



# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**LOS ANGELES REGIONAL  
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY**

Thursday, May 7, 2020 • 9:00 a.m.

**Teleconference Meeting**

Meeting Call-in Number for Board Members and Public:

(562) 526-3800

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**Board Members Present:**

**Mark Alexander**, City Manager, CA Contract Cities Assoc.

**Cathy Chidester**, Dir., EMS Agency, County of LADHS

**John Curley**, Chief of Police, City of Covina Police Dept.

**Chris Donovan**, Fire Chief, City of El Segundo Fire Dept.

**Joe Ortiz**, Chief of Police, City of South Pasadena Police Dept.

**Alternates For Board Members Present:**

**John Geiger**, General Manager, CEO, 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

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**Absent:**

**Chris Nunley**, Chief of Police, City of Signal Hill Police Dept.

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Alternate Chair, Mark Glatt, called the regular meeting and special meeting of the Board to order concurrently 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-B)**

**A. March 25, 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 Board Member Chris Donovan.

Ayes 9: Alexander, Chidester, Curley, Donovan, Ewald, Geiger, Glatt, Ortiz, and Perez.

**MOTION APPROVED.**

**B. April 2, 2020 – 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 Board Member Chris Donovan.

Ayes 9: Alexander, Chidester, Curley, Donovan, Ewald, Geiger, Glatt, Ortiz, and Perez.

**MOTION APPROVED.**

Alternate Chair Glatt stated there were no minutes to approve for the Special Agenda dated May 7, 2020.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE**

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR – NONE**

**VI. REPORTS (C-F)**

**C. Director's Report – Scott Edson**

Executive Director Scott Edson stated he is sure Board members have been very busy and hopes Members, their families, and organization's members, and the communities they serve, are staying safe.

Executive Director Edson provided an update and stated last month has been a very busy month and much progress continues to be made, despite most of the team working from outside the office. Because the lack of ability to have spontaneous discussions and impromptu meetings, we find ourselves much busier with many conference calls a day and many more emails.

Executive Director Edson stated there is no doubt in his mind closing the office and directing the team to telework protected our team and may have even saved a life. As stated before, he is very impressed with the processes the administrative staff, led by Administrative Deputy Susy Orellana-Curtiss put in place to ensure our business is still conducted most efficiently and greatly appreciate the staffs' attention to detail in every aspect of this process.

Additionally, Director Edson stated he is grateful to the team members that are in the field continuing to perform the essential work needed to complete this system, including members from LA-RICS, Jacobs, Motorola (MSI), Pyramid, and other Land Mobile Radios (LMR) subcontractors and the many others hired for the LTE 2 project.

In regards to the Land Mobile Radio side of the program, Executive Director stated all but six (6) Site Access Agreement (SAA)'s executed for the LMR program. MTL2 received the Special Use Permit (SUP) from the United States Forest Service (USFS) on Monday which is excellent news!

Burnt Peak1 (BUR1) was recalled as the site requiring solar power and is pending updated solar design documents to finalize the SUP.

Tower Peak (TWR), Black Jack Mountain (BJM) and Dakin Peak (DPK); Catalina Island Sites should be executed soon. The County is working with the conservancy on terms and they understand the site is needed as soon as possible.

East Sunset Ridge (ESR), the team is working aggressively with a TV Station to confirm signature on SAA document and finally Rancho Palos Verdes Tee (RPVT) is before your Board again as Agenda Item I, seeking delegated authority to enter into a Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) for access to the site.

Executive Director Edson went on to state forty-four (44) building permits are in hand, with fourteen (14) remaining including the seven (7) coastal sites. Notification was received from the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) indicating two (2) of our coastal sites (Topanga and Castro Peak) will be submitted for exemption very soon. The twelve (12) remaining are BJM, TWR, DPK, GRM, BUR1, ESR, LACF072, MTL2, RPVT, SPN, SPH, and UNIV (one of two permits required has been obtained) and the team is working diligently to obtain these permits.

