BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

Thursday, September 3, 2026 ■ 9:00 a.m.
LA-RICS Headquarters
2525 Corporate Pl., Suite 200,
Large Conference Room
Monterey Park, CA 91754

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Richard Tadeo, Director, EMS Agency County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services
Michael Alegria, Fire Chief, Los Angeles Area Fire Chief's Association
Scott Wiese, Police Chief, (Monterey Park), Los Angeles County Police Chief's Association
Joshua Nelson, City Manager (City of Industry) California Contract Cities Association

ALTERNATES FOR BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Leslie Luke, Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Management, County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office
Nicholas Berkuta, Acting Deputy Fire Chief, County of Los Angeles Area Fire Department
Benny Chacko, Division Director, County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
Antonio Zavala, Lieutenant, At-Large Seat #3 (City of Covina Police Department)
Cardell Hurt, Captain, At-Large Seat #2 (City of Inglewood Police Department)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT / VACANT
Brandon Coatney, At-Large Seat #4, (City of La Verne Fire Department)

OFFICERS PRESENT
Scott Edson, LA-RICS Executive Director
Laura Vasquez, LA-RICS Board Secretary

AGENDA ITEM A

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Alternate Board Chair Nicholas Berkuta called the Regular meeting of the Board to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – ROLL CALL

LA-RICS Board Secretary Laura Vasquez took roll call and acknowledged a quorum was present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (A)

A. August 6, 2026 – Regular Minutes

Agenda Item A

Alternate Board Chair Berkuta asked the Board if there were any questions to the attached Regular meeting minutes for August 6, 2026; hearing none, he called for a motion to approve.

Alternate Board Member Leslie Luke arrived at 9:01 a.m. prior to vote to approve minutes.

Board Member Richard Tadeo motioned first, seconded by Board Member Scott Wiese.

Ayes (8): Tadeo, Alegria, Zavala, Luke, Berkuta, Chacko, Hurt, and Nelson

MOTION APPROVED.

Board Member Joshua Nelson joined the meeting at 9:04 a.m. after the minutes were carried into motion.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

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V. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no consent items on the Regular Meeting Agenda.

VI. REPORTS (B)

B. Director's Report – Scott Edson

Executive Director Edson greeted the Board and welcomed Division Director Benny Chacko from the County of Los Angeles (County) Sheriff's Department (LASD), who would serve as an Alternate Board Member to Chief Robert Luna's seat. Executive Director Edson shared that he and Alternate Chair Chacko previously worked together at the LASD Communications Fleet Management Bureau (CFMB). Executive Director Edson further shared that Alternate Board Member Chacko was recently selected as the Technology and Support Division Director. Executive Director Edson asked Alternate Board Member Chacko if he would introduce himself to the Board. Alternate Board Member Chacko said that it was a pleasure to join the LA-RICS Board, and shared that he worked with the LASD Data Systems Bureau and CFMB. Alternate Board Member Chacko said that he was happy to be back.

Executive Director Edson stated that LA-RICS was in the midst of a system upgrade. Executive Director Edson further stated that most of the work was taking place at each of the core locations, and the work involved selected hardware and software upgrades. Executive Director Edson went on to say that at the radio sites, the upgrades were primarily remote software updates that were pushed out from the core.

Executive Director Edson reported that some of the upgrade work required temporary service interruptions, and these outages were coordinated and scheduled in advance with Motorola Solutions, Inc. (MSI) and with any agencies that would potentially be affected. Executive Director Edson further reported that, for the most part, the outages were relatively short, lasting generally between two (2) and five (5) minutes; during these periods, a site may temporarily operate in site-trunking mode rather than wide-area trunking.

Executive Director Edson reported the more impactful outages were scheduled during the early morning hours, when system utilization was at its lowest, because this helped minimize the potential impact on subscribers and agency operations.

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Executive Director Edson further reported that LA-RICS expected the entire upgrade to be completed by the end of next week.

Executive Director Edson shared that LA-RICS completed the implementation of Critical Connect, which was an MSI-hosted interoperability solution which provided many of the same interoperability capabilities as Inter-RF Subsystem Interface (ISSI), along with auto-roaming functionality. Executive Director Edson further shared that one of the advantages of Critical Connect was that it did not require direct connections between the individual radio systems for interoperability; instead, it used the hosted platform to connect different P25 radio systems, which gave LA-RICS greater flexibility, allowing LA-RICS to connect with other MSI systems that had Critical Connect enabled.

Executive Director Edson expressed that for the Southern California region, this could potentially allow LA-RICS to establish interoperability with Ventura and Orange Counties once they implement Critical Connect, as well. Executive Director Edson further expressed LA-RICS would move forward with operational deployment after staff training was completed.

Executive Director Edson shared that Outreach efforts continued with meetings with the City of Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), LAPD and Com-Net, which was a Joint Powers Authority (JPA)made up of San Gabriel Valley law enforcement agencies. Executive Director Edson further shared that great discussions were had with LAPD, and LA-RICS was awaiting further information. Executive Director Edson went on to say that, additionally, LA-RICS reviewed LAPD's code plug and made several recommendations. Executive Director Edson reported that a letter was sent to the City of Long Beach requesting a meeting to discuss potentially joining the network; Operations Lead Lieutenant Dominguez would detail this further in his Outreach report.

Executive Director Edson added that LA-RICS recently met with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to discuss whether to use roaming or subscription agreements with all state users in the Los Angeles region, and that discussions were moving forward.

Executive Director Edson expressed that LA-RICS continues to work collaboratively with other stand-alone systems such as LAPD, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), Port of Los Angeles (POLA), City of Long Beach, and Interagency Communications Interoperability (ICI) agencies to make progress on the

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development of policy and procedures required for the system-of-systems model to take effect.

Executive Director Edson stated that, as LA-RICS reported last month, Operations Lead Lieutenant Dominguez led a successful operations sub-committee of the Mayor's Office Interoperability Working Group with discussion regarding use cases that would help structure the Standard Operations Procedures (SOPs) that should govern the group of systems funded under the Urban Areas Securities Initiative (UASI) grant. Executive Director Edson further stated the Mayor's Office held their monthly Interoperability Working Group meeting on August 20th where Operations Lead Lieutenant Dominguez provided a recap on the work being done by the Operations subcommittee. Executive Director Edson mentioned a technical subcommittee of the Mayor's office interoperability working group would be sure to follow, and it would be ensured that LA-RICS would be represented in those discussions.

