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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

**LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY**

Thursday, February 4, 2021 • 9:00 a.m.
Conducted via Microsoft Teams Meeting*

Board Members Present:

Cathy Chidester, Dir., EMS Agency, County of LADHS
Mark Alexander, City Manager, CA Contract Cities Assoc.

Alternates For Board Members Present:

John Geiger, General Manager, County of Los Angeles
Tony Ramirez, Vice-Chair, Assistant Fire Chief, County of Los Angeles Fire Dept.
Mark Glatt, Chief, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.
Brian Solinsky, Deputy Chief, City of South Pasadena Police Dept.
David Povero, Captain, City of Covina Police Dept.

Officers Present:

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

Absent:

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



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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Alternate Chair, Mark Glatt, called the Special Board meeting to order 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. January 7, 2021 – Minutes

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

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

Ayes 7: Alexander, Chidester, Geiger, Glatt, Povero, Ramirez, and Solinsky.

MOTION APPROVED.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – NONE

Alternate Chair Glatt announced he has decided to retire from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) effective March 31, 2021, and stated this will be his last meeting as the Alternate for Sheriff Alex Villanueva and his replacement will be Chief Eli Vera.

VI. REPORTS (B-E)

B. Director's Report – Scott Edson

Executive Director Scott Edson greeted the Alternate Chair, Board members and meeting attendees and extended congratulations to Alternate Chair Glatt on his upcoming retirement and displayed a plaque from LA-RICS presented to Chair Glatt a few days before.

Executive Director Edson stated he worked with Alternate Chair Glatt when he was a Lieutenant in 2011 when Executive Director Edson was the Captain of Sheriff's

Communications and Fleet and he was looking for an exciting position within the Bureau. Alternate Chair Glatt was over qualified for the position where his knowledge and experience in communications became evident, so Executive Director Edson snatched him up. Since 2011 Alternate Chair Glatt has been involved in many successful large projects, and has improved and maintained the Sheriff's current system awaiting LA-RICS. Upon his promotion to Chief of Technical Services Division he, like all of you, became Executive Director Edson's boss. As chair we worked well together and this program has moved right along, despite hurdle after hurdle. Executive Director Edson stated he really cannot say enough about the great contributions made to LASD, LA-RICS, and the citizens of Los Angeles County since 2011 by Alternate Chair Glatt. He will be missed and again, thank you Alternate Chair Glatt for your service and congratulations, and welcome to Chief Eli Vera, his replacement.

Alternate Chair Glatt acknowledged and thanked Executive Director Edson for this comments.

Executive Director Edson stated he would also like to take the time to thank Chief John Curley for his service on the Board. Chief Curley announced he is leaving to become Chief of Security for Foothill Transit and leaving our Board effective February 15, 2021 and LA-RICS has a plaque for him too. Executive Director Edson stated he first met Chief Curley back in 2016, which he believes it was at a retirement dinner and Chief Curley was slated to become the next Police Chief for the Covina Police Department. Executive Director Edson stated he introduced himself and they talked and it was clear to him why he was going to be the next Police Chief and hoped he would become one of our Board members. Executive Director Edson stated he knew that his knowledge, experiences, and personality would make Chief Curley successful and it clearly did; and thanked Chief Curley for his service, and stated he will be missed, and is sure that he will be very successful as the Chief of Security and Safety for Foothill Transit.

Executive Director Edson stated he has one question for Chief Curley, what kind of radio system does Foothill Transit use and when can the team meet to discuss replacing that system with LA-RICS. Executive Director Edson stated again, congratulations.

LTE 2 Update

In regards to the Long Term Evaluation (LTE) 2 update, Executive Director Edson stated the Federal Grantor informed us Doug Kinkoph, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Associate Administrator, recommended approval of the Asset Transfer documents which are currently under review with the NTIA office of Chief Counsel and Department of Commerce office of General Counsel's financial assistance law division – which is the legal counsel to the National Oceanic

and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Once legal completes their review it routes for leadership approval. Either the Acting Secretary or once the appointed one is approved; they will approve the documents at NTIA and route to NOAA for approval. Executive Director Edson stated it's been quite some time as the team submitted documents for approval in October 2020, and the team has impressed upon the Federal Grantor incorporating these sites into the National Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) is time-sensitive. Additionally, LA-RICS informed them while we await approval we will continue to incur costs tied to maintaining these sites under LA-RICS ownership such as insurance cost, etc.

