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LA-RICS

JOINT OPERATIONS AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY**

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 • 1:30 p.m.
Teleconference/Webex Meeting*

Operations Committee Members Present:

John Geiger, Los Angeles County, CEO
Steve Cabrera, Vice-Chair, County of Los Angeles, Fire Department
Sven Crongeyer, Chair, Lieutenant, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
Cathy Chidester, Los Angeles County DHS
Jeff LaGreek, Sergeant, Inglewood Police Department
Ric Walczak, Lieutenant, Covina Police Department

Technical Committee Members Present:

John Geiger, Los Angeles County, CEO
Scott England, Vice-Chair, Telecommunications Systems Consulting Engineer, LACoFD
Sven Crongeyer, Lieutenant, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
Lipin Tan, Los Angeles County DHS
Ted Pao, Chair, Information Technology Specialist, Los Angeles County Internal Services Department
Jeff LaGreek, Sergeant, Inglewood Police Department
Ric Walczak, Lieutenant, Covina Police Department

Absent:

Chris Donovan, Fire Chief, Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association
Anthony Vairo, Los Angeles County, Police Chiefs Association
James Craig, Manhattan Beach Fire Department

Officers Present:

Joann Huerta, LA-RICS Committee Secretary

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Operations Committee Chair Sven Crongeyer called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call

Operations Committee Chair Crongeyer asked for a roll call and acknowledged a quorum was present for Joint Operations and Technical Committee (Joint Committees).

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (A)

A. September 15, 2020 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Operations Technical Chair Pao asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Operations Committee Vice-Chair Steve Cabrera motioned first, seconded by Technical Committee Vice-Chair Scott England.

Ayes 9: Cabrera, Chidester, Crongeyer, England, Geiger, LaGreek, Pao, Tan, and Walczak.

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IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (NONE)

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – (NONE)

VI. REPORTS (B-E)

B. Status Report Update for LTE – Rick Burke

Televate Consultant Rick Burke provided an update on the Long Term Evolution (LTE) Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) Round 1 project and stated as of November 12, 2020, AT&T FirstNet is transitioning seventy-three (73) LTE sites into the network, with sixty-three (63) sites currently integrated into the AT&T network and ten (10) sites remaining to be integrated.

All but one of the remaining sites are forecasted to be integrated by the end of the first quarter of 2021, with one site being integrated during the second quarter of 2021.

There was no further discussion.

C. Status Report Update for PSBN Round 2 Deployment – Program Manager Justin Delfino

Program Manager Justin Delfino provided an update on the deployment of LTE Round 2 and stated the Magic Mountain Link (MML) is on track for final completion and the Montebello Police Department (MNTBLPD) site was completed at the end of October 2020.

The Port of Los Angeles (POLA1) had a slight issue with one tower appurtenance a (clam shell) and we are working on getting that resolved by ordering the new piece for installation. The Port of Los Angeles (POLA2) had a significant scope change; in that the power run to Fenix Terminal's house circuit no requires action by the LA-RICS contractor to make the termination at the building, over 900 feet away. The Authority is currently working to schedule this work with Fenix Terminal operations department representatives.

The Port of Long Beach (POLB1) site hasn't started yet; rates to be agreeable between AT&T and Long Beach are under active discussion. We can't start the site until these issues are resolved.

Pomona 2 (POM2) is moving along after a month long investigation regarding the hazardous material issue, the Judicial Council of California (JCC) needs confirmation there is not hazardous material and abatement work needed in order to proceed forward. Once its confirmed with JCC consultant, the Team are free to move forward.

There was no further discussion.

D. Status Report Update for LMR – Program Manager Justin Delfino

Program Manager Justin Delfino provided an update on the LMR system and provided detailed information on which sites are in construction, along with additional details supporting the construction-related activities occurring at the sites to date.

Program Manager Justin Delfino stated the completion is in the high 84-85% of the program. Site Access Agreement (SAA) is nearly all completed at this time but for Dakin Peak (DPK), which is the last one that requires completion on Catalina Island. The other site requiring finalization for SAA is East Sunset Ridge (ESR). The open issue pertains to the Owner's desire to migrate additional equipment onto the tower which will be structurally retrofitted by LA-RICS. A recent major victory was with Catalina Island sites finalizing their SAA for Black Jack Peak (BJM) and Tower Peak (TWR).

In regards to construction, approval was received to re-start build at the United States Forest Service (USFS) sites post long shut down due to wild fires. All UASI 18 grant

spending is on track to closeout on time. Work at Frost Peak (FRP) and Mountain High Ski Resort was suspended to allow for the resort ski season and the access road will re-open at the close of ski season anticipating end of April 2021, currently.