Additionally, Agenda Item K is a change and amendment to four (4) sites: Johnstone Peak (JPK2), Verdugo Peak (VPK), Rolling Hills Transmit (RHT), and Pomona Courthouse (POM), with a contract increase of nearly \$358,000, details will be presented when the item is called.

In regards to the LTE2 Update, there are four (4) building permits in hand, with an additional six (6) ready to issue in the next week. LA-RICS has experienced COVID-19 related delays, which will be touched upon in the grants report, as it relates to permits, specifically impacting permits issuance due to Southern California Edison (SCE) power plan delays, as well as SCE inspections. Of the sixteen (16) sites pending permit, six (6) are USFS sites that are in process; they are Loop Canyon (LPC2), Portal Ridge (PRG2), Whitaker Middle Peak 2 (WMP2), Whitaker Ridge 2 (WTR2), Mount Lukens 2 (MML2) including BUR1-2 and its completed solar power design, which is also moving forward.

They're twenty (20) executed SAAs, with an additional eight (8) in final redlines including three (3) contingency sites and one SAA for the Port of Long Beach back again before your Board resulting from a shift made by the Port in desired SAA format. This will be discussed during Agenda Item I, as well. As shared with your Board in the past, finalizing agreements with a 3rd party AT&T/FirstNet involved as well as site owners' negotiating rent with AT&T has slowed down our ability to execute our Agreements, which are typically free of such complicated terms. Nonetheless, AT&T has committed to finalizing negotiations with site owners in time for our build to proceed uninterrupted. With SAA's in place and contracts awarded for construction of the sites, we are on track to build within the performance period of the grant, taking into account

the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, expediting every opportunity, including performing parallel construction activities during grant close out if grantor permits.

Finally, regarding grants, the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant, LA-RICS has been in communication with the Department of Commerce/National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) since COVID-19 orders were issued in March and have shared details regarding certain supply chain orders (Towers) and construction activities, such as SCE power orders, power inspections and other site inspections, as well as limits on the number of people allowed at a site; which may stretch out the construction schedule especially in instances where environmental teams need to be on site along with the construction crews. LA-RICS continues discussions with grantor while in parallel aggressively moving forward on all activities not impacted by the pandemic, which is why the Special Meeting for Amendment No. 43 was added to the PSBN contract which will allow us to aggressively move forward with certain LTE 2 activities for completion by end of June.

In addition, queue up activities continue on contingency sites in the event a prime site drops due to COVID-19 delays that cannot be mitigated, and that is why we have returned with the Montebello Police Department site, as Agenda Item L. As mentioned earlier the grantor is considering whether they can allow us to wrap up certain construction activities through some of the grant close out period, and those discussions are progressing.

In regards to the LMR update, with successful closeout of the UASI 17 grant, spending is underway for the UASI 18 grant monies.

Delegated authority to accept the UASI 19 grant (\$35 million), the last UASI build fund, is before you as Agenda Item J.

This concludes the Director's Report.

There was no further discussion.

#### **D. Project Manager's Report – Justin Delfino**

##### **LTE Round 2 Highlights**

###### **Current Status:**

Program Manager Delfino provided a status update on building permit submittals and stated twenty-six (26) sites have been submitted. To date, four (4) building permits have been issued, comprised of IGPD, MVS2, COUG and AZUCYN. The building permit submittal for Irwindale up is imminent, followed by six (6) SCE sites. All twenty-six 26 sites have gone out to bid and bids have been received. To date, twenty-three

(23) of the sites have been awarded and the Authority expects the remaining contracts to be executed within the following week. Twenty-five (25) sites are planned to start construction in May 2020. The equipment for all twenty-six (26) sites has been processed and included expedited shipping to meet the Authority's target completion dates.

Program Manager Delfino stated DPW's plan reviewer was recently assigned to disaster relief efforts but DPW took action to immediately locate a replacement. The absence of a plan reviewer resulted in certain delays with the issuance of permits and also impacted the ability to start construction on schedule. A request for a grant performance deadline extension was made to NTIA to account for the delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic and weather setbacks. The Authority also demonstrated to NTIA how it could compensate for the time lost and closeout the grant within the grant award period. NTIA indicated it would review the request and issue a response. The impact of COVID-19 has taken completion of certain activities beyond June 30, 2020, but well ahead of the September 30<sup>th</sup> grant closeout deadline.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Project Manager Delfino stated Special Award Condition (SAC) compliance reporting was submitted for Current Year 2020-Quarter 1 on April 16, 2020. Environmental compliance monitoring of construction activity began at Site AZUCYN.