Regarding the Budget, Executive Director Edson reported that LA-RICS concluded the Fiscal Year end wrap up and submitted the final Budget Status Report (BSR) reflecting actual expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 to the County Chief Executive Office. Executive Director Edson further reported that LA-RICS would present the Budget Adjustment to the Board, and this adjustment would reflect the actual expenditures incurred through Fiscal Year end for 2025-2026 and memorialize the carryover funds from the prior Fiscal Year.

Regarding Grants, Executive Director Edson shared that LA-RICS was approaching the end of the performance period for the UASI 24 grant and was on track to deplete the LA-RICS awarded funds ahead of the grant performance period which ends in early 2027. Executive Director Edson further shared that despite some hurdles with permanent power at sites Green Mountain (GRM) and Saddle Peak (MCI), LA-RICS was slated to conclude grant – funded activities within the performance period of the grant.

Regarding Contracts, Executive Director Edson stated that under Agenda Item G was LMR Amendment No. 139 which captured some Change Orders, for Ultra High Frequency (UHF) enhancement work at site Fire Command and Control Facility (FCCF) and an order for supplemental batteries at site Universal Studios (UNIV). Executive Director Edson further stated the activities were funded by the grant, and additional details would be shared under Agenda Item G.

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This concluded the report on Agenda Item B by Executive Director Edson. There was no further discussion.

C. Joint Operations and Technical Committee Chair's Report – NONE

D. Finance Committee Chair's Report – NONE

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (E – F)

E. Land Mobile Radio Network Operations Status and Issues – Ted Pao

Technical Lead Ted Pao greeted the Board and thanked them for allowing him to re-join LA-RICS as a consultant. Technical Lead Pao said that aside from the scheduled system upgrade reported by the Executive Director, the preventative maintenance activities that began in March were essentially concluded. LA-RICS had just a handful of RF equipment items remaining which were waiting for MSI personnel to complete once the system upgrade was finished. Technical Lead Ted Pao reported that overall, most of the preventive maintenance work was on track for completion this month, and LA-RICS started the second round of its biannual fire suppression system inspections this week.

Technical Lead Pao reported the system upgrade resulted in an unexpected outage last week involving the dynamic transcoder, as the transcoder was used to translate audio between Frequency Division Multiple Access (FDMA) and Time-Division Multiple Access (TDMA) within a talkgroup, allowing users with different radio technologies to communicate transparently with one another. Technical Lead Pao said it appeared there might have been a corrupted table or permission issue that needed to be re-established.

Technical Lead Pao reported the agencies most affected were those operating a mix of TDMA radios and FDMA-only radios, but once the issue was reported by the affected end-user agencies, it was resolved within approximately five (5) hours. Technical Lead Pao also added that LA-RICS also made it through nearly a month of very hot summer temperatures across the County without any significant LMR system operational issues related to the heat.

Technical Lead Pao then reported that LA-RICS did, however, experience several power outages associated with unplanned events, maintenance activities, and public safety power shutoffs intended to reduce the risk of wildland fires. Technical Lead Pao reported that one of the more notable issues occurred at site BKK (BKK

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Landfill) in West Covina, where LA-RICS experienced a failure of the automatic transfer switch. Technical Lead Pao said the failure allowed the generator to start, but it did not transfer the load to the generator.

Technical Lead Pao reported that an LA-RICS field engineer was dispatched to the site the following day to investigate the issue. Technical Lead Pao said the LA-RICS field engineer determined the ATS failure appeared to be related to its circuit boards and that MSI dispatched its generator vendor who made an interim repair by utilizing the circuit boards from LA-RICS second automatic transfer switch, ATS 2. Technical Lead Pao mentioned that new replacement boards were being priced.

Technical Lead Pao stated that LA-RICS continued to grow its Subscriber base, and they recognized that not every potential subscribing agency had the budget or access to grant funding to purchase a radio costing ten thousand dollars ($10,000) or more for each of its personnel.

Technical Lead Pao said MSI offered lower-tier radio options, but LA-RICS believed that providing agencies with a broader choice of subscriber equipment vendors may be more appropriate for some agencies and their operational needs.

Technical Lead Pao reported that at the same time, LA-RICS recognized that not all P25 radios would operate exactly the same way, even when they had successfully gone through the P25 Compliance Assessment Program (CAP); because of the flexibility within the P25 standards, there could be different ways for manufacturers to implement a particular P25 function. Technical Lead Pao further reported that, as a result, radios from different manufacturers may respond somewhat differently when that function was executed.

Technical Lead Pao said, with that in mind, LA-RICS partnered County Fire Department (LACoFD), the County Internal Services Department (ISD), and participating manufacturers to assess the current LMR subscriber equipment offerings from vendors interested in supporting the LA-RICS network.

Technical Lead Pao shared this testing was not intended to duplicate or replace the P25 Compliance Assessment Program, but instead, the focus was more practical and end-user oriented—looking at how these radios actually performed in the LA-RICS environment and how suitable they were for LA-RICS subscriber agencies.

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Technical Lead Pao stated that Melissa Saradpon from the LA-RICS Contracts Team would provide an overview of the radios that had been approved for use on the LMR network.

LA-RICS Contracts Team Member Saradpon greeted the Board and stated she would provide the Board with a glimpse into the LA-RICS Contracts Team's efforts with respect to portable and mobile radios used on the LMR System. Contract Team Member Saradpon expressed that LA-RICS built a wonderful interoperable communications system for a variety of agencies to use throughout the County; however, with a variety of agencies came different operational requirements, and how could LA-RICS as an organization provide the list of portable or mobile radios they could use on the system? LA-RICS Contract Team Member Saradpon mentioned LA-RICS wanted to ensure the radios were safe and that agencies could use them for their own purposes.

LA-RICS Contract Team Member shared Agenda Item A – Enclosure 1, which explained the lists of approved portable and mobile radios approved for use on the LMR system. LA-RICS Contracts Team Member Saradpon reported LA-RICS released two (2) Requests for Information, otherwise known as RFIs, one (1) for portable radios and one (1) for mobile radios from firms that were considered responsive and responsible. LA-RICS Contracts Team Member Saradpon further reported the purpose of the RFIs were to determine if radios were fully compatible and could operate on the LMR System infrastructure utilizing features currently installed and used by the Authority. LA-RICS Contracts Team Member Saradpon went on to say the RFIs requested information regarding hardware, software, user interface, GPS, etc., as the Authority wanted to ensure end users knew what exactly what they were purchasing Radios to use on the LMR System. LA-RICS Contracts Team Member Saradpon mentioned the RFIs would remain open and continuous to allow new and existing agencies to submit radios to be tested and approved for use on the LMR system.

