BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

Thursday, October 1, 2026, at 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
Scott Wiese, Police Chief, (Monterey Park), Los Angeles County Police Chief's 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
David Chen, Assistant Division Director, County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
Brandon Coatney, At-Large Seat #4, (City of La Verne Fire Department)
Cardell Hurt, Captain, At-Large Seat #2 (City of Inglewood Police Department)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT / VACANT
Michael Alegria, Fire Chief, Los Angeles Area Fire Chief's Association
Joshua Nelson, City Manager (City of Industry) California Contract Cities Association
Ric Walczak, Police Chief, At-Large Seat #3 (City of Covina Police 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 9:02 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. September 3, 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 September 3, 2026; hearing none, he called for a motion to approve.

Board Member Scott Wiese motioned first, seconded by Alternate Board Member Brandon Coatney.

Ayes (7): Tadeo, Wiese, Luke, Berkuta, Chen, Hurt and Coatney

MOTION APPROVED.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no consent items on the Regular Meeting Agenda.

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VI. REPORTS (B)

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

Executive Director Edson greeted the Board and reported that LA-RICS is wrapping up the system upgrade, as required under the Software Upgrade Agreement with Motorola. Executive Director Edson said this is the first system upgrade since LA-RICS accepted the system in November 2023, that the majority of the work had been completed, and for the most part, LA-RICS got through the upgrade without significant service-impacting outages.

Executive Director Edson stated that LA-RICS did encounter a few issues along the way and saw some alarms after certain portions of the upgrade were completed, but most turned out to be benign and did not affect system operations. Executive Director Edson stated that they also found that some upgrades did not fully propagate to the remote radio equipment, requiring technicians to visit those sites and perform a hard reboot. Executive Director Edson said some of the custom firewall and network configurations had not been transferred to the new equipment, so they had to hold off on those portions of the upgrade until they could be addressed.

Executive Director Edson reported Motorola is completing the NICE logging recorder upgrade this week and once that is finished, the remaining work will be to close out the punch-list items identified during the upgrade. Executive Director Edson stated, overall, their first upgrade did not go as smoothly as they had hoped, but they were able to work through the issues without any major service-impacting outages.

Executive Director Edson moved on to permanent power at Green Mountain and Burnt Peak, reporting that LA-RICS is getting closer to the finish line at both sites. Executive Director Edson reported that at Green Mountain, the meter was scheduled to be installed on October 1, 2026. Executive Director Edson said, after that, LA-RICS will request final sign-off and connection from the Department of Water and Power. At Burnt Peak, the team resubmitted their application to Southern California Edison (SCE), and SCE is working through the final connection activities to bring its customers at the site onto the solar grid. Executive Director Edson stated that LA-RICS is hopeful that both sites will be on permanent power by the end of the year, if not sooner.

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Executive Director Edson shared that LA-RICS had a great kick-off meeting with LAPD in August to begin the talks and they are awaiting additional information while LAPD considers their technical requirements and operational needs and suitability.

Executive Director Edson shared the team reached out to the City of Long Beach given their current financial crisis, to discuss what LA-RICS could do for their communications needs and how LA-RICS might save them money. The team is awaiting a date to meet.

Executive Director Edson shared that just a couple weeks ago, another McCrystal Group after action report was released. Executive Director Edson highlighted a few of the items reported:

- *Stakeholder interviews identified LA-RICS as the most effective technical communications resource for first responder operations.*
- *Technical communications challenges were concentrated less in LA-RICS performance and availability and more in field usability. Some users reported high voice traffic driven by radio-discipline issues among users, suspected third-party jamming, minor nomenclature and training gaps, and outdated or incomplete programming across some agencies.*
- *Finding COM-F3: LA-RICS performed effectively and provided an incident interoperable communications backbone; LA-RICS performed well under extraordinary operating conditions and provided an effective interoperable communications backbone for County and mutual aid partners.*
- *Some users identified high voice traffic, radio-discipline issues, inconsistent channel naming, and minor training gaps.*
- *Recommendation COM-R3 Sustain LA-RICS infrastructure practices and support expanded adoption: The LA-RICS Authority, LASD, LACoFD, OEM, and subscriber and user agencies should sustain the infrastructure practices that supported system availability during the January 2025 Eaton and Palisades Fires and work towards expanding LA-RICS adoption among County departments, municipal, and mutual-aid partners that respond to or operate in the region. This should include using LA-RICS for day-to-day operations, during emergencies, and/or for mutual aid. Sustaining infrastructure practices should include ongoing severe-weather readiness checks, validation of radio programming and interoperability talk group*