In addition, the payment from AT&T that was to fund our current fiscal year operations is pending this Asset Transfer approval. The team is holding certain payments funded by the AT&T Business Agreement funds pending the final approval and payment tied to the same.

The team has reported to your Board that POM2 contractor had run into issues securing its license renewal. LA-RICS is happy to report they were able to secure appropriate license renewals and work at POM2 is underway. Project Director Chris Odenthal will provide additional updates on the status of this and other LTE 2 sites under Agenda Item F.

LMR Update

In regards to the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) update, Executive Director Edson stated as most of you know, the T-Band take away was rescinded; so the team continues to move forward to properly license the T-Band frequencies currently in use, with the assistance of the Los Angeles County Internal Service Department (ISD), the Spectrum Manager. LA-RICS Lead Engineer Ted Pao will provide an update on frequency and licensing under Agenda Item G.

With the clearing of the T-Band take away (and the appropriate interference mitigation efforts) and based on a question from Alternate Chair Glatt a couple meetings ago about future agency access, LA-RICS has a presentation by Steve Page, the LMR System Manager on System Capacity and Coverage under Agenda Item J. Steve will tie together the importance of the 58 site system, the coverage, the numerous subsystems, with agency compatibilities for a holistic view of how the LA-RICS system will greatly benefit first and secondary responders.

As for the Coastal Sites, the County has confirmed placement of findings of the two (2) Santa Monica Mountain sites that were appealed on their Board Agenda of February 9, 2021, for formal approval upholding Regional Planning's' findings. LA-RICS expected these would be heard on January 26, 2021; however, the County has committed it will hear the items on February 9th and no later. As for the three (3)

Catalina sites that received their respective Coastal Development Permits in December, Motorola Solutions Inc., (Motorola) received building permits for two (2) of the three (3) sites the first week of January, and according to our partners at the Department of Public Works, the 3rd building permit is imminent.

Unfortunately, despite having permits in hand for two (2) of the three (3) sites the first week of January, no construction activity has begun at those sites. As has been reported to your Board, those sites were included in the list of demobilized sites Motorola stated it would not continue work on despite significant schedule impacts their demobilization would have, especially at these Catalina Island sites where the window for construction activities is critical given the fox pupping season and environmental restrictions tied to the same. The team has communicated the impact this demobilization has on the program, the schedule and cost delays; however, Motorola continues to refuse to issue work orders for construction to commence. Deputy Project Manager Tanya Roth will provide additional details relating to the status of the Coastal sites under Agenda Item H. Executive Director Edson stated he will continue to update your Board on status of LMR work performed by Motorola.

Motorola is continuing to move forward on the remaining sites captured in the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) 18 program scheduled to close out this March. Executive Director Edson stated there have been some delays encountered on the scheduled work and the team may be obligated again to seek a time extension to allow for these activities to be captured under the UASI Grant. Despite working groups and meetings with Motorola taking place over the last year to ensure compliance with performance period deadlines and performing efficiently at sites to be able to mitigate unforeseen issues, such as red flag days and snow delays, the team is here again looking for ways to mitigate these very delays. Executive Director stated if the team needs an extension it will likely be a request to borrow time from the City of Los Angeles Mayors' Office closeout period for those specific sites requiring additional time only and will not be a request for an extension of the appropriation. LA-RICS continues working with Motorola to pull in dates where the team can and capture only those activities which truly require additional time. Agenda Item K is an Amendment to the LMR contract to include change orders required to complete work at certain UASI 18 sites – change order work includes electrical utility work at Mount Disappointment (MDI) and work required to comply with the Special Use Permit/United States Forest Service Decision Memo for the visual impact mitigation measures at eleven (11) sites. The item was presented to the Board at a Change Order Board meeting on January 12, 2021, and Executive Director Edson stated he has vetted and supports the amendment request with the amended costs captured in the UASI 18 spending plan.