LA-RICS Contracts Team Member Saradpon stated that, in addition, aside from the information that agencies provided to LA-RICS, it was requested they submit sample radios for LA-RICS to test to ensure they worked properly on the system and were appropriate for first responders and other agencies.

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LA-RICS Contracts Team Member Saradpon referred to Agenda Item A – Exhibit 2 and Agenda Item A – Exhibit 3 to show interested parties where on the LA-RICS website they could access and locate the list of tested portable and mobile radios that were approved for use on the LMR System.

LA-RICS Contracts Team Member Saradpon referred to Agenda Item A – Exhibit 4 to show what information was provided in each list for LA-RICS Subscribers; each list of approved radios included the following information:

- Radio Manufacturer
- Radio Name with link to manufacturer radio specifications
- Radio Model No.
- Radio Frequency / Bands Supported
- Firmware / Software Version
- Link to LA-RICS Testing Results (matrix of each radio's ability to meet LMR system requirements)
- Radio Manufacturer Point(s) of Contact

LA-RICS Contracts Team Member Saradpon referred to Agenda Item A – Enclosure 5 and Agenda Item A – Enclosure 6 which were lists of approved portable and mobile radios, respectively, for use on the LMR System. LA-RICS Contracts Team Member Saradpon also identified the Radio Manufactures and number of their portable and mobile Radios that were approved for use on the LMR System.

LA-RICS Contracts Team Member Saradpon concluded her presentation and asked if there were any questions.

Alternate Chair Berkuta thanked LA-RICS Contracts Team Member Saradpon and LA-RICS Assistant Chief LMR Officer Ted Pao for sharing their presentation, as this information was important for current and future Subscribers to evaluate their options. Alternate Chair Berkuta asked what the price difference was between the least expensive and the most expensive for portable radios. Contracts Team Saradpon stated the prices varied, and she would look into that information and

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share her findings with Alternate Chair Berkuta. Alternate Chair Berkuta mentioned he asked out of curiosity and for reference purposes.

Alternate Chair Berkuta said that, in terms of functionality, obviously, each of these radios provided the ability to communicate on the LMR System and then asked if there was a list of features these radios had. LA-RICS Contracts Team Member Saradpon referred Alternate Chair Berkuta to the LA-RICS website where the requirements were listed under the Test Results which provided a list of Radio features by way of the over two hundred (200) lines of Radio requirements.

Sergeant Alvaro Sierra of the CFMB LA-RICS Unit addressed Alternate Chair Berkuta's question regarding pricing and stated that he saw prices for portable radios range anywhere from one thousand four hundred dollars ($1,400) to fourteen thousand dollars ($14,000). Alternate Board Member Hurt asked LA-RICS Contracts Team Member Saradpon how often radios were being tested, if they were being tested yearly or one time. Contracts Team Member Saradpon indicated radios were being tested one time; however, if a portable and mobile radio company had a new radio or an updated radio (either portable or mobile), the company could respond to the RFI and have the radio be tested.

Board Member Nelson asked LA-RICS Contracts Team Member Saradpon how often Subscribers could submit their radios for testing. LA-RICS Contracts Team Member Saradpon said Subscribers could submit their radios as often as they were upgraded. Executive Director Edson expressed he hoped they would submit their radios for testing as they changed radio models so LA-RICS could keep the list updated.

Alternate Chair Berkuta shared the idea of reaching out to the vendors once a year to confirm if they had any changes to their radios to keep the list of requirements up to date for Subscribers and future Subscribers to easily reference, with Director Edson stating they would do so.

Executive Director Edson stated that LA-RICS Contracts Team Member Saradpon was one of LA-RICS unsung heroes on the LA-RICS team and expressed his appreciation for the effort she put into this project behind the scenes.

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There was no further discussion.

F. Outreach Update – Lt. Joseph F. Dominguez

Operations Lead Lieutenant Joseph F. Dominguez greeted the Board members and referenced the detailed Outreach Summary document for the month of August included in the Agenda Packet for review and information.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez reported that during the last several months, LA-RICS experienced a growing level of interest from public agencies across the region reaching out to learn more about LA-RICS state-of-the-art communications system. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez further reported the Authority staff worked diligently to ensure that each inquiry was promptly addressed and that every agency received an individualized approach to demonstrate how LA-RICS could meet or exceed its specific communications needs. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez went on to say the agencies were provided with information regarding available equipment vendors and the opportunity to take advantage of discounted rates available to LA-RICS subscribers. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez expressed this increased interest was a testament to the value, reliability, and capabilities of the LA-RICS system and the services it provided to public safety agencies throughout the region.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez shared that the Executive Director remained actively engaged with regional public safety stakeholders, city officials, managers, mayors, and other agency leaders to strengthen relationships and increase awareness of the benefits of regional interoperability. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez further shared that, recently, the Executive Director, along with Assistant Chief LMR System Officer Pao, Sergeant Sierra, and Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez attended a special meeting sponsored by the East San Gabriel Valley Regional Communications Network Joint Powers Authority Governance Board (Com-Net). Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez went on to say that Com-Net served the public safety communications needs of the communities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Glendora, Irwindale, La Verne, and West Covina.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez reported that at the Board's request, the Executive Director provided a presentation on the LA-RICS communications network, highlighting its continued position as the leading public safety communications system in the County and the benefits available to agencies that became Subscribers or Affiliate members of the network. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez shared the presentation generated positive feedback, and LA-RICS looked forward

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to continuing discussions with Com-Net regarding opportunities for future collaboration and participation.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez said the outreach efforts were focused not only on expanding participation in LA-RICS, but also on ensuring that existing Subscriber and Affiliate partners received the attention, support, and resources necessary to meet their evolving operational needs; through continued engagement with regional partners, LA-RICS was strengthening relationships, building confidence in the system, and demonstrating the value of a unified regional public safety communications platform.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez stated the Authority remained committed to supporting continued growth in network participation while ensuring the transition to LA-RICS was as seamless, effective, and beneficial as possible for each participating agency.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez shared that LA-RICS was also making meaningful progress in supporting existing Subscribers and developing solutions tailored to their operational requirements. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez further shared the positive response from the County Probation Department following the implementation of its new digital talkgroups was a strong example of the benefits being realized through the system. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez expressed the department had specifically recognized its enhanced ability to communicate and interoperate with other public safety agencies, demonstrating how LA-RICS could improve coordination and operational effectiveness across agency boundaries.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez reported several initiatives were also underway to expand communications capabilities and connectivity for regional partners and the staff continued to work with California State Parks to explore opportunities to expand its communications coverage through the existing ISSI connection with the California Radio Interoperability System (CRIS), with particular attention to maintaining reliable communications with its dispatch center in Perris, California. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez further reported the discussions with the Lancaster Police Department regarding a potential CSSI connection to its dispatch center were progressing, and these efforts demonstrated the flexibility of the LA-RICS platform and its ability to address the diverse geographic and operational requirements of participating agencies.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez went on to say that regional outreach had also resulted an interest from organizations beyond traditional public safety agencies.