### **LABOR COMPLIANCE**

Project Manager Delfino stated there were no labor compliance disputes or open compliant cases and no accidents or injuries reported to date.

### **SAA's**

Project Manager Delfino stated POLA 1 and 2 will require a Coastal Permit and the process is underway, and a less time consuming process than typical is anticipated.

### **LMR Highlights**

### **CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW**

Project Manager Delfino stated forty-five (45) out of fifty-eight (58) permits issued to date; with 78% completed. Fifty-two (52) of fifty-eight (58) SAA processed, with 90% completed. A total of 1,150 Workers have been WEAP trained with zero recordable injuries to date.

Project Manager Delfino stated construction has started on approximately 40 sites; representing 70% of sites. Equipment has been ordered for fifty-one (51) sites; representing an 89% of all equipment orders.

Fifteen (15) sites have open work including BHS, which will help to complete downtown cell and will provide coverage for new stadium in Inglewood. Eighteen (18) more sites will start in 2020. ATP completions for SMMS and NMDN. Channel 15 Equipment reductions and Prime site reconfiguration are underway. Contractor License issue is resolved and even though Los Angeles area experienced three (3) contiguous weeks of rain in April, the contractor remains on target for system completion in March 2022.

### **COVID-19 IMPACTS**

Project Manager Delfino stated DPW plan reviewer has been assigned to disaster relief efforts but DPW took action immediately for a replacement. Some sites are impacted as it relates to finalization of SAAs also due to COVID-19 where agencies real estate and risk management offices are closed. DRP & Coastal Conservancy experienced calendar reshuffles.

### **USFS SITES**

Project Manager Delfino stated eleven (11) USFS sites are approved out of thirteen (13). The remaining two sites are ESR and BUR1. A meeting with USFS on color compliance for microwave antennae took place for sites BUR1 and MTL2. The contractor will need to make minor adjustments to select dishes in order to comply with the color ordinance. BUR1-2 design will be complete by end of week. California Condors have visited WMP the in the past couple of weeks and the USFS field reps. have cited our conduct as exemplary in hazing techniques for the protected species and has complimented the detailed reporting of the encounters to the USFS.

### **COASTAL SITES**

Project Manager Delfino stated Topanga Peak (TOP) and Castro Peak (CPK) exemption letters are routing for execution and will be sent to California Coastal Commission for a two (2) week review period. The project team is currently sorting out the remaining issues with the final Coastal applications and are planning to have all submittals back to Regional Planning in May 2020.

### **SAA's**

Project Manager Delfino stated since our last update there are six (6) outstanding sites pending execution of SAAs: USFS (BUR1, ESR), Coastal (TWR, BJM, DPK) and RPVT.

### **Current Focus:**

Project Manager Delfino stated that the Authority and Contractor teams have focused on streamlining administrative processes for better efficiency, example is NTP No. 33 issued on April 27, 2020, for the purpose of approved COR's being authorized to work. In addition, the teams spent time working through Soil management processes, and contract training for all staff re-refresh. The contractor presented its additions to the IMS (Schedule) with an emphasis for Phase 4 activities. Planning efforts narrow-banding

for Ch.16 are and will remain an area of focus until the work is completed. The Teams are also focused on USFS site construction, monitoring COVID19, communications with DRP, optimization of cells Phase 4, and site close out for Phase 2. This concludes the Project Manager's Report.