Lastly, Justin Delfino will provide additional details on LMR build under the Project Managers Report.

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

There was no further discussion.

C. Project Manager's Report – Justin Delfino

LTE2 Current Status:

Program Manager Justin Delfino presented the status of LTE2 and stated Sites 1-20 closeout materials including punch corrections and as-built information has been transmitted to FirstNet AT&T, approximately fifteen (15) of the sites have been accepted by FirstNet AT&T to date. The remaining sites to accept are USFS sites and UCLA.

LTE2 Sites 21 through 26

Program Manager Delfino provided an overview of sites 21 through 26 as stated below:

- MML2 – Base work completed.
- MNTBLPD – Base scope work completed.
- POLA1 – Base work completed, in queue for LADWP to energize.
- POLA2 - Base work completed, will energize upon inspection approval.
- POLB1 - Awaiting confirmation of executed SAA.
- POM2 – Construction started.

Program Manager Delfino provided updates and shared site photos of what the Team has been working on as stated below:

POLA1

A photo of a monopole in the Port of Los Angeles.

POLA2

Program Manager Delfino stated both POLA1 and POLA2 are sitting in a critical area for coverage because it is hard to get telecommunication sites installed in the Port of Los Angeles. Both towers are pictured sitting on cellblock foundations.

POM2

Program Manager Delfino shared a photo of material staging showing the team just started work at this site.

Program Manager Delfino stated if you have any questions Chris Odenthal will take them during Agenda Item F.

LMR PROGRAM CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

Program Manager Delfino provided an update on the construction overview and shared some recent successes on the LMR Program as stated below:

Open and Active Sites:

- UASI 18 -. Fourteen (14) total new sites with this grant spend with finishing touches remaining at nine (9) Sites
- UASI 19 – Two (2) sites under construction BUR1 and BMT.

January/ February successes on the LMR Program:

- Only eleven (11) sites remain to build.
- 30 sites have permanent power.
- Zero recordable injuries to date.

Monthly Report Follow-up:

Program Manager Delfino provided an update on Monthly Report follow-up as stated below:

- MSI Report No. 89 was not provided this month to the JPA. This is an effort of quality reporting as the team did not agree with items reported by MSI.
- MSI has still not appointed a Construction Supervisor.
- MSI is still struggling to manage IMS submissions.
- MSI is having difficulty in providing close out materials.

SAA

Program Manager Delfino stated there is one outstanding SAA with finalization of ESR pending.

MMRP Monitoring:

Program Manager Delfino stated no shows, late cancellation, and leaving early is a current problem with MSI subcontractors and the Authority is currently tracking this issue closely and documenting the issues to MSI.

Current Focus:

Program Manager Delfino stated the schedule has been a primary focus between the LA-RICS and MSI Teams and provided highlights below:

- Schedule IMS resolution – Currently MSI has only submitted IMS schedule for information only. MSI has also submitted a Fragnet schedule to demonstrate opportunities to complete earlier. MSI is working to complete the Grant spending objectives for UASI 18.
- In this period the Authority is assisting MSI in power coordination at remaining sites.
- Change Management has become a focus between MSI and the Authority; there are two regularly scheduled meetings to review and approve change order requests. Despite all of the attention paid to processing change requests, MSI has taken the position, contrary to contract instruction, they will not perform change work prior to executed change order requests.

Program Manager Delfino provided updates and shared site photos of what the Team has been working on as stated below:

LPC

Program Manager Delfino shared a panoramic photo of LPC completed.

BUR1

Program Manager Delfino shared photos of progress at BUR1, and stated this is the site being completed and the photo on the left shows the Team setting final cage (the cage was damaged in transportation and was rebuilt on site) and shared the photo on the right of a truck pumping into the foundation.

GMT

Program Manager Delfino shared a photo of the site and tall grass (living up to its namesake).

PRG

Program Manager Delfino shared a panoramic photo of completed site.