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Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez stated the LA-RICS staff was working with the Emergency Preparedness Office at Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital, which expressed interest in becoming an LA-RICS Subscriber. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez further stated the engagement with healthcare partners such as Henry Mayo provided an additional opportunity to strengthen the region's emergency communications network and enhance coordination among organizations that may play critical roles during major incidents and regional emergencies.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez reported that from a technical and operational standpoint, LA-RICS remained focused on maintaining system reliability and ensuring that critical infrastructure was ready to support its Subscribers. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez further reported that a NICE software upgrade to the radio recording and logging system, which recorded and managed public safety radio communications, was currently underway at key core locations. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez went on to say the upgrade would help ensure the NICE equipment and software remained current, supported, secure, and compatible with the evolving LA-RICS radio system. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez shared this effort required coordination of equipment delivery, site access, vendor activities, and technical support, with Authority staff working closely with technicians and vendors to address technical issues as they arose and minimized any disruption to system operations.

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Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez said LA-RICS was also supporting routine and emergency infrastructure maintenance throughout the system, and this included coordinating vendor access for scheduled inspections and maintenance at remote radio sites and assisting with emergency equipment inspections and repairs when necessary. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez expressed that, in addition, ongoing inventory audits were being conducted at system sites to ensure that equipment and resources were properly accounted for, maintained, and available when needed. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez further expressed these efforts were essential to maintaining the reliability and readiness of the infrastructure that supported LA-RICS Subscribers.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez reported the system readiness remained a priority as LA-RICS prepared for increased public safety communications demands associated with major regional events, and the radio testing and interoperability exercises were being coordinated with public safety agencies and healthcare partners to validate coverage, functionality, and communications capabilities. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez further reported the preparations were particularly important in advance of the upcoming Olympic activities and would help ensure that

participating agencies were positioned to communicate effectively during large-scale events and other situations requiring coordinated regional response.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez stated the Authority staff took an active role in streamlining the onboarding process for new Subscribers by conducting radio training classes for agencies and cities joining the LA-RICS network. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez further stated that once personnel successfully completed the required background clearance process, LA-RICS staff delivered the CFMB's certification training curriculum, while the Bureau maintained responsibility for certifying the class. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez went on to say that having LA-RICS staff conduct the training directly allowed the Authority to reduce delays and bring new Subscribers onto the network more efficiently, while maintaining the established certification requirements and training standards.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez expressed that LA-RICS staff continued to play a leadership role in advancing regional communications coordination through participation in the LA Regional Interoperability meetings and leadership of the Operations Team Subcommittee. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez further expressed that LA-RICS presented the outcomes of the subcommittee's initial meeting, including the foundational framework for establishing consistent communications standards among emergency responders throughout the region, including law enforcement and fire service agencies. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez went on to say that a key component of this effort would be the development of Standard Operating Procedures that incorporated practical use-case scenarios and provided agencies with clear and consistent guidance during routine operations and regional emergencies.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez said the Authority staff was developing and refining the draft procedures, which would subsequently be distributed to the Operations Team Subcommittee members for review and input. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez stated this collaborative effort would help ensure the final procedures reflected the operational needs of participating agencies and further strengthen regional interoperability, coordination, and preparedness.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez concluded the update on Agenda Item F and asked if there were any questions.

Board Member Nelson asked Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez if he was familiar with the Disaster Management Area Coordinators and asked if they would be

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transitioning to the network. Executive Director Edson said LA-RICS was working with Alternate Board Member Luke and the LASD Emergency Operations Bureau (EOB) regarding this. Executive Director Edson stated that most of the cities were either Subscribers or Affiliates, therefore, they had the channels. Board Member Scott Wiese mentioned these cities were on the County Wide Integrated Radio System (CWIRS) trunked radio network and was mostly fire agency based. Executive Director Edson expressed his concern that all law enforcement from the various agencies should be able to communicate with each other, and LA-RICS was working with the Office of Emergency Management and LASD EOB to ensure this was a priority.

Board Member Wiese stated the County Police Chief's Association was also emphasizing this as a priority especially with the upcoming 2028 Olympics. Board Member Wiese further stated that communications plans for agencies for the 2028 Olympics were discussed. Mr. Paul Villalobos of PV Communication, Inc. mentioned that Com-Net had developed a plan, however, not all agencies in Com-Net have programmed it yet.

Alternate Board Member Luke stated there was a study they just hired a contractor to look at the DMAC program, and if they were to do interviews by area, then it should be brought up.

Alternate Chair Berkuta expressed his appreciation for Board Member Wiese's candor and noted he found it interesting that law enforcement agencies did not take advantage of set communications plans as fire agencies did. Board Member Wiese noted that more law enforcement agencies beginning to realize how crucial it was to have communications plans, especially in the aftermath of the 2025 wildfires in the region.

There was no further discussion.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (G)

APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 139 TO AGREEMENT NO. LA-RICS 007

Executive Director Edson stated that Agenda Item G requested the Board make those certain California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings and approve Amendment No. 139 with MSI to incorporate two (2) Change Orders related to UHF enhancement work at the County Fire Command (FCCF) site and to provide supplemental batteries at the Universal Studios (UNIV) site. Executive Director

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Edson further stated the total cost increase for this work was in the amount of two hundred fifty-two thousand one hundred and thirteen dollars ($252,113), which if approved by the Board, would be funded by the UASI grant.

Executive Director Edson reported the first Change Order was to provide and deploy a transmit antenna and combining system at FCCF for the U-1 and U-2 channels to support both transmit and receive capabilities for the site. Executive Director Edson further reported the FCCF site only supported receive audio for the U-1 and U-2 channels and the proposed work would augment FCCF to be both a receive and transmit site, which was necessary to enhance LMR System coverage.