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access, standardized channel naming, and clear surge channel assignment procedures. Subscriber agencies should also expand recurring training and exercises on talk group selection, radio discipline, high-traffic operations, mutual aid use, interference reporting, suspected jamming procedures, and tactical channel management. These actions would preserve a demonstrated strength while improving consistency and field usability during future high-tern o incidents.

As for the Budget, Executive Director Edson stated as reported to the Board last month, LA-RICS has concluded their fiscal year end wrap up and submitted their final Budget Status Report with the actual expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025–2026 to the County CEO. LA-RICS is bringing a budget adjustment to the Board under Agenda Item I, to reflect the actual expenditures incurred through fiscal year end for 2025-2026 and memorializing those actual expenditures to the carryover of expenditures and revenues from prior fiscal year to this fiscal year. Executive Director Edson stated that he will address the good news amended budget in greater detail in agenda item I.

Regarding Grants, Executive Director Edson shared that LA-RICS continues making progress on the UASI 24 grant projects with a heavy push to complete work before the Super El Nino impacts the region. Executive Director Edson continued on that topic, and said, when the Governor declared a state of emergency in anticipation of the "likely historic El Nino event", LA-RICS reached out to Cal OES to inquire regarding preparedness funds or programs that may be available to LA-RICS to get ready for the storms and Cal OES provided the following guidance:

"There are no provisions to initiate the Public Assistance grant program in the State of Emergency, as the PA programs are authorized for reimbursement of response and recovery from a specific disaster event. In this SOE all state agencies are directed to coordinate statewide preparedness, including pre-positioning resources/equipment/supplies; and some provisions of Government Code are suspended to support faster disaster response. LA-RICS should submit any resource requests through LA County."

Executive Director Edson reported that LA-RICS wanted to share this language to remind the Board that despite LA-RICS being a JPA that serves public safety agencies in the region via subscriber and no-cost Affiliate Agreements, LA-RICS is not a governmental agency and because of the way certain grant programs are structured, certain funds, awards and grant opportunities are only available to public

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safety agencies, local governments and jurisdictions. Executive Director Edson continued to report, however, LA-RICS can certainly partner for grant opportunities, applications and awards; that is something the team will be working closely with other agencies as LA-RICS progresses through their O&M phase of the project.

Related to Grants, Executive Director Edson said that LA-RICS continued to work collaboratively with the Mayor's Office to make progress on the development of policy and procedures required for the system-of-systems model the region agreed to fund. Executive Director Edson also mentioned the draft SOP was distributed to the regional working group with a deadline to provide comments by October 15th.

Executive Director Edson said that Lt. Dominguez will provide additional detail in his Outreach report, but wanted to remind the group as the grant award season opens up, fair distribution of grant funds should be championed and awarded to agencies that are leading, providing assistance at no cost, helping with radio programming, code plug development, etc., serving as a HUB in the region and should be awarded a fair amount of funds.

As for Contracts, Executive Director Edson reported the agenda packet contained an amendment to LA-RICS Agreement with San Luis Aviation for ESChat licenses. Executive Director Edson said he will go into greater detail under Agenda Item G, but at a high level, this amendment will allow LA-RICS to purchase the additional licenses needed for both our Countywide users – whose $65/radio rate includes use of ESChat, as well as our non-countywide users who can purchase use of ESChat for $10 per subscribing Radio for all subscribing devices. Executive Director Edson also reported the grant will pay for a portion of the costs associated with the licenses and the subscription revenue ($65/radio revenue) will pay for the remaining portion.

Executive Director Edson stated, LA-RICS is presenting an Agreement with WinC Services for LA-RICS Managed IT services, a much-needed service agreement payable by subscriber revenue as reflected in the adopted budget. Executive Director Edson mentioned he will present additional details on that under Agenda Item H.

