will return to the current open line to reconvene the meeting once closed session concludes. County Counsel Moore convened Closed Session at 9:52 a.m.

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

At 10:53 a.m., County Counsel Moore announced the Board meeting is reconvened. Roll call was conducted and County Counsel Moore stated the Brown Act does not require a report.

XII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:

The Board meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m., and the next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., via Teleconference.