Executive Director Edson went on to say the second Change Order would allow MSI to provide supplemental batteries for a power outage at the UNIV site, which provided connectivity to the LA-RICS core for the Citywalk site. Executive Director Edson shared the site's power was dependent on Universal Studios, and this Change Order guaranteed power during planned Universal Studios outages and the additional batteries would be temporarily installed during planned power outages by the site owner and would be retrieved at a later date. Further, the Executive Director Edson stated this included delivery, assembly, and installation; post usage decommissioning and removal; as well as the required materials and hardware.

Executive Director Edson requested the Board's approval to delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute the Amendment and issue NTPs accordingly.

Executive Director Edson concluded his report and asked if there were any questions.
Board Member Wiese asked where FCCF was located, and Executive Director Edson stated it was close by the LA-RICS headquarters.

Chair Berkuta motioned to approve first, seconded by Board Member Scott Wiese.

Ayes (9): Tadeo, Wiese, Alegria, Zavala, Luke, Berkuta, Chacko, Hurt, and Nelson.

MOTION APPROVED.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS – NONE

There were no Miscellaneous Items for the Regular Meeting.

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

There were no Future Discussion and / or Action Items identified during the Regular Meeting.

XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – NONE

XII. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING AND NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Alternate Board Chair Berkuta thanked the Board Members and attendees for attending the meeting.
Alternate Board Chair Berkuta called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Alternate Board Member Nelson made a motion Seconded by Alternate Board Member Hurt. Alternate Chair Berkuta adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 9:39 a.m. and stated the next Regular Board Meeting would be held on Thursday, October 1, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the LA-RICS Headquarters.

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WHAT ARE THE LISTS OF APPROVED PORTABLE AND MOBILE RADIOS FOR USE ON THE LMR SYSTEM?

- ✓ Requests for Information (RFIs) were issued to obtain responses from multiple responsive, responsible firms to test their Radios.
- ✓ Purpose: Determine if Radios are fully compatible and can operate on the LMR System infrastructure utilizing features currently installed and used by the Authority.
- ✓ Subscribers can use these lists to procure their own Radios for use on the LMR System.
- ✓ RFIs remain open and continuous to allow additional firms and Radios to be submitted and tested for approval.

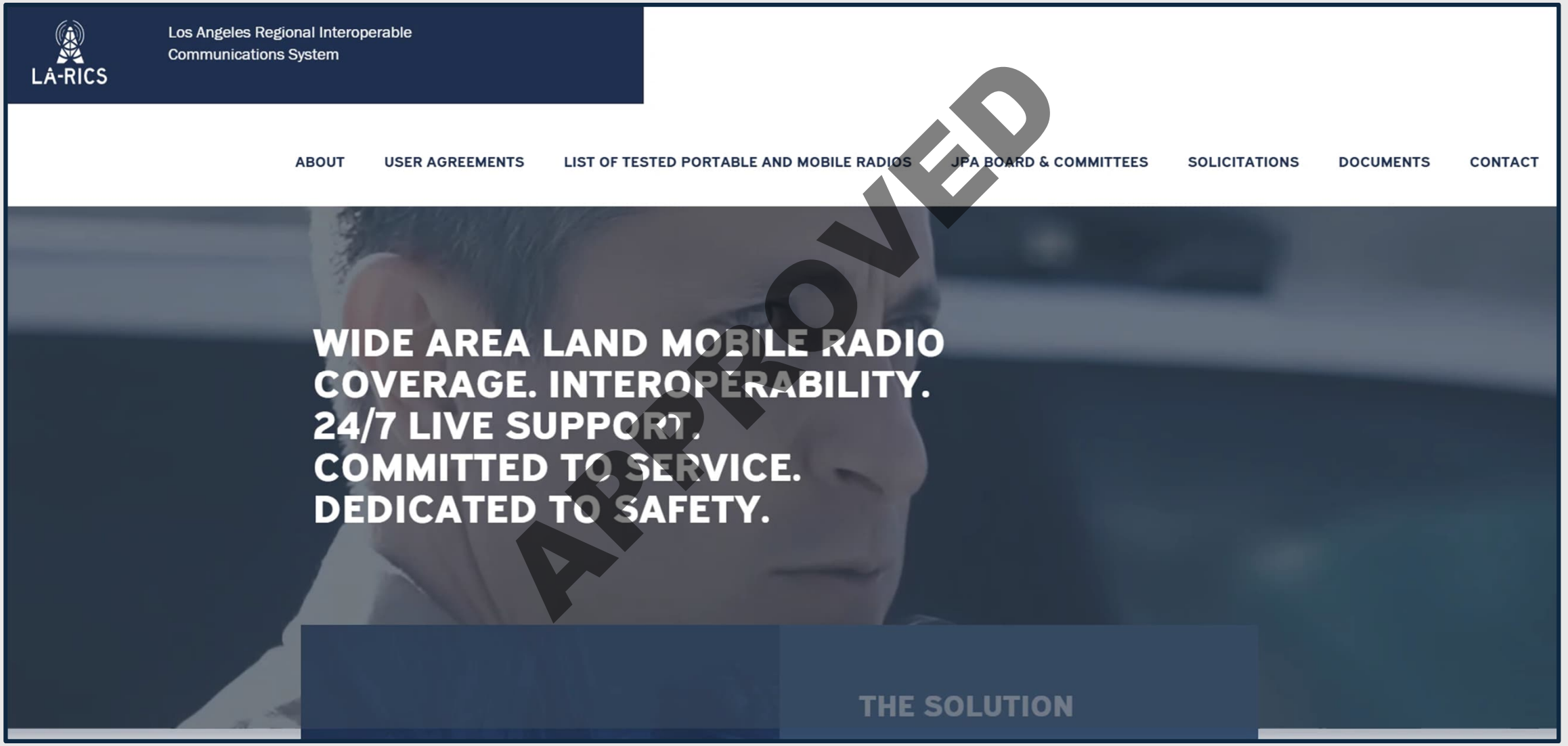
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WHERE CAN I FIND THE LIST OF TESTED AND APPROVED RADIOS FOR USE ON THE LMR SYSTEM?