And finally, Executive Director Edson reported that Agenda Item J is a permit to enter with the USFS to allow them to co-locate equipment at our Burnt Peak Site while working with them on a long-term co-location site sub lease agreement. Executive Director Edson shared, in summary, LA-RICS has no cost lease agreements with the USFS for 13 of our LMR sites where the Forest Service, as a

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great partner to public safety is leasing space to LA-RICS on a gratis basis. Executive Director Edson reminded the Board that years ago Burnt Peak suffered a fire impacting power infrastructure for all tenants at the peak and as they work with SCE for solar power deployment at the peak, the USFS reached out to LA-RICS to co-locate their minimal equipment at the Burnt Peak site. Executive Director Edson said he will go over that permit to enter in greater detail under Agenda Item J.

Board Member Wiese shared he attended the Police Chief's Conference and during one of the conference meetings, LA County Sheriff Luna expressed how well LA-RICS performed during the 2026 World Cup. Board Member Wiese continued to share that Sheriff Luna advised all the Police Chiefs in attendance, that they should jump over to LA-RICS if they have the opportunity to do so as well as follow up work done by Board Member Wiese to at very least become Affiliates. Additionally, Chief Wiese expressed his concern regarding the lack of guidance for the Olympics. There is a belief there will be an additional 3,000 officers joining the region for the duration of the Olympics. Comms will be a huge part of this operation. Additionally, Chief Wiese mentioned they are anticipating 24,000 security personnel for LA28 event. Comms will be huge and something for the group to collectively monitor. Funding has not yet been made available for this mass event, and a question remains how comms will be addressed given LA-RICS is a world-renowned system, best in the nation, we should expect the organizers will require our assistance at some point. Sergeant Al Sierra shared it would be helpful to understand what outside agencies will be participating in the LA28 deployment, as certain agencies have compatible radios and this would facilitate deployment planning and next steps.

Alternate Board Member Coatney shared the Fire Chief’s Association would also be hosting its Conference this week and he has also shared his questions regarding how LA28 would be handled, as one large incident with incorporation of outside resources – but there has not yet been any clear direction how it will be approached.

Alternate Board Member Hurt asked Board Member Wiese if Grant Funding was also discussed at the Police Chief’s Conference. Board Member Wiese replied, yes there was some discussion with more to follow as the conference proceeded. Chief Wiese mentioned he sees LA-RICS as an agency that should receive grant funds to ensure communications work at these events.

Alternate Chair Berkuta acknowledged Board Member Wiese’s proactiveness and thanked him for having these conversations with the LA-RICS board so that all

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Board Members may take similar opportune moments to raise concerns and share success of LA-RICS. Alternate Chair Berkuta expressed his appreciation and thanked Board Member Wiese.

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 – NON

Due to need for Board Members schedule, the Chair moved to Administrative Matters next.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (G – J)

G. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT NO. LA-RICS 026 WITH SAN LUIS AVIATION INC., DBA SLA CORP FOR ESCHAT

Executive Director Edson reported that Agenda Item G requested the Board to approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. LA-RICS 026 with San Luis Aviation, Inc, DBA ESChat (ESChat) to purchase 4,000 ESChat licenses for a cost of $57.99 per license per year for a total annual increase of $231,960. Executive Director Edson stated that Amendment No. 1 will result in an increase in the amount of $285,473, which if approved by the Board, would be funded by a combination of the UASI grant and Subscriber Revenue in accordance with the LA-RICS Adopted Operating Budget.

Executive Director Edson reported that on July 10, 2025, the Board approved a sole source agreement with ESChat for ESChat Push to Talk (PTT) functionality for use on the LMR System which authorized ESChat to provide up to 750 licenses to operate ES Chat during the first year of the agreement service period. Executive Director Edson stated that the ESChat licenses were provided to Subscriber Agencies for a one (1) year trial period, on a gratis basis, which concludes in December of this year. Executive Director Edson said, in preparation for expiration of Year 1, Authority staff worked with Subscriber Agencies to determine how many licenses would be needed in Year 2.

Executive Director Edson reported that, on June 4, 2026, the Board approved an Amendment to Subscriber User Agreements, which provided for a "Value Add" of

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ESChat licenses on a gratis basis to Subscriber entities with an overall amount of 20,000+ devices on the LMR System. Executive Director Edson shared, additionally, the Board approved an optional ESChat cost line of $10 per device per month for Subscribers with less than 20,000 devices on the LMR System who would like to purchase ESChat services.

