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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

**LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY**

Thursday, January 7, 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.
Mark Fronterotta, Chief of Police, City of Inglewood Police Dept.
Chris Nunley, Chief of Police, City of Signal Hill Police Dept.
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, Vice-Chair, Deputy 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.

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.

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 9:02 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. December 3, 2020 – Minutes

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

Board Member Mark Alexander stated the title on the minutes' state Special Meeting Minutes instead of Regular Meeting Minutes. Executive Assistant Wendy Stallworth-Tait stated it was a Regular Meeting, and recommended the Board amend the minutes to reflect Regular Meeting Minutes instead of Special Meeting Minutes. County Counsel Truc Moore also stated the minutes will be updated to reflect the Regular Meeting Minutes and the Board can approve this by a motion.

Board Member Mark Alexander motioned first, seconded by Alternate Board Member John Geiger.

Ayes 8: Alexander, Chidester, Curley, Fronterotta, Geiger, Glatt, Nunley and Solinsky.

MOTION APPROVED.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – NONE

VI. REPORTS (B-E)

B. Director's Report – Scott Edson

Executive Director Scott Edson greeted the Chair and Board members and meeting attendees, he wished everyone a great and safe 2021!

LTE 2 Update

In regards to the Long Term Evaluation (LTE) 2 update, Executive Director Edson stated the sites funded by AT&T, the team is still pending Federal Grantor approval of the Asset Transfer Agreement and transferring the LTE Round 2 assets to AT&T for inclusion in the National system – the team is nearing the end of the final LTE Round 2 sites with of course, one minor hurdle. POM 2 was scheduled to start construction; however, due to COVID-19, the contractor just informed the team they are having trouble securing license renewal, given this news the team is working to explore going to the second place bidder while waiting for license renewal issuance. On a good note, the Montebello Police Department (MNTBPD) site is now closed out, which is great news and a critical site to the region. Project Director Chris Odenthal provided a summary update for the Board’s review as Agenda Item F and for this meeting requested the Board simply receive and file this report. Any significant updates will be shared with the Board as they arise.

LMR Update

In regards to the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) update, Executive Director Edson stated relating to the frequency issues and T-Band, the team is happy to finally witness the repeal of the T-Band takeaway – and will continue to work closely with the County, tasked as the Spectrum Owner and manager of frequencies upon which the LMR system is being built. Next steps are pending T-Band applications for full use licenses.

Executive Director Edson took the opportunity to thank the County leaders including former Board Member Dean Gialamas and Alternate Board Member John Geiger whom continuously met, monitored and advocated for all LA-RICS’ FCC licensing needs. Executive Director Edson requested the Board receive and file Agenda Item G in the interest of time, and the team will provide the Board with updates on the next steps and licensing of the pending applications as they are received.

As for the Coastal Sites, as reported to your Board over the last few meetings, the team is awaiting the appeal period on the two (2) Santa Monica mountain sites, and are happy to report receipt of the three (3) Catalina sites Coastal Development Permits in hand on December 17, 2020. Executive Director Edson stated this was a wonderful Christmas present. LA-RICS transmitted the same to Motorola (MSI) on the day the CDPs were received. With County permits issued for two (2) of the three (3) Catalina sites this week, the team is extremely eager and excited to see the build begin, which was scheduled for this week! With this brief update and while the team awaits the appeal period on the two (2) Santa Monica mountain sites, Director Edson requested the Board receive and file Agenda Item H, with updates on these sites to come as the team receives them.



Executive Director Edson stated in regards to Outreach, LA-RICS has provided a memo for your Board's information, and request to simply receive and file. At the last meeting Chief Glatt requested a presentation on the system and the agencies it is capable of serving and the team has postponed that presentation to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, to allow more time for closed session today.

Executive Director Edson stated the LMR program build was moving well as previously mentioned, the team received three (3) county permits this week; two (2) Catalina Island sites (BJM and TWR) and Rancho Palos Verdes (RPVT). Executive Director Edson acknowledged and thanked the Department of Public Works (DPW) for their expedited review of permits for these very important sites and for their support to date. There are four (4) additional sites that are in with the permitting agency and pending permit issuance are LACF072, ESR, PMT (power permit only) and DPK. The team is now down to three (3) sites pending building permit submission to permitting agency. Those sites are BKK, SPH, TOP Relay. There is an additional site, which requires permit submission (SPN) but the team is currently exploring whether use of existing tower in the same polygon would allow for a more efficient and cost-effective build. Given the need to explore such options, before your Board is an item seeking delegated authority to procure services for A&E and construction contractors outside of the MSI contract. Exploring options at sites may prove to be more efficient and effective than proceeding via change orders under the existing MSI LMR contract. That item is before the Board as Agenda Item L. Any resultant contract awards would certainly be brought to your board for consideration of approval. This item simply seeks authority to proceed with a procurement vehicle only.