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EACH LIST OF APPROVED RADIOS INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

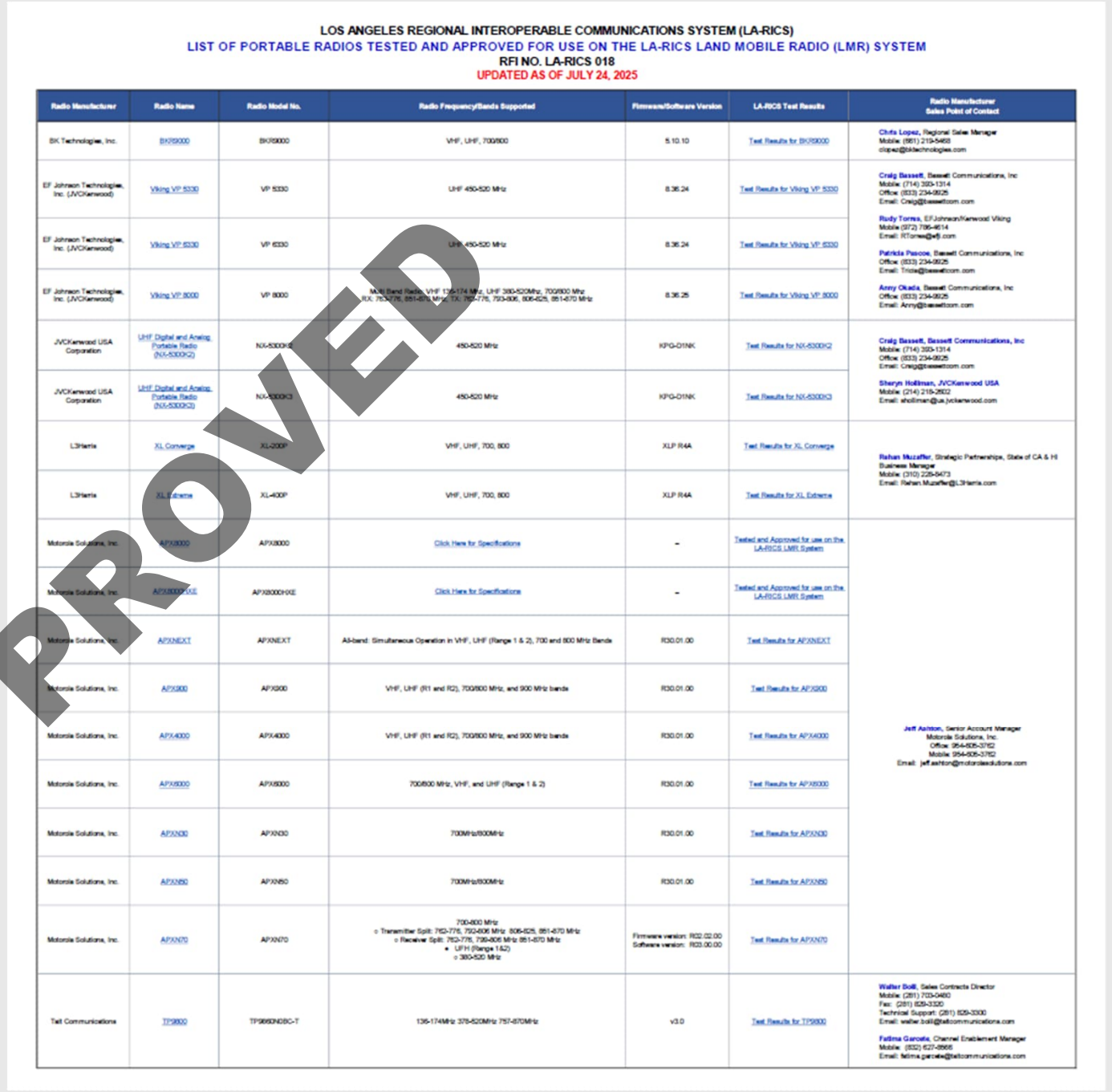
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- ✓ Radio Frequency / Bands Supported
- ✓ Firmware / Software Version
- ✓ Link to LA-RICS Testing Results
  - ✓ Matrix of each radio's ability to meet LMR System Requirements
- ✓ Radio Manufacturer Point(s) of Contact

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LIST OF APPROVED PORTABLE RADIOS FOR USE ON LMR SYSTEM

1. BK TECHNOLOGIES, INC. – 1 RADIO
2. EF JOHNSON TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (JVCKENWOOD) – 3 RADIOS
3. JVCKENWOOD USA CORPORATION – 2 RADIOS
4. L3HARRIS – 2 RADIOS
5. MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. – 9 RADIOS
6. TAIT COMMUNICATIONS – 1 RADIO