Executive Director Edson asked Project Manager Delfino to elaborate on the Baldwin Hills (BHS) update. Project Manager Delfino stated Baldwin Hills started a week and a half ago. The Contractor is currently working on the tower foundations, containment and disposal of hazardous soils. The team and MSI agreed to use a process flowchart to provide guidance to subcontractors who must dispose of the soil. The site was supposed to start two months ago but did not due to misunderstanding how to handle the soils on site. Currently, construction is moving along well and when the sites is completed MSI will work on optimizing the downtown cell particularly on 700MHz. Once the System is completed BHS will provide coverage for the new stadium and shopping plaza in Inglewood. Alternate Board Member Louis Perez asked for the project completion date. Project Manager Delfino stated about three (3) months out; with a construction start date of May 22, 2020, and end date of mid-June 2020.

There was no further discussion.

**E. Joint Operations and Technical Committee Chairs Report – No Report**

**F. Finance Committee Report – No Report**

## **VII. DISCUSSION ITEM (G-H)**

**G. Outreach Update**

Executive Assistant Wendy Stallworth-Tait provided the update for Agenda Item G and stated the Outreach summary for the month of April highlights consist of ongoing meetings with AT&T, and; various meetings to discuss proposed LTE2 sites. These meetings took place with representatives from City of Glendale, the Port of Long Beach, Montebello and County Supervisor Kathryn Barger's staff. Members of the LA-RICS Team met with representatives from San Gabriel Police Department to discuss early onboarding opportunities and lastly, Volume 5, Issue 17 of the Newsletter was released on April 6, 2020.

There was no further discussion.

**H. Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for AT&T Business Agreement Fund for Public Safety Broadband Network.**

Administrative Deputy Susy Orellana-Curtiss provided the update for Agenda Item H, summarizing Business Agreement expenditures. This report includes the disallowed cost made by the UASI grant in relations to certain Los Angeles County Fire staff expenditures that were incurred in previous fiscal years but were deemed supplanting. Those adjustments were taken from previous fiscal-years and charged as an adjustment reflected in this statement March 31, 2020, and is captured here in this report.

Alternate Board Member Geiger asked if there was any written finding from the grant management agent as to the supplanting that could be shared with the JPA Members for this and future fiscal years. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss stated we did receive a finding and can share with your Board. There were no additional questions.

## **VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (I-L)**

### **I. DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENTS FOR LAND MOBILE RADIO AND LONG TERM EVOLUTION ROUND 2 SYSTEM SITES**

Executive Assistant Stallworth-Tait presented Agenda Item I and explained these two items were previously approved by your Board. In regards to LMR RPVT site, it was subsequently established County Parks and Recreation was the owner of this site and an agreement between LA-RICS and Parks and Recreation will now be required. After months of negotiation with Parks and Recreation an agreement was reached to transfer the parcel for RPVT site to the Authority by utilizing an MOU agreement.

In regards to LTE2 POLB site; notification was received from the Port Real Estate Division that a Telecommunications Equipment License Agreement instead of the SAA your board approved in February would be required. The Port of Long Beach is also requiring us to obtain Owner Controlled Insurance (OCIP) to ensure our contractors are covered in the event a claim arises during construction activity at this site.

It is recommended the Board take the following action:

1. Find the approval and execution of the MOU for the RPVT site with the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation which would allow the construction, implementation, operation and maintenance of the LMR System at this site are within the scope of activities previously authorized on July 11, 2019, which your Board found categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to 14 Cal. Code Regs §§15303 and 15304 for the reasons stated in

this Board Letter and as noted in the record of the LMR project and the determination that these activities are exempt from CEQA remains unchanged.

2. Find the approval and execution of the Telecommunications Equipment License Agreement with the Port of Long Beach for the POLB1 site, to allow for the construction, implementation, operation and maintenance of the LTE2 System infrastructure that will be incorporated into the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN), is within the scope of activities previously authorized on January 24, 2019, for site POLB1, which your Board previously found categorically exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to 14 Cal. Code Regs. §§15301, 15303, 15304, and/or 15332 for the reasons stated in this Board Letter and as noted in the record of the LTE2 project, and the determination that these activities are exempt from CEQA remains unchanged.
3. Authorize the Executive Director to finalize and execute the two (2) real estate agreements identified herein, substantially similar in form to the agreements attached hereto.

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

Ayes 9: Alexander, Chidester, Curley, Donovan, Ewald, Geiger, Glatt, Ortiz, and Perez.

