



# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS  
SYSTEM AUTHORITY**

May 4, 2017  
The Hertzberg Davis Forensic Science Center  
1800 Paseo Rancho Castilla, Conference Room 223 through 227  
Los Angeles, CA 90032

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**Board Members Present:**

**Cathy Chidester**, Dir., EMS Agency, County of LADHS  
**Chris Donovan**, Fire Chief, City of El Segundo Fire Dept.  
**Joe Ortiz**, Chief of Police, City of Sierra Madre Police Dept.  
**Mark Alexander**, City Manager, CA Contract Cities Assoc.  
**Mark Fronterotta**, Chief of Police, City of Inglewood Police Dept.  
**Chris Nunley**, Captain, City of Signal Hill Police Dept.

**Alternates For Board Members Present:**

**John Geiger**, General Manager, CEO, County of Los Angeles  
**Chris Bundesen**, Vice-Chair, Asst. Fire Chief, County of Los Angeles Fire Dept.  
**Dean Gialamas**, Division Dir., Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.

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**Officers Present:**

**Scott Edson**, LA-RICS Executive Director

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**Absent:**

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

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**AGENDA ITEM A**



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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Director Dean Gialamas called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 9:12 a.m.

**II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call**

Director Gialamas acknowledged that a quorum was present and asked for a roll call.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING**

**A. April 6, 2017 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

Board Member Donovan motioned first, seconded by Board Member Geiger.

Ayes 9: Geiger, Bundesen, Gialamas, Chidester, Donovan, Ortiz, Alexander, Fronterotta, and Nunley.

**AMENDED MOTION APPROVED**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (None)**

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR – (None)**

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

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

Executive Director Edson stated we had a productive month, as you can see from the Executive Summary in Agenda Item B that serves as a dashboard of Long Term Evolution (LTE), Land Mobile Radio (LMR), grant status issues, as well as onboarding. Some of the details will be provided by Project Manager, Chris Odenthal in his Report.

Executive Director Edson explained the 20/20/20 Plan in regards to the LMR System, and stated we do have an updated construction plan using Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) 14, 16, 17, 18, and 19 grants and if all goes as planned, we will test, accept and be fully operational on the LMR network in 2020. I call it the 20/20/20 plan; 20 sites this year, 20 in 2018, and 20 in 2019, with acceptance and optimization in early 2020. Current and expected funding will accomplish the 20/20/20, and we just heard 2017 UASI funding is sustained at the 2016 level, so we officially look good for the \$35 million in UASI 2017.

In regards to LTE, last week we had a large meeting with AT&T and FirstNet to get more details on their contract and the future of LA-RICS Public Safety Broadband



Network (PSBN). As mentioned last month the public safety plan from AT&T included a Power Point presentation on Priority, Preemption, Quality of Service, and Public Safety Grade, with implementation in the next 12 to 18 months for all of the above mentioned on their commercial network. Where there is Band 14 built out, the service will reflect a blend of seamless roaming between commercial and Band 14, with all the public safety benefits. They expect consumer phones will soon start including Band 14, as well, and will likely monetize using Band 14 to help offset public safety subscription fees. LA-RICS was disappointed that they didn't seem to have knowledge of our current build out and sites. They indicated they would look at our assets and sites quickly and work closely with us to determine what they may reuse; Cell Sites, Site Access Agreements, etc. LA-RICS asked AT&T to embed someone in our office. AT&T was fairly confident we had sites that would benefit them. AT&T states they will likely take over the data network June 1, 2018, if not sooner. LA-RICS will continue to work with them and onboard users as it's the right thing to do for public safety and the communities they serve. It is estimated that on June 15, 2017, FirstNet will present California with a draft State Plan; they will then work to finalize that with the State over three months with a final plan to the State on September 15, 2017. The State will then have 90 days to opt-in or opt-out by or around December 15, 2017, and if they choose to opt-out, they will have six months to give a State plan to FirstNet by June 15, 2018 for consideration as to whether it meets the overall objectives of FirstNet.

Executive Director Edson stated later in the agenda you will see we are recommending approval of a maintenance contract with Motorola, which means it's time to maximize PSBN efforts to onboard users and assist public safety in any way we can. This is a customer service effort that will help the LMR side. We now plan to meet face-to-face with all member agencies, update them on LA-RICS in general, the FirstNet AT&T contract and offer test and demo kits, followed by assistance in onboarding. Ideally that will include some funding for installation/retrofit services.