AGENDA ITEM A - ENCLOSURE 5



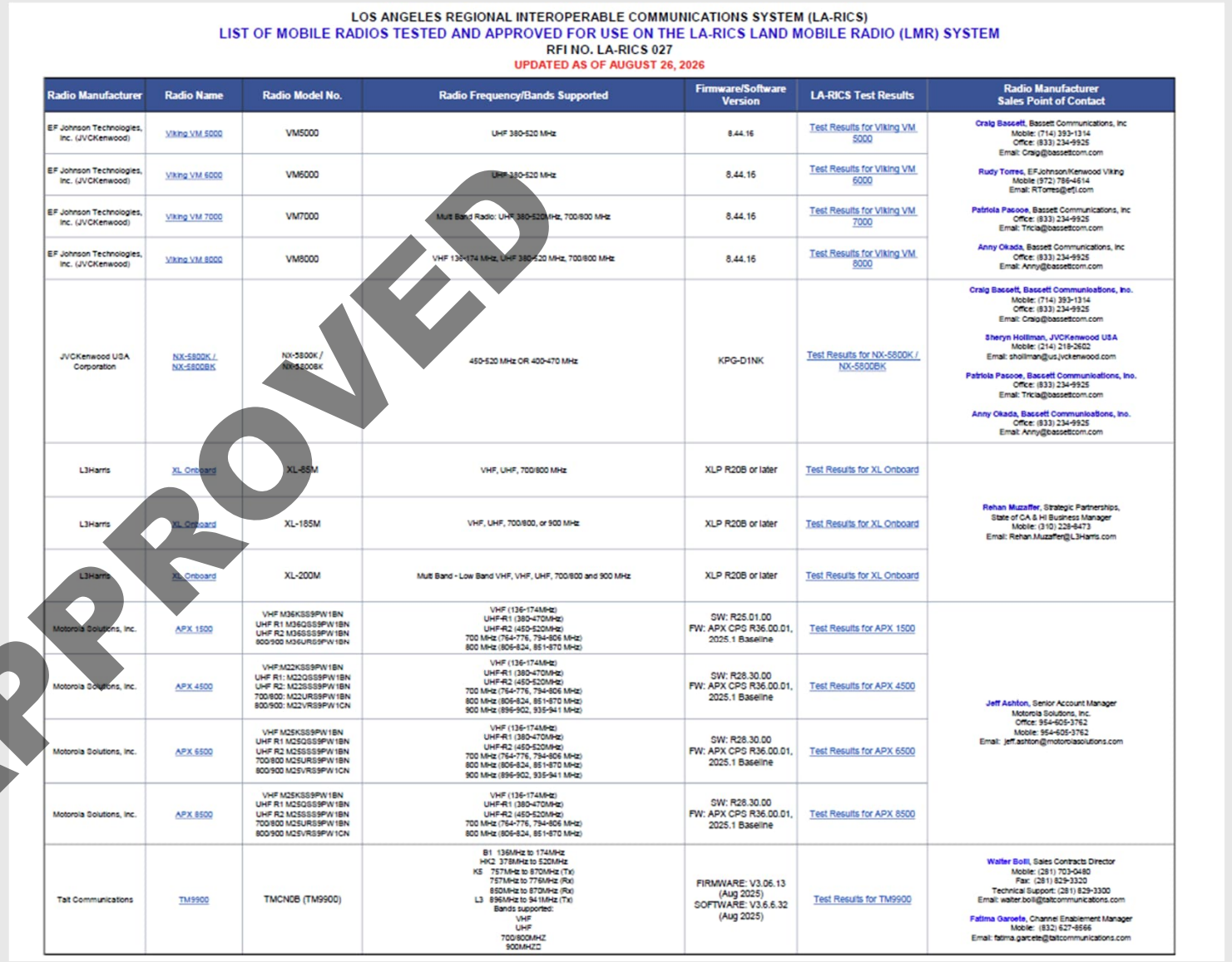
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Radio Manufacturer	Radio Name	Radio Model No.	Radio Frequency/Bands Supported	Firmware/Software Version	LA-RICS Test Results	Radio Manufacturer Sales Point of Contact
BK Technologies, Inc.	BK9000	BK9000	VHF, UHF, 700/800	5.10.10	Test Results for BK9000	Chris Lopez, Regional Sales Manager Mobile: (661) 219-5468 clopez@bktechnologies.com
EF Johnson Technologies, Inc. (JVCKenwood)	Viking VP 5330	VP 5330	UHF 450-520 MHz	8.36.24	Test Results for Viking VP 5330	Craig Bassett, Bassett Communications, Inc Mobile: (714) 393-1314 Office: (833) 234-9825 Email: Craig@bassettcom.com Rudy Torres, EFJohnson/Kenwood Viking Mobile (972) 795-4614 Email: RTorres@efj.com Patricia Pascoe, Bassett Communications, Inc Office: (833) 234-9825 Email: Tricia@bassettcom.com Anny Okada, Bassett Communications, Inc Office: (833) 234-9825 Email: Anny@bassettcom.com
EF Johnson Technologies, Inc. (JVCKenwood)	Viking VP 6330	VP 6330	UHF 450-520 MHz	8.36.24	Test Results for Viking VP 6330	
EF Johnson Technologies, Inc. (JVCKenwood)	Viking VP 8000	VP 8000	Multi Band Radio: VHF 136-174 MHz, UHF 380-520MHz, 700/800 MHz RX: 762-776, 851-870 MHz; TX: 762-776, 793-806, 806-825, 851-870 MHz	8.36.25	Test Results for Viking VP 8000	
JVCKenwood USA Corporation	UHF Digital and Analog Portable Radio (NX-5300K2)	NX-5300K2	450-520 MHz	KPG-D1NK	Test Results for NX-5300K2	Craig Bassett, Bassett Communications, Inc Mobile: (714) 393-1314 Office: (833) 234-9825 Email: Craig@bassettcom.com Sheryn Hollman, JVCKenwood USA Mobile: (214) 215-2602 Email: shollman@us.jvckenwood.com
JVCKenwood USA Corporation	UHF Digital and Analog Portable Radio (NX-5300K3)	NX-5300K3	450-520 MHz	KPG-D1NK	Test Results for NX-5300K3	
L3Harris	XL Converge	XL-200P	VHF, UHF, 700, 800	XLP R4A	Test Results for XL Converge	Rehan Muzaffer, Strategic Partnerships, State of CA & HI Business Manager Mobile: (310) 228-8473 Email: Rehan.Muzaffer@L3Harris.com
L3Harris	XL Extreme	XL-400P	VHF, UHF, 700, 800	XLP R4A	Test Results for XL Extreme	
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	APX8000	APX8000	Click Here for Specifications	-	Tested and Approved for use on the LA-RICS LMR System	Jeff Ashton, Senior Account Manager Motorola Solutions, Inc. Office: 954-605-3762 Mobile: 954-605-3762 Email: jeff.ashton@motorolasolutions.com
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	APX8000HXE	APX8000HXE	Click Here for Specifications	-	Tested and Approved for use on the LA-RICS LMR System	
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	APXNEXT	APXNEXT	All-band: Simultaneous Operation in VHF, UHF (Range 1 & 2), 700 and 800 MHz Bands	R30.01.00	Test Results for APXNEXT	
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	APX900	APX900	VHF, UHF (R1 and R2), 700/800 MHz, and 900 MHz bands	R30.01.00	Test Results for APX900	
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	APX4000	APX4000	VHF, UHF (R1 and R2), 700/800 MHz, and 900 MHz bands	R30.01.00	Test Results for APX4000	
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	APX6000	APX6000	700/800 MHz, VHF, and UHF (Range 1 & 2)	R30.01.00	Test Results for APX6000	
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	APXN30	APXN30	700MHz/800MHz	R30.01.00	Test Results for APXN30	
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	APXN50	APXN50	700MHz/800MHz	R30.01.00	Test Results for APXN50	
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	APXN70	APXN70	700-800 MHz ○ Transmitter Split: 762-776, 792-806 MHz 806-825, 851-870 MHz ○ Receiver Split: 762-776, 792-806 MHz 851-870 MHz • UFH (Range 1&2) ○ 380-520 MHz	Firmware version: R02.02.00 Software version: R03.00.00	Test Results for APXN70	
Tait Communications	TP9800	TP9950NDBC-T	136-174MHz 378-520MHz 757-870MHz	v3.0	Test Results for TP9800	Walter Boll, Sales Contracts Director Mobile: (281) 703-0480 Fax: (281) 829-3320 Technical Support: (281) 829-3300 Email: walter.boll@taitcommunications.com Fatima Garcete, Channel Enablement Manager Mobile: (832) 627-8966 Email: fatima.garcete@taitcommunications.com