In regards to Narrow-banding, a deep dive on the schedule was performed along with MSI to continue and progress efforts to properly sequence the work in such a way that the critical date of October 30, 2020, is less impactful to the Program overall. One suggestion is to modify the Phase 4b testing plans to allow sites that do not rely on narrow-banding completion to be performed first and allow more time for just in time migration.

Lastly, Program Manager Delfino stated Phase 4 work such as site Optimization and microwave alignment is currently underway at several sites. Narrow-banding is underway for Channel 16, with Technical Lead Engineer Pao aiding in coordination with Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD).

In regards to the United States Forest Service (USFS) sites, construction was severely impacted by fires in the months of September, October and November 2020; not only was the contractor forced to vacate active construction projects, it also delayed the start of Sites ESR, MTL2 and BUR1.

There was no further discussion.

E. Regional ISSI Interoperability Working Group – No Update

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (F-H)

F. Distribution of the LARTCS/ACVRS Channel Plan – Sven Crongeyer

Operations Committee Chair Crongeyer provided an update and stated the distribution of the LARTCS/ACVRS Channel Plan is underway and will allow members and SoCal agencies time to insert the new frequencies into their radio code plugs.

Operations Committee Chair Crongeyer presented a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Use of LA-RICS User Equipment between the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) and the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD) and explained how LA-RICS is going to manage the thirteen (13) channels and states that only one (1) channel is countywide and designated to the County Fire Department and someone will need to manage these channels and how they will be used.

Further discussion will be forthcoming at the next Committee meeting.

Committee Member John Geiger asked who handles the LARTCS/ACVRS Channel Plan? Operations Chair Crongeyer responded Technical Committee Chair Pao

handles the meeting agenda and works with Los Angeles City. Committee Member Geiger stated that the County Internal Services Department (ISD) needs to be included in these meeting work groups. Technical Committee Chair Pao stated ISD has been invited to the meetings.

There was no further discussion.

G. Regional Interoperability Working Group Status – Ted Pao

Technical Committee Chair Pao stated the Regional Interoperability Working Group Status meeting scheduled for October 2020, was canceled and will reconvene this month or in December 2020.

There was no further discussion.

H. Regional Cyber Security Grant Request for UASI'21 – Ted Pao

Technical Committee Chair Pao provided an overview and status update on the Regional Cyber Security Grant Request for UASI 21 and stated most of you realize the trunked radio network, like LA-RICS, is largely an IP network that is vulnerable to cyber-attacks like our home computers and enterprise networks. The radio networks are using common network hardware platforms with standard operating systems, which are also potentially vulnerable to these malicious entities.

Technical Committee Chair Pao went on to state for UASI 21, LA-RICS has submitted an application for cybersecurity contractor that are familiar with radio networks to provide reports and recommendation to fortify out LMR networks for the region.

There was no further discussion.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS – (I)

I. 2021 SCHEDULE OF LA-RICS JOINT OPERATIONS AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Operations Committee Chair Crongeyer presented the 2021 Schedule of LA-RICS Joint Operations and Technical Committee Meetings and recommended that your Committee:

Approve the following dates for the calendar year 2021 Joint Operations and Technical Committee Regular Meeting Schedule:

January 19

March 16

July 20
September 21
November 16

All regular Meetings will be held at 1;30 p.m. Pacific Time via Teleconference/WebEx until further notice.

Joint Committee Member John Geiger motioned first, seconded by Operations Committee Vice-Chair Steve Cabrera.

Ayes 9: Cabrera, Chidester, Crongeyer, England, Geiger, LaGreek, Pao, Tan, and Walczak.

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IX. MISCELLANEOUS – NONE

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

Operations Committee Chair Crongeyer stated a future topic of discussion will be made on Encryption of radios at our next Joint Committee meeting and the California Department of Justice (DOJ) Information Bulletin will be provided at our next Committee meeting to discuss LA-RICS plans for encryption and how agencies can operate their radios in encrypted mode if they choose to do so.

Operations Committee Chair Crongeyer also stated the Department of Justice (DOJ) is very strict when it comes to speaking over the radio and stating name, address, driver license, and recommends this should be secured and protected and encrypted. LA-RICS radios are already encrypted and will send out a list of those radios that can be encrypted.

XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – NONE

XII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:

The Operations and Technical Committee Meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m., and the next Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., via Teleconference/WebEx.