Executive Director Edson stated that on Monday, he and the onboarding team met with Member Agency Azusa Police Department, Chief Steve Hunt, and team, to update them on the voice and data networks, and to start the process of testing their coverage and onboarding them onto LA-RICS. They are an AT&T customer, and they just transitioned from 3G to 4G, so we linked AT&T to them to ensure they get the Public Safety Plan. They will be the first agency on a FirstNet/AT&T Public Safety plan and we are watching this closely, including the monthly service cost.

Executive Director Edson stated AT&T and FirstNet committed to make a brief presentation at the LA-RICS Board of Directors meeting in June to answer any questions you may have.

As for the Outreach Update in Item D, which includes meetings with the California First Responder Network Board (CalFRN), in which Executive Director Edson was introduced, and a conference call to discuss a presentation Director Edson will be making on LA-RICS at the Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs meeting in Palm Springs in



October. At this meeting, we are recommending that LA-RICS provide information that is specific to Fire Business requirements for fire personnel and true business requirements such as what the local, state, and federal systems can offer, followed by information to DHS first responders on emerging technologies. LA-RICS now has a new web server and website. The new site can be viewed at LA-RICS.com, we've provided you a link and have it up on the screen. We are now refining the content and updating your Board's photographs. Once we finalize the content we will simply move the LA-RICS.org domain name over to the new web server.

As for the PSBN Onboarding Update, Agenda Item E provides some highlights that summarize the Sheriff now has 212 LTE routers installed. Los Angeles County Fire has 157, and this week resolved a firmware issue so that number should increase over the next weeks. UCLA Medical Neuroscience Unit was impressed with the bandwidth available on the Band 14 network and is now considering PSBN routers in 6 new ambulances.

In regards to Administrative Matters, Agenda items F through J will be presented by Contracts Manager, Jeanette Arismendez, which include acquisition of rapid response vehicles, increase in services from Televate to assist in connecting outside agencies' Public Safety Enterprise Networks (PSEs) to the LA-RICS Core, and establishing a PSBN Testing and Validation Center; PSBN Maintenance Contract with Motorola to allow me to execute less expensive circuit contracts to replace what we have. The two remaining items call for removing Interim Executive Director and placing me as the Alternate designee to represent the Authority on the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority and for the Executive Director to sign ministerial permit applications and related permit, applications, with some federal agencies.

Board Member Chris Donovan stated going back to the grants, UASI 14 shows the period ending this month, what is the status on UASI 14, since UASI 13 is due to expire March 31, 2018. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss stated \$4.9 million should show invoiced and paid at your next Board meeting, as we already incurred a significant portion of these expenses, unfortunately the state takes some time to reimburse us on the UASI 12 totaling \$18 million. They told us this week that the check is in the mail. The funds will then replenish our revolving fund account allowing us to pay for UASI 14 invoices. You should see on the next report that \$4.9 million will be paid and closed out. Project Manager Odenthal will provide more details in his report on the progress of the UASI 14 sites.

### C. Project Manager's Report – Chris Odenthal

Project Manager Odenthal provided an update on the status of LTE and stated the Maintenance Agreement with Motorola for a 12-month period will be ending next year, May 31, 2018. Regarding LTE 1, the last outstanding cell-on-wheels (COW), located just outside Long Beach is expected to be completed by the end of this month.



As for LTE 2 Executive Director Edson has touched on a variety of pieces. An Amendment is before for your Board authorizing funds to Televate to conduct activity for the Authority, PSEN connections to participating agencies as well as the assistance with procurement of the COLTS.

In regards to LMR, Project Manager Odenthal provided a Construction Power Point Presentation that showed environmental receiving approval for Group 4 Environmental Management Information System (EMIS) submission from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) earlier in the month which provided access for all the geotech drilling, etc., for all the sites contained in this group. Group 5 was submitted earlier this week and FEMA is very motivated to move along with this process, as we are expecting approvals and reviews of those sites/groups to occur quicker. Jacobs is in the process of preparing Groups 6 and 7 for submission.

Project Manager Odenthal went on to state we have had meetings with the United States Forest Service (USFS) and the plan is to do a joint build-out of the 13 sites in the Angeles National Forest, which will benefit LA-RICS and USFS. The USFS will ride on LA-RICS for communications as well as other mutual aid partners; predominately Los Angeles County Fire, allowing for the merger of those communications for both law enforcement and fire that are deployed in the Angeles National Forest.