**MOTION APPROVED.**

#### **J. ACCEPT 2019 URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) FUNDS**

Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss presented Agenda Item J and recommended the Board take the following action:

1. Accept \$35,000,000 in grant funds from the Fiscal Year 2019 UASI funds as distributed through the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES);
2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute the enclosed 2019 UASI Sub-Recipient Agreement between the City of Los Angeles and the Authority; and
3. Delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute any subsequent amendments to the Agreement that do not impact the award amount.

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

Ayes 9: Alexander, Chidester, Curley, Donovan, Ewald, Geiger, Glatt, Ortiz, and Perez.

**MOTION APPROVED.**

**K. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 46 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 and recommended the Board take the following action:

1. Make the following findings with respect to the LMR Change Order Modifications
  - a. Find that (a) approval of Amendment No. 46 to contemplate Change Order Modifications at two (2) LMR System sites, Johnstone Peak 2 (JPK2) and Verdugo Peak (VPK), related to the updating of equipment at this site is within the scope of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) LMR System, which was previously certified by the Board under CEQA on March 29, 2016; and (b) that 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 substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.
  - b. Find that (a) approval of Amendment No. 46 to contemplate Change Order Modifications at one (1) LMR System site, Rolling Hills Transmit (RHT), related to the updating of equipment at this site 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 pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25, on November 13, 2014, the exemption adopted specifically for the LA-RICS project, and any leased circuit work that may occur outside of Site RHT, 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).
  - c. Find that (a) approval of Amendment No. 46 to contemplate Change Order Modifications at one (1) LMR System site, Pomona Courthouse (POM), related to asbestos abatement 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 your Board previously found statutorily exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to Public Resources

Code Section 21080.25, on December 12, 2016, the exemption adopted specifically for the LA-RICS project, and any leased circuit work that may occur outside of Site POM, 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. 46 to Agreement No. LA-RICS 007 for a LMR System with Motorola Solutions, Inc. (Motorola), which revises the Agreement to incorporate certain LMR Change Order Modifications as described in the board letter for a cost increase in the amount of \$375,728.
3. Authorize an increase to the Maximum Contract Sum in the amount \$375,728 from \$290,258,325 to \$290,634,053.
4. Delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 46, in substantially similar form, to the Amendment enclosed with the board letter.

Alternate Board Member Geiger had questions for the team with respect to this item. He indicated it appeared the amendment is largely asbestos abatement related with approximately \$45,000 in new equipment. Alternate Board Member Geiger inquired if the Amendment has been vetted by the Joint Technical and Operations Committees (Joint Committees). Contracts Manager Arismendez informed Alternate Board Member Geiger and the Board the item was vetted by the Change Order Control Board, which includes representatives from both the LA-RICS and the Motorola teams. Alternate Board Member Geiger stated infrastructure changes should be passed through the subject matter experts from our stakeholders and members prior to placing them on the agenda for Board approval.

Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss explained to Alternate Board Member Geiger and the Board that all change orders are vetted by the Change Control Board, which is made up of representatives from the Committees and other Subject Matter Experts (SMEs). Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss further explained the Authority's Operations lead, a Lieutenant from County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and a Captain from the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, as well as the Authority's Technical Lead Engineer, Fiscal team members, and SMEs depending on the nature of the change order all form part of the Change Order Control Board. The Change Control Board reviews the change orders and makes recommendations and approvals for final review and presentation to your Board. Alternate Board Member Geiger stated the Board Letter does not reflect the Change Order Control Board make up and approval, but recommended moving forward that level of review and approval be reflected in Board Letters. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss concurred with this recommendation and commented the process will be reflected in future board letters.

Alternate Board Member Geiger inquired about the funding, in particular if the \$46,000 for equipment is fully covered by the grant funds and if the maximum contract sum remains fully covered. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss responded the maximum contract sum including the sum increase reflected in this Amendment are fully covered by the grant. Alternate Board Member Geiger asked if there are any risks of non-reimbursement at the end of the program due to payment of these change orders, to which Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss responded that there are no risks as this is being paid out of the mandated change order contingency line item.