MDI

Program Manager Delfino shared a photo of ISD clearing the road of snow as a result of an issue at MDI, where Motorola had problems coming up to the site due to the snow.

MML

Program Manager Delfino shared another photo to demonstrate the snow weather condition at the site.

RIH

Program Manager Delfino shared a photo of a punch walk through being performed.

INDWT

Program Manager Delfino shared another punch walk through photo at INDWT and stated the gentleman in the photo is taking a picture of the ID tag of the tower. These type of photos are used by MSI to assemble their closeout manuals.

This concludes the Project Manager's Report.

There was no further discussion.

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

Lieutenant Sven Crongeyer stated the team is making progress on the 13 Channel ACVRS MOU. The team hopes to have the MOU completed in the near future. Lieutenant Crongeyer stated he has not heard any feedback from the California Department of Justice (DOJ) regarding the Confidentiality of Information Bulletin all California Law Enforcement Telecommunication System (CLETS) users were supposed to have submitted their compliance plans by December 31, 2020. Lieutenant Crongeyer stated he will follow-up with DOJ for the compliance plans status and report back to the board if needed.

E. Finance Committee Chair Report – No Report

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (F-J)

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

Program Director Chris Odenthal stated the document before you is the tracker showing all sites with the exception of POM2 are constructed and infrastructure is complete; with antennas installed and awaiting tower. In regards to POM2, Project Manager Delfino showed photos of equipment that is now on-site. A crane delivery took place this past weekend.

Program Director Odenthal stated the team has continued to follow-up with POLB1 and AT&T on their efforts to secure a lease agreement. It is continuing to be a cost issue from an ongoing rent perspective (POLB1 asked AT&T to submit a counter proposal). Program Director Odenthal stated from a grant perspective any activity that LA-RICS would perform on POLB1 is entirely the responsibility of AT&T from a construction and final negotiation standpoint.

This concludes the update.

There was no further discussion.

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

LA-RICS Lead Engineer Ted Pao stated on the TV interference issue, in December, the San Diego's TV station has relocated its transmitter and antenna to another site. Subsequent to the relocation, there was a joint testing of the interference measurement with the TV station technical personnel. LA-RICS Lead Engineer Pao stated a draft report indicated there is some interference reduction as compared to the old site and tower, but more long-term measurements and data collection by the County will be needed to determine the final outcome to this mitigation.

LA-RICS Lead Engineer Pao stated on the frequency license topic, as reported by Executive Director Edson, Congress has finally repealed the T-band auction that was mandated in the 2012 Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act. Now that Congress has repealed this mandate, it now allows the Federal Communication Center (FCC) to proceed with processing T-band applications. FCC issued an order to allow existing T-band applications for renewal or modification to proceed forward but will dismiss all new license applications that have been submitted with a waiver of suspension notice.

LA-RICS Lead Engineer Pao stated what this means for LA-RICS is FCC will process some of our licenses that only needed modifications but most of our applications for new licenses will be dismissed. The County, as the Spectrum Manager, will be able to move forward to re-submit our applications when FCC opens up for new applications on March 22, 2021. As these applications have already passed FCC technical review, the team are not expecting long delays on getting licenses granted after the submittal. This concludes the update.

There was no further discussion.

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

Deputy Program Manager Tanya Roth stated the late breaking news from last night is the two (2) sites in the Santa Monica Mountains (Saddle Peak and Fire Station 72) posted on the Board of Supervisors Agenda as consent to deny the appeals filed and find in favor of the projects proceeding forward. As you will recall both sites received appeals followed by unanimous approval at the respective Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Hearings. The Board of Supervisors (BOS) appeal hearings were held in November where the BOS voted in favor of the projects and denied the appeals. The meeting next week is to finalize the BOS decisions via an agenized consent item. Once the administrative item is finalized following next week's meeting the next step is a 10-day appeal period, which is appealable to the California Coastal Commission. Deputy Program Manager Roth stated the CDP process for these two sites is taking longer than expected due to the appeals filed, but she assured the board that it is moving forward.