Executive Director Edson stated he is nowrequesting the Board consider approving Amendment No. 1 with ESChat, for the purchase of 4,000 additional ESChat licenses to allow interested Subscriber Agencies continue to use ESChat either on a gratis basis or on a paid basis depending on the subscriber rate being paid.

Executive Director Edson said, additionally, Board approval was requested to delegate authority to the Executive Director to negotiate, finalize, and execute Amendment No. 1 as well as to continue to approve and execute amendments to the Agreement.

Executive Director Edson asked if there were any questions to which there were none.

Alternate Chair Berkuta asked for a motion to approve. Alternate Member Hurt motioned to approve first, seconded by Board Member Scott Wiese.

Ayes (7): Tadeo, Wiese, Luke, Berkuta, Chen, Hurt, and Coatney.

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H. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH WINC SERVICES, LLC FOR MANAGED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) SERVICES

Executive Director Edson stated the Board's approval was requested for Agenda Item H to delegate authority to the Executive Director to enter into an Agreement with WinC Services LLC for Managed IT Services with a contract term of three (3) years, commencing upon execution of both parties, with two (2) one-year renewal options, which may be exercised at the sole discretion of the Authority. Executive Director Edson further stated, the proposed annual Contract Sum is $35,700 at a monthly rate of $2,975.

Executive Director Edson reported the Authority has been operating without a dedicated IT consultant since 2020. Executive Director Edson said that LASD has

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been providing interim IT services, however, with the recent upgrade to a complete MS Office 365 environment the Authority now requires a dedicated Managed IT Service contractor to oversee and manage the IT environment and infrastructure at LA-RICS.

Executive Director Edson stated that on June 24, 2026, the Authority released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for LA-RICS Managed Information Technology (IT) Services, and on July 14, 2026, a Mandatory Bidders Conference and Site Walk was conducted at LA-RICS Headquarters. Executive Director Edson said, in response to the IFB, ten (10) bids were received with Winc Services, LLC found to be the lowest cost, responsive, and responsible bidder.

Executive Director Edson reported, Agenda Item H is requesting the Board delegate authority to the Executive Director to increase the Total Contract Amount annually by an additional aggregate not-to-exceed amount of $25,000 contingency for additional IT related services, given this is the first contract for dedicated managed IT services the Authority requires a contingency for upgrades that are not yet known. Executive Director Edson stated that any such increase will be memorialized in the form of an amendment provided the amendments are approved as to form by Counsel to the Authority and cumulatively do not exceed $25,000 per year.

Executive Director Edson lastly requested the Board delegate him authority to execute the Agreement substantially similar in form to the enclosed Agreement and approve and execute amendments, including option years.

Executive Director Edson asked if there were any questions to which there were none.

Alternate Chair Berkuta asked for a motion to approve. Board Member Scott Wiese motioned to approve first, seconded by Board Member Tadeo.

Ayes (7): Tadeo, Wiese, Luke, Berkuta, Chen, Hurt, and Coatney.

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I. ADOPT THE FISCAL-YEAR 2026-2027 AMENDED LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY OPERATING BUDGET

Executive Director Edson stated he is requesting the Board's approval of the Proposed Amended Operating Budget for FY 2026-2027 which allocates $6,400,000 of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 year-end carry over to the Capital Replacement/Refresh Annual Reserve and adjust funding for certain budget lines related to Contractors and Consultant services grant funded projects, Project Construction Management, IT Services Management, Governmental Maintenance Services and the Contingency line.

Executive Director Edson reported the amendment will carry over prior year savings to future Capital Replacement Refresh Annual Reserve expenditures and align the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Operating Budget with the results of Fiscal Year 2025-26 year-end closing.

Executive Director Edson asked if there were any questions to which there were none.

Alternate Chair Berkuta asked for a motion to approve. Alternate Board Member Hurt motioned to approve first, seconded by Alternate Board Chair Berkuta.

Ayes (7): Tadeo, Wiese, Luke, Berkuta, Chen, Hurt, and Coatney.