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1. EF JOHNSON TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (JVCKENWOOD) – 4 RADIOS
2. JVCKENWOOD USA CORPORATION – 2 RADIOS
3. L3HARRIS – 3 RADIOS
4. MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. – 4 RADIOS
5. TAIT COMMUNICATIONS – 1 RADIO



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Radio Manufacturer	Radio Name	Radio Model No.	Radio Frequency/Bands Supported	Firmware/Software Version	LA-RICS Test Results	Radio Manufacturer Sales Point of Contact
EF Johnson Technologies, Inc. (JVCKenwood)	Viking VM 5000	VM5000	UHF 380-520 MHz	8.44.16	Test Results for Viking VM 5000	Craig Bassett, Bassett Communications, Inc Mobile: (714) 393-1314 Office: (833) 234-9925 Email: Craig@bassettcom.com Rudy Torres, EFJohnson/Kenwood Viking Mobile (972) 786-4614 Email: RTorres@efj.com Patricia Pascoe, Bassett Communications, Inc Office: (833) 234-9925 Email: Tricia@bassettcom.com Anny Okada, Bassett Communications, Inc Office: (833) 234-9925 Email: Anny@bassettcom.com
EF Johnson Technologies, Inc. (JVCKenwood)	Viking VM 6000	VM6000	UHF 380-520 MHz	8.44.16	Test Results for Viking VM 6000	
EF Johnson Technologies, Inc. (JVCKenwood)	Viking VM 7000	VM7000	Multi Band Radio: UHF 380-520MHz, 700/800 MHz	8.44.16	Test Results for Viking VM 7000	
EF Johnson Technologies, Inc. (JVCKenwood)	Viking VM 8000	VM8000	VHF 136-174 MHz, UHF 380-520 MHz, 700/800 MHz	8.44.16	Test Results for Viking VM 8000	
JVCKenwood USA Corporation	NX-5800K / NX-5800BK	NX-5800K / NX-5800BK	450-520 MHz OR 400-470 MHz	KPG-D1NK	Test Results for NX-5800K / NX-5800BK	Craig Bassett, Bassett Communications, Inc. Mobile: (714) 393-1314 Office: (833) 234-9925 Email: Craig@bassettcom.com Sheryn Hollman, JVCKenwood USA Mobile: (214) 219-2602 Email: shollman@us.jvckenwood.com Patricia Pascoe, Bassett Communications, Inc. Office: (833) 234-9925 Email: Tricia@bassettcom.com Anny Okada, Bassett Communications, Inc. Office: (833) 234-9925 Email: Anny@bassettcom.com
L3Harris	XL Onboard	XL-185M	VHF, UHF, 700/800 MHz	XLP R20B or later	Test Results for XL Onboard	Rehan Muzaffer, Strategic Partnerships, State of CA & HI Business Manager Mobile: (310) 228-8473 Email: Rehan.Muzaffer@L3Harris.com
L3Harris	XL Onboard	XL-185M	VHF, UHF, 700/800, or 900 MHz	XLP R20B or later	Test Results for XL Onboard	
L3Harris	XL Onboard	XL-200M	Multi Band - Low Band VHF, VHF, UHF, 700/800 and 900 MHz	XLP R20B or later	Test Results for XL Onboard	
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	APX 1500	VHF M36KSS9PW1BN UHF R1 M36QSS9PW1BN UHF R2 M36SSS9PW1BN 800/900 M36UR69PW1BN	VHF (136-174MHz) UHF-R1 (380-470MHz) UHF-R2 (450-520MHz) 700 MHz (764-776, 794-806 MHz) 800 MHz (806-824, 851-870 MHz)	SW: R25.01.00 FW: APX CPS R36.00.01, 2025.1 Baseline	Test Results for APX 1500	Jeff Ashton, Senior Account Manager Motorola Solutions, Inc. Office: 954-605-3762 Mobile: 954-605-3762 Email: jeff.ashton@motorolasolutions.com
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	APX 4500	VHF M22KSS9PW1BN UHF R1: M22QSS9PW1BN UHF R2: M22SSS9PW1BN 700/800: M22UR59PW1BN 800/900: M22VR59PW1CN	VHF (136-174MHz) UHF-R1 (380-470MHz) UHF-R2 (450-520MHz) 700 MHz (764-776, 794-806 MHz) 800 MHz (806-824, 851-870 MHz) 900 MHz (896-902, 935-941 MHz)	SW: R26.30.00 FW: APX CPS R36.00.01, 2025.1 Baseline	Test Results for APX 4500	
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	APX 6500	VHF M25KSS9PW1BN UHF R1 M25QSS9PW1BN UHF R2 M25SSS9PW1BN 700/800 M25UR59PW1BN 800/900 M25VR59PW1CN	VHF (136-174MHz) UHF-R1 (380-470MHz) UHF-R2 (450-520MHz) 700 MHz (764-776, 794-806 MHz) 800 MHz (806-824, 851-870 MHz) 900 MHz (896-902, 935-941 MHz)	SW: R26.30.00 FW: APX CPS R36.00.01, 2025.1 Baseline	Test Results for APX 6500	
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	APX 8500	VHF M25KSS9PW1BN UHF R1 M25QSS9PW1BN UHF R2 M25SSS9PW1BN 700/800 M25UR59PW1BN 800/900 M25VR59PW1CN	VHF (136-174MHz) UHF-R1 (380-470MHz) UHF-R2 (450-520MHz) 700 MHz (764-776, 794-806 MHz) 800 MHz (806-824, 851-870 MHz)	SW: R26.30.00 FW: APX CPS R36.00.01, 2025.1 Baseline	Test Results for APX 8500	
Tait Communications	TM9900	TMCN0B (TM9900)	B1 136MHz to 174MHz HK2 378MHz to 520MHz K5 757MHz to 870MHz (Tx) 757MHz to 776MHz (Rx) 850MHz to 870MHz (Rx) L3 896MHz to 941MHz (Tx) Bands supported: VHF UHF 700/800MHZ 900MHZ	FIRMWARE: V3.06.13 (Aug 2025) SOFTWARE: V3.6.6.32 (Aug 2025)	Test Results for TM9900	Walter Boll, Sales Contracts Director Mobile: (281) 703-0480 Fax: (281) 829-3320 Technical Support: (281) 829-3300 Email: walter.boll@taitcommunications.com Fatima Garcete, Channel Enablement Manager Mobile: (832) 627-8566 Email: fatima.garcete@taitcommunications.com

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