Additionally, Amendment No. 51 is before your Board; which will allow LA-RICS to secure a leased fiber link between FCCF and PLM cores in order to accelerate network optimization and provide secondary network connectivity at the sites. That item will be presented to you under Agenda Item M.

Finally, as reported to your Board, MSI refused to continue environmental monitoring work given they'd depleted their MMRP budget well ahead of completing the MMRP work at all sites in the LMR system and refused to enter into a fixed price budget for work at remaining LMR sites. After extensive negotiations to ensure competitive pricing, the team has prepared Agenda Item N, Amendment No. 29 to the Jacobs contract, which provides funding augmentation to include and implement the environmental mitigation monitoring and reporting plan for twenty-three (23) sites with remaining work requiring the MMRP be applied. At a high level, the MSI contract included a \$2.9M budget for the MMRP work, however, it was time and material and depleted this past December. Additionally, the MSI Project Director informed LA-RICS they have an additional \$2M in losses relating to this program in costs that were disallowed by the Authority. MSI completed work for twenty-one (21) sites under this program with some additional partial work at others. Jacobs will be assuming the

MMRP work at 23 sites, including some of the more complex and difficult sites in the coastal zone, the Catalina's and forest with longer build durations for a fraction of the cost. Executive Director Edson stated this amendment has been closely scrutinized and supports Jacobs taking on this additional work. Staff will share additional details to support this amendment under Agenda Item N.

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

Board Member Mark Alexander asked about the timing of the Closed Session and asked if the Board is going into to closed session at the end of the Agenda. Alternate Chair Glatt stated Closed Session will take place after Administrative Matters. Board Member Alexander stated the reason for asking is because the Board needs to go into Closes Session before one (1) of the Administrative Matters is discussed. Executive Director Edson stated there is no problem with Board Member Alexander's request to go into Closed Session after Discussion Items. Alternate Chair Glatt stated the Board will proceed in that manner.

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 close-out materials including punch corrections and as-built information has been transmitted to FirstNet/AT&T; approximately 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 scope work completed.
- MNTBLPD – Base scope work completed.
- POLA1 – Base work to be completed next week COVID-19 impact (contractor/staff was infected with COVID-19) and due to this reason work will start next week. In queue for LADWP to energize.
- POLA2 - Power run scheduled for January install. Fenix Terminal approved, and work is starting tomorrow.

- POLB1 - Awaiting confirmation of executed SAA (pending negotiations).
- POM2 - Work planned to commence by end of January and is also COVID-19 impacted.

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:

- Work completion for UASI 18 is on track for fourteen (14) site completions at critical locations in the network including the majority of USFS sites and other key sites such as TOP and RHT. In addition to new builds, MSI also completed ten (10) additional sites that required completion of work transferred from UASI 17. Greatest construction effort from MSI to date.
- BJM, TWR, GRM, MTL2 and RPVT all permitted in this period.
- Only eleven (11) sites remain to build; Thirty (30) sites have permanent power.
- Zero recordable injuries to date.

Open and Active Sites:

- Phase 2: GMT, JPK2, LPC, MDI, MML, PMT, PRG, RHT, RIH, BUR1, CPK (11) sites.

SAA

Program Manager Delfino stated the outstanding SAA's are Coastal (DPK) and finalization of ESR.

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 – Fragnet schedule was incorporated into IMS after a unanimous decision by MSI. The Authority approved the December 1, 2020, IMS on December 16, 2020.

- In a correspondence from MSI on December 28, 2020, and January 5, 2021, MSI made statements about dismay with IMS and “partial demobilization” of certain sites while continuing to work at others.
- Close out manual submissions to Authority.
- Grant spend coordination for MDI and MML.
- West Cell Configuration, RFQ No. 60.
- Assist MSI in power coordination at remaining sites.
- A 30-day look-ahead schedule planning meeting with MSI especially for sites requiring environmental monitors present.