A discussion between Alternate Board Member Geiger and Project Director Chris Odenthal took place regarding who is the responsible entity for the asbestos abatement. County Counsel Truc Moore stated instances where unknown situations exist, it is incumbent upon the Authority to assume those costs for change orders.

Alternate Board Member John Geiger motioned first, seconded by Board Member Chris Donovan.

Ayes 9: Alexander, Chidester, Curley, Donovan, Ewald, Geiger, Glatt, Ortiz, and Perez.

**MOTION APPROVED.**

**L. APPROVE AN INCREASE TO THE BUDGET FOR ONE (1) TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION PROJECT**

Contracts Manager Arismendez presented Agenda Item L and recommended the Board take the following action:

1. Find the work and cost contemplated in the recommended action at the Montebello Police Department (MNTBLPD) site, are within the scope of the activities your Board previously found statutorily exempt from review on March 6, 2014, under the CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code §21080.25, the exemption adopted specifically for the LA-RICS project, and any leased circuit work that may occur outside of the site, if needed, to provide connectivity to the Long Term Evolution (LTE) (inclusive of phase 2 LTE) System, is categorically exempt under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §§15301, 15303 and 15304, and the determination that these activities are exempt from CEQA remains unchanged.
2. Increase the project budget by \$28,290 to a new total of \$410,000 for one (1) LA-RICS Telecommunication Facility Construction and Installation site, Montebello Police Department (MNTBLPD), and delegate authority to the Executive Director to award a contract and issue notices to proceed for that amount.

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

Ayes 9: Alexander, Chidester, Curley, Donovan, Ewald, Geiger, Glatt, Ortiz, and Perez.

**MOTION APPROVED.**

Alternate Chair Glatt stated moving on to the Special Agenda, Agenda Item A.

**VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER (A)**

**A. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 43 TO AGREEMENT NO. LA-RICS 008 FOR LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM PUBLIC SAFETY BROADBAND NETWORKSYSTEM**

Contracts Manager Arismendez presented Agenda Item K and recommended the Board take the following action:

1. Make the following findings with respect to Amendment No. 43:
  - a. Find that the approval of Amendment No. 43 to reconcile PSBN Components at PSBN site CLRMPD1 is within the scope of the design, construction, implementation, operation and maintenance activities for the PSBN System previously authorized at this site, which your Board found on December 5, 2019, categorically exempt from the CEQA pursuant to 14 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 15303, 15304, and/or 15332, and the determination that these activities are exempt from CEQA remains unchanged.
  - b. Find that approval of Amendment No. 43 to reconcile PSBN Components at the three (3) PSBN sites of IGPD, SCEGAL and SCEMERC, and the change order work at the six (6) USFS sites of BUR2, LPC2, MML2, PRG2, WMP2 and WTR2, is within the scope of the design, construction, implementation, operation and maintenance activities for the PSBN System previously authorized at these sites, which your Board found on January 24, 2019 categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 Cal. Code Regs. §§



15301, 15303, 15304, and/or 15332, and the determination that these activities are exempt from CEQA remains unchanged.

2. Approve Amendment No. 43 to Agreement No. LA-RICS 008 for the PSBN with Motorola to contemplate the following:
  - a. Reconcile certain PSBN Components at four (4) sites resulting in a cost decrease in the amount of \$2,797.
  - b. Reflect the inclusion of certain Change Orders as further described in this Board Letter for additional work scope at six (6) United States Forest Services (USFS) sites for a cost increase in the amount of \$411,914.
3. Authorize an increase to the Maximum Contract Sum in the amount of \$409,117 from \$137,920,789 to \$138,329,906 when taking the recommended actions into consideration.
4. Delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 43, in substantially similar form, to the Amendment enclosed with the Board Letter.
5. Allow for the issuance of one or more Notices to Proceed for the work contemplated in Amendment No. 43.

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

Ayes 9: Alexander, Chidester, Curley, Donovan, 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 - NONE**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:**

The Board meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m., and the next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., via Teleconference.