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J. DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE PERMIT TO ENTER FOR COLLOCATION AT BURNT PEAK LAND MOBILE RADIO (LMR) SYSTEM SITE WITH UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE

Executive Director Edson reported the Board's approval was requested for Agenda Item J to delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute a Permit to Enter substantially similar in form to the enclosed document for the Burnt Peak (BUR) Site to allow the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service – or Forest Service - to collocate and install, operate and maintain a minimal amount of Forest Service communication equipment at the LA-RICS BUR site on a gratis basis.

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Further, the Executive Director, Edson further reported that LA-RICS is working with the Forest Service for a long-term Site Access agreement that will memorialize their co-location at our Burnt Peak site. However, in the interim and in the interest of time, are bringing this permit to enter to the Board so that the Forest Service can locate its equipment on our site and not need to enter into separate power agreements with SCE for solar power installation at their former site. Executive Director Edson expressed as the Board letter mentions, the USFS has been a great partner with LA-RICS and public safety, providing LA-RICS no-cost access to 13 USFS sites which now host 13 LA-RICS LMR sites that provide critical coverage within our LA-RICS system.

Executive Director Edson asked if there were any questions.

Board Member Wiese inquired about the current status on USFS radio use.

Sergeant Sierra shared discussions with USFS are ongoing as they explore options to address radio procurement and staffing requirements. Sergeant Sierra stated the LA-RICS team will continue to maintain regular communication with USFS to monitor progress and provide continued support.

Alternate Chair Berkuta asked for a motion to approve. Alternate Board Chair Berkuta motioned to approve first, seconded by Board Member Wiese.

Ayes (7): Tadeo, Wiese, Luke, Berkuta, Chen, Hurt, and Coatney.

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Alternate Board Member Leslie Luke left the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (E – F)

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

Assistant Chief LMR System Officer Ted Pao greeted the Board and reported that September's network operations had been steady, with no major outages, and aside from the scheduled system upgrade issues reported by the Executive Director, the network had remained relatively stable for subscribers. Assistant Chief LMR System Officer Ted Pao said, LA-RICS is still collecting and processing the September call data, since day of verbal report was on October 1st. Assistant Chief

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LMR System Officer Ted Pao then stated, looking back at August, the system handled approximately 3.06 million calls, generating about 31.3 million seconds of call time, or roughly 521,000 minutes.

Assistant Chief LMR System Officer Ted Pao said, the RF preventive maintenance activities that began in March have essentially wrapped up and that Motorola is on track to complete the remaining RF preventive maintenance work by mid-October.

Assistant Chief LMR System Officer Ted Pao reported that LA-RICS is also starting to see more Public Safety Power Shutoff, or PSPS, events, primarily in the North County region and these events are adding to the generator runtime and fuel consumption already occurring from routine utility maintenance outages and other unplanned power outages.

Assistant Chief LMR System Officer Ted Pao shared one challenge is that generator runtime associated with qualifying PSPS events may be excluded from the 200-hour annual operating limit under SCAQMD rules, provided the applicable requirements are met. Assistant Chief LMR System Officer Ted Pao said LA-RICS still needs to carefully track each event and maintain supporting documentation to substantiate those hours and managing that process across more than 50 sites is a significant administrative effort.

Assistant Chief LMR System Officer Ted Pao reported LA-RICS is also seeing utility companies become more proactive with planned maintenance of their power lines and poles, which means these scheduled outages appear to be happening more frequently and every hour the LA-RICS generators are running needs to be tracked and documented.

Assistant Chief LMR System Officer Ted Pao stated, as LA-RICS gets closer to the annual limit, they may need to file a variance petition with SCAQMD and that process involves more than just submitting a request. Assistant Chief LMR System Officer Ted Pao continued to state that LA-RICS would need to provide the supporting records, explain why the additional generator runtime is necessary, document the circumstances that led to the anticipated overrun, and describe what LA-RICS is doing to minimize emissions and manage generator use.

Assistant Chief LMR System Officer Ted Pao continued to report that the petition would then go before the SCAQMD Hearing Board, which reviews the evidence

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and considers whether to grant the variance and under what conditions, but also, depending on the type of variance, the process may involve advance public notice and a formal hearing, where LA-RICS would need to explain its case and answer questions from the Board. Assistant Chief LMR System Officer Ted Pao further reported that the approval is not guaranteed, so LA-RICS needs to monitor generator hours closely and start the process early if it looks like it may exceed the limit.