Deputy Program Manager Roth went on to report on the Catalina sites and share that Regional Planning issued all three (3) Coastal Permits on December 17, 2020, making for a fantastic and much celebrated early holiday gift! Since then, Motorola has informed the Authority their permitted access route needs to be adjusted which triggers the need for an amendment to the Coastal Permit that was issued in December. Deputy Program Manager Roth stated as Executive Director Edson mentioned, the building permits for Black Jack and Tower Peak were received, with Dakin Peak to follow shortly once Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division (GMED) corrections are addressed by Motorola's engineering team. Finally, Deputy Program Manager Roth shared that the DPK SAA completed last week and with Fox Popping Season commencing on March 1, 2021, these last remaining items need to be resolved quickly otherwise, mobilization to the island will be delayed until July.

This concludes the update.

There was no further discussion.

I. Outreach Update – Wendy Stallworth-Tait and Sven Crongeyer

Executive Assistant Wendy Stallworth-Tait stated before you today as Agenda Item I, is the outreach summary for the months of December and January. Executive Assistant Stallworth-Tait stated she will highlight some of the activities and pass it to Lieutenant Crongeyer and he will provide updates on agencies outreach.

Executive Assistant Stallworth-Tait stated various meeting continued with team members and AT&T to discuss ongoing Technical and Program Management concerns, Transfer Transition logistics, Assignment and Assumption Agreements and Amendments, Network Coverage Review and quarterly progress review.

Executive Director Edson met with Los Angeles County CEO to provide an update on LA-RICS and Executive Director Edson attended virtually the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Communication, Technology Committee Meeting, the National Sheriff's Association (NSA) Government Affairs and the Emergency Communications Preparedness Center (ECPC) Advanced Technologies Working Group (ATWG) Monthly Meetings.

Lastly, Executive Director Edson and members of the LA-RICS Team met with representatives from the Los Angeles DWP Real Estate Division to discuss transfer of LTE Round 1 assets to FirstNet.

Lieutenant Crongeyer stated the team is working with California State University, Northridge to get their dispatch console connected to the LA-RICS Core. The team is assisting with radio programming for Inglewood Police Department, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, UCLA Police Department, and Santa Monica College Police Department.

This concludes the update.

There was no further discussion.

J. LMR System Capacity and Coverage Update – Steven Page

LMR System Manager Steven Page presented Agenda Item J and stated he is here at the request of Alternate Chair Glatt to follow up on the discussion held in August of 2019 regarding system capacity.

The question was asked by your Board, 'How many agencies can LA-RICS support on the LMR system?' and in order to answer that question, the team had to go back and look at the entire system holistically and our stringent capacity requirements in the Request for Proposals (RFP) and in the LMR contract, followed up with a lot of math.

LMR System Manager Page stated LA-RICS capacity is based on accommodating 34,000 first responders in the region. LA-RICS also differentiated itself from other regional systems by establishing a minimum number of ten (10) simultaneous talk paths for each cell/site. This is an important differentiator as the capacity is not only been designed to meet first responder's day-to-day operational needs, but in a surge condition where heavy usage is not expected on a day-to-day basis in rural areas such as the Angeles National Forest, Lake Los Angeles, I-5 north corridor near the Grapevine all have the minimum ten (10) talk paths. In addition, the 700 MHz trunked and UHF trunked system were individually designed to accommodate 34,000 first responders. This was done to allow a path forward for LA-RICS to support its member's operation had T-band been pulled back by Congress as previously mentioned by Technical Lead Engineer Pao.

Looking at what is required to determine the capacity, LA-RICS start by looking at the hardware of the system itself, starting with the 58 individual Radio Frequency (RF) sites, of which LA-RICS has 47 either done or in construction. The sites LA-RICS has are a mixture of UHF and 700 MHz, based on balancing coverage among all the sites and cells and the subscriber units out there in the field. Each site/cell have the capacity of ten (10) talk paths minimally on the 700 MHz trunked system and the UHF trunked system. In essence, these are two (2) separate trunked systems that can work in a standalone configuration if an agency has only single band subscriber radios. For an agency with dual or multi-band radios, it can still default to operate on a single band operationally if that talk group's radio are all reachable in the band. Although the system does have dynamic capability to link between the 700 MHz radios to UHF radios, operating on a single band is the most spectrum efficient and reserves system capacity to the maximum. Pine Mountain (PMT) in the Angeles National Forest is the only site with a 6-Channel UHF site due to unavailability of commercial power as it is a solar power site.