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

LPC

This site is overlooking the San Gabriel Valley and the VIAMM finishes are applied to the gate. The shelter and tower are complete; this is essentially a completed site.

PMT

The tower mounts are all complete. This is the solar site in the middle of the forest, which is north of Azusa. Contractor is scheduled to be back at this site on January 11, 2021, and the work will continue to progress.

MML

This site has two tone paint on the tank, per the forest to allow for a small aircraft or anyone traveling overhead to not be distracted with a white colored tank. The team painted the top of the tank in order to comply with the forest requirement as well as the earth tone on the fencing.

GMT

Our tower is complete and colored to comply with the forest VIAMM requirements. This site requires SCE to approve the as-built location of the vaults placed by MSI. All work is currently on track to be completed for UASI 18 as reported by MSI.

JPK2

This tower is fully loaded with microwave and all of the RF antennas on it, which is overlooking San Dimas, La Verne, and the Claremont area.

This concludes the Project Manager’s Report.

There was no further discussion.

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

E. Finance Committee Chair Report – No Report

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (F-J)

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

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

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

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

J. LMR System Capacity and Coverage Update

Alternate Chair Glatt made a recommendation for Discussion Items (F-J) be Received and Filed and asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board.

There were none.

Agenda Item XI - Closed Session Report was taken out of order at the request of Board Member Alexander.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 9:25 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 10:24 am and Counsel Moore took roll call and acknowledged a quorum was present. Counsel Moore stated the Brown Act does not require a report.

Alternate Vice-Chair Thomas Ewald took over for Alternate Chair Mark Glatt.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (K-N)

K. DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT EQUIPMENT ON A GRATIS BASIS

LMR System Manager Steven Page presented Agenda Item K, and provided background, the City of Pasadena, from 2010 to 2020, operated on TV Channel 15 frequencies for their radio system, and upon merging with the City of Glendale's system, began operating on Channel 16 frequencies.

There is antenna combining equipment that was originally not grant-funded that has become obsolete to Pasadena as part of their migration and has been offered to LA-RICS on a gratis basis. The total value of the combiners is approximately \$15,000.

LMR System Manager Page went on to state it is the intent of LA-RICS to use this equipment as part of a system to test and evaluate equipment on the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) system as part of an equipment test lab in a controlled environment.

By executing the receipt, the Authority will accept the equipment but will not guarantee and will not imply any commitment to purchase or procure any equipment, goods, and/or services from Pasadena.

LMR System Manager Page stated there is no fiscal impact associated and recommended the Board take the following actions:

It is recommended that your Board delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute a receipt between the Authority and the Pasadena, in substantially similar form to the Enclosure, to allow the Authority to accept certain combiner equipment, on a gratis basis, for the purposes of testing and evaluating compatibility and functionality of the equipment on the LMR Early Deployment System.

Board Member Alexander stated just to confirm this is a permanent transfer. LMR System Manager Page stated correct. Alternate Vice-Chair Ewald asked for the estimated dollar amount of the equipment again. LMR System Manager Page stated approximately \$15,000.

Alternate Board Member John Geiger motioned first, seconded by Board Member Mark Alexander.

Ayes 6: Alexander, Chidester, Ewald, Fronterotta, Geiger, and Nunley

MOTION APPROVED.

L. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ISSUE PROCUREMENTS FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE LAND MOBILE RADIO SYSTEM

Contracts Manager Jeanette Arismendez presented Agenda Item L, and requested the Board authorize the Executive Director to enlist procurement services on an as-needed basis from the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to secure an architectural and engineering firm as well as construction contractors, via any procurement mechanism Public Works deems appropriate [e.g. Request for Proposal (RFP), a prequalification process, an Invitation for Bid (IFB), etc.] for a not-to-exceed amount of \$100,000.

Contracts Manager Arismendez explained that this work would be for procurement services with Public Works only and that any Agreements resulting from the procurement process performed by Public Works would be presented to the Board for consideration and approval.

Alternate Board Member John Geiger motioned first, seconded by Board Member Mark Alexander.

Ayes 6: Alexander, Chidester, Ewald, Fronterotta, Geiger, and Nunley

MOTION APPROVED.

M. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 51 TO AGREEMENT NO. LA-RICS 007 FOR LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM LAND MOBILE RADIO SYSTEM

Contracts Manager Arismendez presented Agenda Item M, which is Amendment No. 51 to the LMR Agreement with Motorola and recommend the Board 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. 51 to contemplate certain Change Order Modifications at two (2) LMR System Sites, Los Angeles County Fire Command (FCCF) and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Palmdale Station) (PLM) related to a leased fiber link between FCCF and PLM, is within the scope of the design, construction, implementation, operation and maintenance activities for the LMR System previously authorized at these two (2) sites, which your Board previously found statutorily exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on November 13, 2014 and December 17, 2015 pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25, the exemption adopted specifically for the LA-RICS, and any leased circuit work that may occur outside of Site FCCF and Site PLM, if needed to provide network connectivity to the LMR System, 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).

- b. Find that (a) approval of Amendment No. 51 to contemplate certain Change Order Modifications at one (1) LMR System Sites, Compton Court Building (CCB) related to a microwave installation modification, 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 your Board previously found statutorily exempt from review under CEQA on November 13, 2014, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25, the exemption adopted specifically for the LA-RICS Project, and any leased circuit work that may occur outside of Site CCB, if needed to provide network connectivity to the LMR System, 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. 51 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 the board letter for a total cost increase in the amount of \$23,977.
3. Authorize an increase to the Maximum Contract Sum in the amount of \$23,977, when taking the recommended actions into consideration from \$290,580,360 to \$290,604,337.
4. Allow for the issuance of one of more Notices to Proceed for the Work contemplated in Amendment No. 51.
5. Delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 51, in substantially similar form, to the Amendment enclosed with the board letter.

Alternate Board Member John Geiger motioned first, seconded by Board Member Mark Alexander.

Ayes 6: Alexander, Chidester, Ewald, Fronterotta, Geiger, and Nunley

MOTION APPROVED.

N. AMENDMENT NO. 29 TO THE PROJECT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT

Administrative Deputy Susy Orellana-Curtiss presented Agenda Item N, and stated this is Amendment No.29 to the Jacobs Project Contract for an increase for environmental

professional services work, which will result in a contract increase of \$2,524,771 and recommend your Board take the following actions:

1. Find that the proposed Amendment No. 29 with Jacobs for environmental professional services is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not defined as a project under CEQA and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.
2. Approve Amendment No. 29, substantially similar in form to the (Enclosure), which contemplates revising the Agreement with Jacobs to increase environmental work as follows:
 - a. Include all work necessary to implement environmental Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP) work for the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) program for a cost increase in the amount of \$2,362,855.
 - b. Include certain Visual Impact Assessment Quality Mitigation Measure (VIAMM) services in connection with the MMRP for a cost increase in the amount of \$97,914.
 - c. Include certain Soils Management services to be provided on an as-needed bases for a cost increase in the amount of \$64,002.
3. Approve an increase to the Maximum Contract Sum by \$2,524,771 from \$64,806,363 to \$67,331,134 when taking revisions contemplated in Amendment No. 29 into consideration.
4. Delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 29, in substantially similar form, to the enclosed Amendment (Enclosure).
5. Allow for the issuance of one or more Notices to Proceed for the Work contemplated in Amendment No. 29.

Board Member Alexander asked what is the source of funding for the contract increase of \$2.5 million. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss stated the source of funding is 100% from UASI grant. Board Member Alexander asked if this funding is being re-allocated from another project/contract. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss stated it is funding that has been identified for the completion of MMRP work and instead of proceeding with an amendment with MSI, instead LA-RICS would be adding the work to the Jacobs contract. Board Member Alexander stated does this require an amendment to the MSI contract to reduce or is it not committed. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss stated it does not require amendment to the existing MSI contract because they have exhausted their allocated MMRP funds as of the end of December



2020. This work is properly captured in their contract and does not require an amendment.

Alternate Board Member John Geiger motioned first, seconded by Board Member Cathy Chidester.

Ayes 6: Alexander, Chidester, Ewald, Fronterotta, Geiger, and Nunley

MOTION APPROVED.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS – NONE

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

XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Alternate Vice-Chair Ewald stated Closed Session Report has been addressed.

XII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:

The Board meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m., and the next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., via Teleconference/Microsoft Teams Meeting.

Alternate Vice-Chair Ewald wished everyone a safe and Happy New Year.