Assistant Chief LMR System Officer Ted Pao concluded his report after saying, the bottom line is that maintaining reliable backup power across our sites also requires careful management of generator runtime, fuel consumption, recordkeeping, air-quality compliance and with more frequent utility outages and PSPS events, that's becoming an increasingly important part of our operational workload.

Alternate Chair Berkuta inquired about the electrical issue and fuel cost going up, if it would be best to try a solar system and a battery backup for some of LA-RICS sites. Assistant Chief LMR System Officer Ted Pao said some sites already are battery backup operated and solar powered but it's challenging at a lot of the sites because of the location and real estate of the site.

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 September included in the Agenda Packet for review and information.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez reported that as the end of the year approaches, the team is seeing continued interest from public safety agencies throughout the region in the LA-RICS communications system. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez reported that over the past several months, the Authority staff remained actively engaged with agencies seeking to better understand the capabilities of LA-RICS and how the system can support their individual communications needs. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez said LA-RICS continues to provide each agency with a personalized approach, including information on available equipment vendors and the discounted rates offered to LA-RICS subscribers. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez stated that the continued outreach and interest LA-RICS is receiving reflect the value, reliability, capabilities, and services that LA-RICS provides to public safety agencies throughout the region.

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Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez said, LA-RICS continues to serve as an important resource to public safety agencies throughout the region, with many agencies reaching out to him and LA-RICS staff for guidance on communications, interoperability, and regional coordination. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez stated LA-RICS continues to be actively engaged with our stakeholders and continues to build relationships with agencies that are critical to the success of LA-RICS.Most recently, LA-RICS participated in an executive-level meeting with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Technology and Support Division and Communications and Fleet Management, where the team met with newly appointed executives and staff. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez reported that during the meeting, the team provided an overview of the history of LA-RICS, including the formation of the JPA, the funding strategy, the design and construction of the system, its ongoing operations, and the current subscriber plan and rates. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez said the team also emphasized the important role that Board and Committee participation plays in the continued governance and success of the Authority. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez further reported the meeting was very well received, and it was clear from the discussion the LASD leadership team recognizes the importance of continued collaboration and partnership in advancing regional interoperability.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez shared that during September, LA-RICS continued its outreach and coordination with agencies throughout the region, focusing on interoperability, system capabilities, and ways to better support the communications needs of its subscriber and affiliate agencies. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez stated the outreach included the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, while coordination also continued with LA-RICS Orange County counterparts to ensure resources are available to support agencies across the region.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez reported the team also completed additional radio programming for California State Parks, the City of Hidden Hills, and California State University, Dominguez Hill and these efforts helped address important connectivity gaps and further strengthen communications interoperability. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez said, in addition, Downey Police Department, Manhattan Beach Police Department, the City of Compton, the City of Hidden Hills, and Signal Hill Police Department were brought online with additional interoperability channels, including mutual aid and regional channels. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez reported that LA-RICS also provided radio training to the City of Compton as a new subscriber, helping ensure their personnel are prepared to effectively use the system and coordinate with neighboring agencies.

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Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez stated LA-RICS staff continued to provide hands-on support to agencies in the field including, coverage assessments conducted at Henry Mayo Hospital and Cedars-Sinai Marina del Rey to evaluate LA-RICS radio coverage and identify any areas requiring additional attention. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez said the team also worked with Lancaster Police Department, Inglewood Police Department, and LASD Search and Rescue to troubleshoot issues involving missed encrypted radio transmissions and help ensure reliable communications.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez reported that LA-RICS also provided critical support to LASD Air Operations following the loss of the department's radio programmer. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez said the staff assisted with training newly assigned personnel and developing radio code plugs, helping restore and maintain the department's internal programming capability and this support helped ensure proper radio programming, reduce the potential for service disruptions, and strengthen LASD Air Operations' ability to independently maintain its communications equipment and interoperability requirements.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez further reported that on the system and infrastructure side, upgrades to the NICE logging system continue at both core sites, along with console equipment upgrades at the LA-RICS Headquarters site. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez said the staff also remain engaged with MSI and Airwave Communications on coordination, asset tracking, and the ongoing TOP 700 MHz buildout. Coordination continues the acquisition and tracking of assets needed for Frost Peak (FRP) ice-damage repairs, while inventory and asset audits are underway at system sites and storage locations as we prepare for the transition of the JACOBS team. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez said the Radio testing at Cedars-Sinai Tarzana Medical Center is also scheduled to take place.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez shared that LA-RICS continues to work closely with the United States Secret Service, which will serve as the lead federal agency for communications coordination and security operations supporting the LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez shared that recent discussions have been focused on radio interoperability, system capabilities, and planning for future events. During the FIFA World Cup, Secret Service personnel utilized LA-RICS handheld radios at SoFi Stadium to monitor radio traffic and support situational awareness, with positive feedback regarding the performance of the system. As LA28 planning progresses, Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez said LA-RICS anticipates continued coordination with the Secret Service, including additional site surveys and discussions regarding dedicated radio resources and