LMR System Manager Page stated this is important because as LA-RICS look at capacity, the team is having to combine this with the details of how each radio interacts with the system and how the team consider the permissions and roaming abilities for each talk group in the network.

LMR System Manager Page stated to determine the number of users this system can support comfortably; some important factors must be considered such as:

1. What is the average length of each transmission on each talk group – understanding a tactical talk group is going to have shorter per-transmission length versus a dispatch channel for Law, but the opposite for Fire which has long transmissions for dispatch but shorter per-transmission length on the tactical channels, even though there are more transmissions. The good news is that in the

long run, everything balances out and LA-RICS has some numbers the team can really use.

- a. It is good to note the Contractor is planning on implementing a solution within the system that will provide automation in terms of reporting and data analysis, which will alleviate performing manual data analysis.
2. How many talk groups are allowed on the particular site? LA-RICS has all regional tactical and interoperability talk groups allowed everywhere, but for example, Cal State University Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) talk groups will only be allowed on the South cell, and won't affect any other cells in the system; Rose Parade talk groups for LASD will only be on the San Gabriel and Downtown cells.
3. The Tech/Ops group can, and will receive requests to allow a talk group to roam on another site, but that will be the exception rather than the rule. Having one talk group roaming to the Oat Mountain (OAT) site just so one person can listen when they're home isn't a very efficient use of network resources. Change Management and the Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) system are a vital part of our processes to make sure LA-RICS do not waste these precious resources.

LMR System Manager Page stated now the team has the information needed, the team can calculate the capacity for each particular site, and once the team has a decision on which talk groups can go where in the system, the algorithm from the 2019 presentation can be used to give us the answer for each site.

Currently, in the early deployment and testing configuration, LA-RICS has the following:

LASD:

- 195 Talk groups
- UHF/700 DDM

LACoFD:

- 45 Talk groups
- UHF/700 DDM

Other Agencies, Interoperability, Testing:

- 444 Talk groups
- UHF/700 Dynamic Dual Mode (DDM)

LMR System Manager Page stated the answer to the underlying question, which is what is the capacity per site to allow for additional agencies?

Using capacity modeling software, the team has used the information to run projections and while the numbers are conservative and based on the probability of 'surge' events that will invariably happen, the team came up with the following:

- UHF Frequency Division Multiple Access (FDMA) Sites: Eleven (11) RF channels can support 120 talk groups in purely FDMA mode. Balancing in a number of DDM talk groups will push that number to 215 (conservatively) and going purely Phase 2 will allow for almost 340 talk groups. Of course, based on conservative calculations and the ability of the Tech/Ops group to allocate talk groups appropriately throughout the network. Remembering that in a DDM talk group, it only takes one radio on a talk group to bring the entire channel back to FDMA.
- UHF 6-Channel Sites: Six (6) RF channels can support 40 talk groups in purely FDMA mode. With a number of DDM talk groups, that number can be raised to 75, and if the site is made purely Phase 2, it is capable of 120 talk groups.
- 700 6-Channel TDMA Sites: 120 talk groups.
- South 700 Cell: Forth (40) talk groups if all channels are kept in FDMA mode. The site can be configured to have some channels be FDMA and some be DDM, based on the requirements of the agencies that will be using it. This will be a decision for Tech/Ops to make based on the projected users of that cell.

LMR System Manager Page stated with our dual-band trunked system, each with capacity designed to meet first responders' needs in the region, the team is comfortable our members' needs will be met. Even with the capability LA-RICS has, management of the talk groups and roaming capability remains critical and is a high priority in system management as the team start to operate.

In conclusion, are there any questions or follow-up items that your Board would like to see from our group?

This concludes the update.