Board Member Alexander asked Project Manager Chris Odenthal about coverage in the Angeles National Forest, and whether or not there is complete coverage. Project Manager Chris Odenthal stated no but the contract covers the roads within the Angeles National Forest. We are planning to build two additional sites at Pine Mountain and Grass Mountain. Board Member Alexander stated using the Fire Stations as an example, if we had this system would the Fire Stations have communication access. Project Manager Chris Odenthal stated there would have been substantially more coverage than they experienced. Board Member Nunley stated his understanding was that is what the modem design to augment the areas where there is no coverage. Project Manager Chris Odenthal stated one of the reasons COLTS are being procured in LTE 2 is because it is not an easy process to deploy COWS or full sites to these areas. Board Member Chidester stated when they pulled up Emergency Medical Services (EMS) data in the Angeles National Forest. 99% of calls with the Sheriff and Fire reflected a lot of activity on the weekend with motorist driving off the road or canyon. Project Manager Chris Odenthal stated for next Board meeting he will provide a coverage map for the Angeles National Forest from a LMR perspective. Board Member Alexander concurred with Board Member Chidester point about the over the side incidents and wanted to know if we are working with commercial providers to allow access to our systems when people are calling 911. Project Manager Chris Odenthal stated that 911 is not part of LMR. Director Gialamas stated to remember that information is



data transmission not voice and cell phone transmission is different. The next generation that will consist of text in an emergency will provide better coverage but not until that point.

Project Manager Odenthal also provided a Construction/Implementation Update via Power Point presentation.

Board Member Alexander asked how the generators are powered. Project Manager Odenthal stated diesel. All of our installations are diesel except for BKK located in West Covina, they have a propane tank. Board Member Alexander asked has Air Quality Management District (AQMD) worked well with permits. Project Manager Odenthal stated yes they did.

## **VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (D-E)**

### **D. Outreach Update**

Executive Director Edson recapped the outreach items in his Director's report. There was no further discussion.

### **E. PSBN Onboarding Update**

Executive Director Edson recapped the onboarding items in his Director's report. There was no further discussion.

Director Gialamas acknowledged that the Sheriff and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) were part of the County contingency that went back to Washington, D.C. last week. The Sheriff had one-on-one time with Director Kelly from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and stressed the need for funding along with our CEO, Sachi Hamai. Director Kelly was very receptive to the needs we have at LA-RICS and committed to the funding staying at a level that is reasonable. Director Kelly also stated that as it relates to sanctuary cities/states, those issues are clearly in play, but assured us that there is support for the public safety piece of the funding and for the Board's edification this is good news for the project. Board Member Chris Donovan stated his concern is down grading Los Angeles, California from a Tier 2 to Tier 3 in the Threat Matrix, and he hopes that when we go back to lobby that we push hard the fact that we are a high target risk environment and to reduce us to a Tier 3 is a significant impact.

## **VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (F-J)**

### **F. AMENDMENT NO. 12 FOR PROFESSIONAL BROADBAND ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES**



Contracts Manager Jeanette Arismendez presented to the Board Agenda Item F and requested the Board take the following actions:

1. Approve Amendment No. 12, which contemplates among other things, an extension to the term of the Televate Agreement to complete certain areas of the PSBN Round 2 PIP, specifically the acquisition of rapid response vehicles, connecting outside agencies' Public Safety Enterprise Networks (PSEs) to the LA-RICS Core, and establishing a PSBN Testing and Validation Center; as well as to allow Televate to continue assisting the Authority with ongoing PSBN operations.
2. Approve an increase to the Maximum Contract Sum in the amount of \$2,764,332 from \$8,741,978 to \$11,506,310 to cover the cost of Work related operations and onboarding of users as well as to PSBN Round 2 PIP.

Board Member Donovan asked is this a part to connect to PSAPs? Contracts Manager Arismendez stated its PSEs.

Board Member Geiger motioned first, seconded by Board Member Fronterotta.

Ayes 9: Geiger, Bundesen, Gialamas, Chidester, Donovan, Ortiz, Alexander, Fronterotta, and Nunley.

#### **MOTION APPROVED**

#### **G. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO.24 FOR AGREEMENT NO. LA-RICS 008 FOR LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (LA-RICS) PUBLIC SAFETY BROADBAND NETWORK**

Contracts Manager Jeanette Arismendez presented to the Board Agenda Item G and requested that the Board take the following actions:

1. Approve Amendment No. 24 to Agreement No. LA-RICS 008 for the PSBN with Motorola, in substantially similar form to the Enclosure, which revises the Agreement to reflect the following:
  - a. Find that exercising Phase 5 (PSBN Maintenance) Work previously found exempt by the Board does not result in any change to the PSBN project, or to the circumstances under which the project is being undertaken, and that the determination that this activity is exempt from review under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25, the statutory exemption adopted specifically for the LA-RICS project, also remains unchanged.