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interoperability requirements. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez expressed that this ongoing engagement would help ensure LA-RICS remains aligned with our federal, state, and local partners as planning for LA28 moves forward.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez reported that at the request of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, LA-RICS recently completed an assessment of its preparedness for the anticipated Super El Niño season and overall, LA-RICS is well positioned to support LASD and other public safety agencies during severe weather events. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez said the system has demonstrated a strong record of reliability during previous atmospheric river storms, high-wind events, Public Safety Power Shutoffs, and commercial power outages. Our Network Operations Center (NOC) provides continuous, 24/7 monitoring of the system, allowing staff to quickly identify and address issues as they arise. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez went on to say the backup generators and other resiliency measures are also in place to help maintain communications during extended power disruptions.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez expressed the primary concerns during a prolonged or widespread weather event are not the capability of the radio system itself, but the potential impacts to supporting infrastructure. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez also expressed the flooding, road closures, high winds, debris, commercial power loss, and restricted access to remote communications sites could affect the ability to conduct emergency repairs or replenish generator fuel. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez reported as part of our preparedness efforts, LA-RICS has requested the acquisition of an ATV and additional four-wheel-drive vehicles to provide staff with greater access to communications sites when road conditions are severely impacted with the request currently awaiting approval from the Assistant Sheriff's Office. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez said these resources would provide an additional capability to reach sites for emergency maintenance, repairs, and other critical support when conventional vehicle access may not be possible.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez stated that LA-RICS is also reviewing critical site readiness, backup power and fuel capacity, emergency response resources, alternate access routes, and the availability of personnel and equipment with continued coordination with County partners, including the Office of Emergency Management, Public Works, Fire Department, and other supporting agencies, to strengthen regional preparedness. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez stated the efforts, combined with LA-RICS' existing monitoring, maintenance, and response

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capabilities, will help ensure the system remains reliable and available to public safety agencies throughout a significant or prolonged weather event.

Finally, Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez reported that LA-RICS continues to support regional communications coordination through its participation in the LA Regional Interoperability Committee and leadership of the Operations Subcommittee. LA-RICS will participate in the upcoming meeting with the City of Los Angeles on October 15 as the team continues working toward greater consistency and coordination in regional communications. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez reported, as part of that effort, the draft Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) have been distributed to all Operations Subcommittee members, and LA-RICS is already receiving valuable feedback and recommendations from the stakeholders. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez continued to report the Operations Subcommittee is scheduled to meet on October 29 to review the draft with key stakeholders, discuss the feedback received, and make any necessary revisions. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez expressed that this collaborative process would help establish a solid foundation for the procedures and ensure they reflect the operational needs of the agencies that will ultimately rely on them during both routine operations and regional emergencies.

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

Board Member Wiese stated that communications for the 2028 Olympics are in the works.

There was no further discussion.

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IX. MISCELLANEOUS – NONE

There were no miscellaneous Items for the Regular Meeting.

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 their meeting participation. Alternate Board Chair Berkuta called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Board Member Wiese made a motion, Seconded by Alternate Board Member Coatney. Alternate Chair Berkuta adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 10:01 a.m. and stated the next Regular Board Meeting would be held on Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the LA-RICS Headquarters.

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