There was no further discussion.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (K)

K. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 53 TO AGREEMENT NO. LA-RICS 007 FOR LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM LAND MOBILE RADIO SYSTEM

Contracts Manager Jeanette Arismendez presented Agenda Item K, Amendment No. 53 to the LMR Agreement and recommended the Board to take the following actions:

1. Make the following findings with respect to the LMR Change Order Modifications:
 - a. Find that (a) approval of Amendment No. 53 to contemplate certain Change Order Modifications at ten (10) LMR System Sites, Burnt Peak 1 (BUR1), Frost Peak (FRP), Grass Mountain (GMT), Johnstone Peak 2 (JPK2), Loop Canyon (LPC), Magic Mountain Link (MML), Mount Lukens (MTL2), Pine Mountain (PMT), Whitaker Middle Peak (WMP) and Whitaker Ridge (WTR) related to tower finishing work, is within the scope of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the LA-RICS LMR System, which was previously certified by the Board under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on March 29, 2016; (b) that the environmental findings and Mitigation Monitoring Program previously adopted by your Board are applicable to the currently recommended actions; and (c) there are no changes to the project at these sites or to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken that require revisions to the previous EIR due to new significant effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.
 - b. Find that (a) approval of Amendment No. 53 to contemplate certain Change Order Modifications at one (1) LMR System Site, Mount Disappointment (MDI) related to utility power work and tower finishing work, is within the scope of the design, construction, implementation, operation and maintenance activities for the LMR System previously authorized at this one (1) site, which the Board previously found statutorily exempt from review under CEQA on February 5, 2015, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25, the exemption adopted specifically for the LA-RICS, and find that any underground utility connection work that may occur outside of MDI site, if needed to provide network connectivity to the LMR System and/or to the nearest utility interconnection with adequate capacity for commercial power delivery to the site, is categorically exempt under CEQA pursuant to Guidelines section 15301 (existing facilities), 15303 (new construction or conversion of small structures), and 15304 (minor alterations to land).
2. Approve Amendment No. 53 to Agreement No. LA-RICS 007 for a LMR System with Motorola, which revises the Agreement to incorporate certain LMR Change

Order Modifications as further described in Board Letter for a total cost increase in an amount not to exceed \$342,460.

3. Authorize an increase to the Maximum Contract Sum in an amount not to exceed \$342,460, when taking the recommended actions into consideration from \$290,604,493 to \$290,946,953.
4. Allow for the issuance of one or more Notices to Proceed for the Work contemplated in Amendment No. 53.
5. Delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 53, in substantially similar form, to the Amendment which was enclosed with the Board Letter.

Board Member Alexander asked what the source of funding was for increased amount of \$342,460. Contracts Manager Arismendez informed Board Member Alexander the source of funding is the UASI grant.

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

Board Member Cathy Chidester motioned first, seconded by Alternate Board Member Tony Ramirez.

Ayes 7: Alexander, Chidester, Geiger, Glatt, Povero, Ramirez, and Solinsky.

MOTION APPROVED.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS – NONE

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

Board Member Cathy Chidester stated she wants to make sure LA-RICS is aware the Department of Mental Health is having multiple meetings with various stakeholders regarding radios and dispatch centers, including 911 and other call numbers; it seems they want to connect with various entities and since this is a radio project, she just wanted LA-RICS to be aware.

XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

The Board entered into Closed Session at 9:50 am.

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



The Board returned from Closed Session at 10:19 am and Counsel Moore took roll call and acknowledged a quorum was present and stated the Brown Act does not require a report.

XII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:

Alternate Chair Glatt stated before adjourning the meeting he would like to thank his fellow Board Members saying it has been a pleasure working with the Board for the last couple of years towards the goal of getting the LA-RICS system up and running. Alternate Chair Glatt stated he knows LA-RICS will continue to work to make this a premier radio for the county. At the adjournment of this meeting Chief Vera will be the official Sheriff's Alternate and representative. Alternate Chair Glatt stated he would also like to thank the Executive Director and his staff for all their hard work and efforts on this project.

The Board meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m., and the next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 4, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., via Microsoft Teams / Teleconference Meeting.