- b. Extend the Initial Term of the Agreement by exercising the first one-year Option Term for Maintenance Work under Phase 5 (PSBN Maintenance) commencing on June 1, 2017, and expiring on May 31, 2018, unless sooner terminated or extended in whole or in part in the amount of \$2,991,000. This results in a cost decrease in the amount of \$2,689,683, when taking the first year Maintenance cost of \$5,955,683, currently set forth in the Agreement, into consideration.
  - c. Exercise the Unilateral Option for the first one-year Option Term for Maintenance Work under Phase 5 (PSBN Maintenance).
  - d. Revise Exhibit A (Statement of Work) to increase the scope of PSEN Work to allow the Contractor to assist the Authority with connecting its member agencies to the PSBN for a not-to-exceed cost increase in the amount of \$275,000.
  - e. Decrease the Maximum Contract Sum by \$2,689,683 from \$140,021,589 to \$137,331,906 when taking the cost increase and decrease into consideration.
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 24, in substantially similar form to the enclosed Amendment, and issue one or more Notices to Proceed (NTP) for this Work.

Board Member Alexander stated to Executive Director Edson that he recognizes that this is a reduction and went on to state that he is hopeful that Executive Director Edson is reviewing the proposed hours, rates, etc., and it is reasonable standards according to what has been in previous agreements. Executive Director Edson stated yes that is correct and it is also cost-effective. Board Member Donovan stated has there been any consideration to look into multiple-year warranty that will decrease our maintenance cost. Executive Director Edson stated for LTE that would not be beneficial. We don't want to get ourselves locked into a multiple-year agreement we have to terminate due to FirstNet and NPSBN.

Board Member Geiger motioned first, seconded by Director Gialamas.

Ayes 9: Geiger, Bundesen, Gialamas, Chidester, Donovan, Ortiz, Alexander, Fronterotta, and Nunley.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**H. AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY  
NON-STATE AGENCY SERVICE POLICY AND AGREEMENT**





Contracts Manager Jeanette Arismendez presented to the Board Agenda Item H and requested that the Board take the following action:

Delegate authority to the Executive Director or his designee to execute an Agreement, substantially similar in form to the Enclosure and submit supporting documentation to the CDT/Statewide Telecommunications and Network (STN), for review to attain an "Authorized Agency" status and have the ability to access competitively priced telecommunications services through a contract with CALNET 3.

Board Member Fronterotta motioned first, seconded by Board Member Alexander.

Ayes 9: Geiger, Bundesen, Gialamas, Chidester, Donovan, Ortiz, Alexander, Fronterotta, and Nunley.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**I. CALIFORNIA JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY – CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND ALTERNATE APPOINTMENT**

Executive Assistant Wendy Stallworth-Tait presented to the Board Agenda Item I and requested that the Board take the following action:

It is recommended that your Board appoint the Executive Director as the LA-RICS Alternate designee to represent the Authority on the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA) in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 of the CJPIA.

Board Member Fronterotta motioned first, seconded by Board Member Chidester.

Ayes 9: Geiger, Bundesen, Gialamas, Chidester, Donovan, Ortiz, Alexander, Fronterotta, and Nunley.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**J. DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LA-RICS TO SIGN MINISTERIAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND/OR PERMITS**

Executive Assistant Wendy Stallworth-Tail presented to the Board Agenda Item J and requested that the Board take the following action:

Delegate authority to the Executive Director to sign ministerial permit applications and related permits. This Board delegation would enable the Executive Director to sign the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service Special Use Permit (SUP) application, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) out grant



application, coastal development permit, conditional use permit and other permit application and permits for jurisdictional approval needed to comply with codes, ordinances and regulations to enable site construction and the implementation, operation and maintenance of the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) System.

Board Member Chidester motioned first, seconded by Board Member Fronterotta

Ayes 9: Geiger, Bundesen, Gialamas, Chidester, Donovan, Ortiz, Alexander, Fronterotta, and Nunley.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**IX. MISCELLANEOUS**

Director Gialamas stated on behalf of the Board he would like to congratulate Joe Ortiz on his promotion to Police Chief of Covina. He reminded Board Members that LA-RICS staff is available after the meeting to take photos to add or replace an existing photo on the revamped website.

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

**XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

The Board did not entered into Closed Session

**XII. ADJOURNMENT and NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday, June 1, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., at the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Scientific Services Bureau, located at 1800 Paseo Rancho Castilla, Los Angeles, CA 90032.



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